

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 22, 2011.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee Douglas	Superintendent Lison
Trustee DiSibio	Trustee Gartner	Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Evans		Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Trustee Greco Jacobs		Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Stris		School District Attorney Frazer
		District Clerk Michels
		Building Principal Capozzoli
		Building Principal Gruen
		Building Principal Huplosky
		Building Principal Zerillo
		Approximately 55 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at p.m. 7:00 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

CONVENING

Quorum

Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss employment history of a particular person and negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (Taylor Law) on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, and attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:07 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

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 9 and February 15 meeting,

MINUTES OF 2/9 & 2/15  
MEETINGS APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

Correspondence

The Board received a letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Claudia Santucci, Reading Teacher at James A. Dever School effective July 1, 2011

CORRESPONDENCE

A second letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement was received from Karen Skolnick, Gifted & Talented Teacher at Wheeler and Willow Road Schools effective April 16, 2011.

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**  
Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent Lison reported that the students and faculty of the buildings were involved in fund raising activities for the citizens of Japan. Pending the budget passing on May 17<sup>th</sup> the summer recreation program will be held at James A. Dever School for Dever and Willow students; and at Howell Road School for Wheeler and Howell students. The cost will be \$165 per student. March 23 and March 24 parents are invited to attend workshops to the parent portals. The parent portal allows parents to view their child's performance and other records. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> the district will participate in the Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged. The Students will be recognized at the June 21<sup>st</sup> Board of Education meeting. The 2011-2012 budget is \$42,538,261 which is a 2.89% increase over the current budget. The Board and Leadership Team worked diligently to maintain the programs and services in the district in light of the reductions in state aid. Dr. Lison and Assistant Superintendent for Business Brosnan will present the budget at various PTA meetings to inform the community about the vote on May 17, 2011.

Employment of a Media Aide

To employ Joseph Consolazio as the Media Aide assigned to James A. Dever School on Step 1 (\$16,014) effective February 28, 2011, and unless sooner terminated, and in accordance with the Classroom/Media Aide Contract in effect at the time of employment.

J. CONSOLAZIO EMPLOYED  
AS A MEDIA AIDE

Moved by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Robin Gibbons, Noon Hour Aide at Wheeler Avenue School, effective February 18, 2011.

R. GIBBONS RESIGNATION  
ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION** [J. Gartner, S. Douglas]

Employment of a Summer School Principal

To employ Denise DeMeo as the Summer School Principal for the period July 1 through August 15, 2011 at a salary of \$7,000.

D. DEMEO EMPLOYED AS  
SUMMER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Karen Skolnick, Gifted and Talented Teacher at Willow Road and Wheeler Avenue Schools effective April 16, 2011.

K. SKOLNICK RESIGNATION  
FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the Resignation of Claudia Santucci, Reading Teacher at James A. Dever School, effective July 1, 2011 and in accordance with Section 5.9 (Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement) of the Board/VSTA Contract.

C. SANTUCCI RESIGNATION  
FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously. Trustee Stris wished Claudia Santucci the best.

Abolish Three Classroom Positions/Establish a Preferred Eligibility List for the Elementary Tenure Area

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 hereby abolishes three Elementary Classroom Teacher positions effective June 30, 2011.

ABOLISH 3 CLASSROOM  
TEACHER POSITIONS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 Union Free School District hereby creates a Preferred Eligibility List for the Elementary Tenure Area effective July 1, 2011.

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Abolish One and One Half (1.5) Speech Positions/Establish a Preferred Eligibility List for the Speech and Language Disabilities Tenure Area

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 hereby abolishes one and one-half (1.5) Speech Teacher positions effective June 30, 2011.

ABOLISH 1.5 SPEECH  
TEACHER POSITIONS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 Union Free School District hereby creates a Preferred Eligibility List for Speech and Language Disabilities Tenure Area effective July 1, 2011.

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Abolish One Half (.5) Special Education Teaching Position/Establish a Preferred Eligibility List for the Students with Disabilities Tenure Area

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 hereby abolishes one half (.5) Special Education Teacher position effective June 30, 2011.

ABOLISH .5 SPECIAL ED.  
TEACHER POSITION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 Union Free School District hereby creates a Preferred Eligibility List for the Students with Disabilities Tenure Area effective July 1, 2011.

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Abolish One Half (.5) Psychologist Position/Establish a Preferred Eligibility List for the School Psychologist Tenure Area

ABOLISH .5 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST POSITION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 hereby abolishes one half (.5) Psychologist position effective June 30, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 Union Free School District hereby creates a Preferred Eligibility List for the School Psychologist Tenure Area effective July 1, 2011.

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Abolish One Half (.5) ESL Position/Establish a Preferred Eligibility List for the ESL Tenure Area

ABOLISH .5 ESL TEACHER POSITION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 hereby abolishes one half (.5) ESL position effective June 30, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 Union Free School District hereby creates a Preferred Eligibility List for the ESL Tenure Area effective July 1, 2011.

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously.

Abolish One Gifted and Talented Teacher Position

ABOLISH A GIFTED & TALENTED TEACHER POSITION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 hereby abolishes a Gifted and Talented Teacher position effective June 30, 2011.

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

**Visitors**

President Chiachiere asked the visitors who wanted to address the above resolutions to speak at this point.

Michele D'Elia and Mr. & Mrs. Moreno expressed their concerns that the G & T Program will have one instructor for the 2011-2012 and requested that the criteria for the program be addressed.

Elizabeth Connolly expressed her concerns about the reduction in Special Education and Psychology.

Substitute Teacher List

APPROVE UPDATED SUB LIST

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2010-2011 school year.

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS** [J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTED

To accept the Treasurer's Report dated February 28, 2011.

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

BOCES Nomination for Board Seat

STEPHEN B. WITT NOMINATED TO BOCES BOARD SEAT

To nominate Stephen B. Witt for the Nassau BOCES Board Seat and authorize the District Clerk to notify Nassau BOCES.

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

2011-2012 Proposed Budget (Proposition #1)

2011-2012 PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED

That the Board of Education adopt the 2011- 2012 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$42,538,261 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 DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously.

**Visitors**

President Chiachiere asked the visitors who wanted to address the budget to speak at this point.

Carole Hawkins spoke on behalf of NYSUT

2011-2012 Valley Stream Central High School District -Proposition #2, Proposition #3, Proposition #4

That the District Clerk be directed to place Proposition #2 Valley Stream Central High School Proposed Budget in the amount of \$101,983.619; Proposition #3 VSCHSD Expenditure From Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000; and Proposition #4 VSCHSD Establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund.

VSCHSD PROPOSITIONS #2, #3, AND #4 APPROVED FOR PLACEMENT ON THE BALLOT

Moved by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously.

Trustee Stris explained the High School Propositions.

Rules and Regulations for the Annual Election

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

RULES AND REGULATIONS APPROVED

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

Additional Voter Registration

To approve additional voter registration at the spring concerts as listed:

- Dever: Angela Lucente, Wednesday, April 13
- Howell: Valerie Logreira, Tuesday, April 5
- Wheeler: Marilyn Honstedt or Claire Bothe, Wednesday, April 13
- Willow: Pat Curcio, Thursday, April 7

ADDITIONAL VOTER REGIST. APPROVED

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

Approval and Participation in the Nassau BOCES Transportation Cooperative Agreement

WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") for pupil transportation services for the 2011-2012 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

PARTICIPATION IN NASSAU BOCES TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE APPROVED

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the "Cooperative") for this purpose;

WHEREAS, Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen, is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen to participate in the Cooperative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Moved by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously.

**POLICY COMMITTEE** [W. Stris, J. Greco Jacobs]  
No report this month.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President J. Gartner]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 1/24, 2/1D, 2/1D, 2/1D, 2/1Wh, 2/3, 2/7H, 2/7Wi, 2/8, 2/9H, 2/9Wh, 2/10, 2/11, 2/15, 2/16,2/17, 2/18D, 2/18Wh, 3/3, 3/4, 3/9 and 3/14/11.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 2/9, 2/14, 2/15, 3/1, and 3/8/11.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Home Tutoring

To approve home tutoring for a first grade student at Howell Road School intermittently for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year, tutor: Karen Gerner.

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

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

Home Tutoring

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

To approve home tutoring for a sixth grade student at Wheeler Avenue School effective February 17, 2011 for one week, tutor: Jennifer Ferreiro.

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

Home Tutoring

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

To approve home tutoring for a sixth grade student at Howell Road School for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year, tutor: Veronica Oquendo.

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

**Report of the Attorney**

Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on the following case: The Ithaca School District was entitled to demolish a building on its property over the objection of the city’s landmarks preservation commission which considered the school building to be a historical landmark. The school district’s proposed demolition of the building on its property was subject to oversight and regulation by State agencies only. Therefore, a city’s landmarks preservation commission lacked jurisdiction to deny the school district’s request for permission to demolish the building. The school district was a government agency of the state created to carry out the State’s responsibility of providing public education. The State had reserved unto itself the control over and the authority to regulate school matters.

**New Business**

Trustee Douglas was unable to attend the meeting this evening because he defended his Doctorate today and is celebrating with his family. Congratulations Dr. Sean Douglas.

Executive Session

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At 8:50 p.m. Trustee Stris made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss employment history of a particular person and negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (Taylor Law), seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, and attorney were invited to attend.

Reconvening

RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 10:02 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio, the meeting was Adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

*Denise Michels*

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District Clerk