

APPROVED AS AMENDED

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Board Room of the James A. Dever School on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee DiSibio	Superintendent Robb-Fund
Trustee Douglas	Trustee Evans	Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Greco Jacobs		Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Stris		Coordinator of Curric. & Assessment Schozer
Trustee Gartner		School District Attorney Perna
		Principal Capozzoli
		Principal Gruen
		Principal Huplosky
		Principal Steele
		District Clerk Michels
		Approximately 15 Visitors

Convening  
The meeting was convened at 7:17 p.m. by President Greco Jacobs.

CONVENING

Quorum  
Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session  
An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss legal issues and the employment history of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, and the attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening  
The meeting was reconvened at 8:08 p.m. by President Greco Jacobs.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum  
Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes  
To approve the Minutes of the February 13 and February 26, 2013 meetings.

MINUTES OF 2/13 and 2/26/13  
MEETINGS APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously.

Correspondence  
Memo received from Frazer & Feldman regarding Tax Certiorari Proceedings Decision  
Memo received from Guercio & Guercio regarding County Guarantee Litigation  
Acknowledgements received from Mrs. Catapano and Mrs. Lowery for a sympathy cards sent

CORRESPONDENCE

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**  
Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

Superintendent Robb-Fund thanked Janis Boremski for setting up the Art Walk outside the Board Room. The artwork is a testimony to the important role the arts play in our district. Several students had their artwork displayed in Albany and at Adelphi University. There were two security audits of the district and both passed. As a result of the audit, we will be upgrading our camera surveillance software, adding an additional camera outside each building, and panic buttons will be installed at each security desk and main office. *Newsday* featured some of our writers in the "Kidsday" section, and News 12 visited Willow Road School to report on the PTA funded Dancing Classrooms Program, where students learn ballroom dancing. The SCOPE Winter Enrichment Program included French, Spanish, Science and Art Programs, and the feedback was positive. Students in grades 3-6 will be participating in the NYS testing program beginning April 16. Students have been learning to read for evidence, to summarize and cite evidence, and to include writing as they solve math problems.

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide  
To add Andrea Iervolino as a substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide.

A. IERVOLINO ADDED AS A  
CRA/NHA SUBSTITUTE

Moved by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously.

Noon Hour Aide  
To employ Dulfay Quintero as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Willow Road School, on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour), effective March 20, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

D. QUINTERO EMPLOYED AS A  
NOON HOUR AIDE

Moved by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

## Committee Reports

### EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, S. Douglas]

#### Education Report

Dever Art Show - Janis Boremski, the art teacher at James A. Dever School, set up an art walk with samples of student work. Parents and students were present to view the artwork before the meeting.

ACE Update – Superintendent Robb-Fund gave an update on ACE (Academics, Communication and Emotional learning). NYSED advised that the assessments will have different and rigorous standards this year, therefore we will not be able to compare to previous years. Parent workshops were held last week explaining the ELA Assessments and were well attended. A parent workshop in math will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The time and place will be determined. PACE (Parent and Child Engagement) workshops are set up to help parents prepare their child(ren) for the assessments.

Employment of Teachers for the Before and After School ELA/Math Program  
To employ the following teachers for the Before and After School ELA/Math Program for six (6) one-hour sessions at a salary of 1/200<sup>th</sup> pro-rata basis as follows:

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL  
ELA/MATH TEACHERS

#### Howell Road

Natalie Gregorek  
Kelly Logan

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

School Calendar 2013-2014  
To approve the school calendar for the 2013-2014 school year.

2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR  
APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously.

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement  
To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement for Antoinette Pomerantz, Classroom Teacher assigned to Howell Road School, effective June 30, 2013.

A. POMERANTZ RESIGNATION  
FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously.

Resignation of a Classroom Teacher  
To accept the resignation for Siri Willis, Classroom Teacher assigned to Howell Road School, effective June 30, 2013.

S. WILLIS RESIGNATION  
ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Child Care Leave of Absence – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
To approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> year child care leave of absence for Janet Hoffner, Music Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, for the 2013-2014 school year.

2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR CCL APPROVED  
FOR J. HOFFNER

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
To approve the 1<sup>st</sup> year child care leave of absence for Jennifer Francis, Classroom Teacher, for the 2013-2014 school year.

1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR CCL APPROVED FOR  
J. FRANCIS

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously.

Substitute Teacher List  
To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2012-2013 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST  
UPDATED

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously.

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE [J. Gartner, J. DiSibio]

Treasurer's Report  
To accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2013.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Health & Welfare Contracts 2012-2013  
To approve the following Health & Welfare Contracts for the 2012-2013 school year from the following school districts:

HEALTH & WELFARE  
CONTRACTS APPROVED

Garden City Public Schools	\$36,043.89
Valley Stream Union Free School District# 24	\$35,056.89

Moved by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

2013-2014 Proposed Budget (Proposition #1)

PROPOSITION #1 APPROVED

That the Board of Education adopts the 2013-2014 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$44,659,348 and that the budget be presented to the voters in our District; and that the District Clerk be directed to place this budget, in the above amount, on the ballot in accordance with previous instructions.

Moved by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

2013-2014 Proposed Budget Valley Stream Central High School District (Proposition #2)

PROPOSITION #2 APPROVED  
TO PLACE ON BALLOT-VSCHSD

That the District Clerk be directed to place Proposition #2 Valley Stream Central High School 2013-2014 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$106,231,367 on the ballot.

Moved by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously.

Visitor, Vincent Toma, asked if the vote on the high school budget could be reconsidered. President Greco Jacobs and Trustee Stris explained to Mr. Toma that this resolution is not to adopt the High School Proposed Budget, but to allow the District Clerk to place this proposition on the ballot on May 21, 2013. The proposed budget was adopted at the high school board meeting.

Rules and Regulations for the Annual Election

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR  
ELECTION APPROVED

To approve the Rules and Regulations for the Annual Election as updated.

Moved by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Approval of Additional Voter Registration

VOTER REGISTRATION  
APPROVED

To approve additional voter registration at the spring concerts, for one hour as listed:

- Dever: Angelina Emmanuale, March 12, 2013
- Howell: Jean Giuliante, March 19, 2013
- Wheeler: Nancy Mott, March 20, 2013
- Willow: Jean Giuilante, March 14, 2013

Moved by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

License Agreement – SCOPE

SCOPE LICENSE AGREEMENT  
ACCEPTED FOR 2013-2014

To accept the License Agreement between Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and SCOPE Education Services for the Before and After School Child Care Program for the 2013-2014 school year, and authorize the Board President to sign said Agreement.

Moved by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

**POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, D. Evans]**

No report this month.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice-President S. Douglas]**

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 2/15, 2/27, 2/28Wh, 2/28Wi, 3/6, and 3/7/13.

Moved by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 2/22PS and 2/22/13Brookville.

Moved by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously.

Donation

DONATION ACCEPTED

To accept a donation from National Financial Network, LLC of five desks, three chairs and two file cabinets for use throughout the district. The approximate value of the office furniture is \$600.

Moved by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Stris, with thanks, and carried unanimously. On the question: President Greco Jacobs thanked Trustee Gartner for her help in acquiring this donation.

Donation

DONATION ACCEPTED

To accept a donation from Comp4Kids of 100 IBM r52 Laptops with power cords with a value of \$8000 for use in the district.

Moved by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously.

2013-2014 Valley Stream Central HSD Proposition #3 Expenditure from Capital Reserve Fund

That the District Clerk be directed to place Proposition #3 Valley Stream Central High School District Expenditure from the Capital Reserve Fund in the maximum amount of \$1,203,500 on the ballot.

VSCHSD PROPOSITION #3  
EXPENDITURE FROM  
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Informational

Trustee Chiachiere was awarded the Board Mastery Certificate from NYSSBA for his attendance at several workshops. President Greco Jacobs presented Trustee Chiachiere with a certificate from NYS School Boards, a pin and a portfolio.

**High School Board Report**  
Frank Chiachiere

Trustee Chiachiere reported that the high school district had a \$2.7 million gap as the result in State Aid cuts. The school parking lots will remain closed since this secures the safety of the buildings.

**Report of the Attorney**  
Michael Perna

Mr. Perna will submit a report to the Board at a later date.

**New Business**

Trustee Stris reported on the following:

1. Valley Stream Superintendents, Dr. Ed Fale – VS #24 and Dr. William Heidenreich were mentioned in “Snapshot 2012.”
2. He attended the District Clerk Workshop where they discussed “Roberts Rules of Order.”
3. The Valley Stream Educational Foundation was established in 1996. Toni Pomerantz is the Director of the Foundation this year. They will be holding their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Outing and Dinner on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
4. He received a response from the Nassau BOCES Board President, Stephen Witt, to a letter he wrote regarding the number of BOCES seats for a centralized school district. There may be two seats, in a central high school district, one from the elementary school district and one from the high school district.
5. Since a BOCES Board Member can be a district resident, and not necessarily a member of the board, he requested that in the future this board advertise and interview any prospective residents who would like to be nominated by this board to the BOCES "Budget Advisory Committee" or a "BOCES" seat. He requested that this be placed on a future Board Committee Meeting for discussion. Meanwhile a copy of the BOCES letter will be sent to the other Valley Stream districts.

**Old Business**

Trustee Gartner thanked Caroline Schozer, Coordinator of Curriculum and Assessment, for bringing the program “Beautiful Me” to the district through the Hance Foundation. She also thanked the 49 staff members who volunteered to participate in the program so they can teach it to the fifth grade girls.

Executive Session

At 9:05 p.m. a motion for an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously. Only members of the Board were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

*Denise Michels*

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District Clerk