

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 23, 2010.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere Trustee DiSibio Trustee Evans Trustee Greco Jacobs Trustee Speranza Trustee Stris	Trustee Gartner	Superintendent Lison Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch School District Attorney Ferrugiari District Clerk Michels Building Principal Gruen Building Principal Huplosky Building Principal Zerillo Approximately 10 Visitors

Convening
The meeting was convened at 7:15 p.m. by President DiSibio.

CONVENING

Quorum
Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session
An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss personnel of a particular person and negotiations on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Attorney, and Assistant Superintendents were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum
Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes
Resolution: To approve the minutes of February 23 and March 16, 2010.

MINUTES OF 2/23, 3/16/10
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence
Letter from John Brass, district resident, regarding School Busing Policy
Letters of resignation for the purpose of retirement were received from:

CORRESPONDENCE

- Nada Tannen
- Linda Balaban
- Nora Martello
- Fran Achtziger
- Cecelia Smith

Letters of resignation were received from Stacey Zinman and Neil Sklar
Memos received from Frazer and Feldman:

- New Guidance about Displaced Students from Haiti
- Invitation to a legal seminar regarding Student Residency Law

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Spring recess begins March 29 and continues through April 5. Upon our return, students in grades 3-6 will be busy taking the New York State Assessments. Willow Road School was closed for two days due to a power outage. Students were transported to Dever and Howell, and instruction continued for the entire district. Thank you to all staff members for a smooth transition. The parent community was notified by our OneCall system and was kept informed with periodic updates. The Parent Portal will be opening soon and will allow parents to access their children's report cards, attendance, health records, and schedules within a secure password protected environment. The summer recreation program will take place this summer at Wheeler for Howell and Wheeler students, and at Willow for Dever and Willow Students, and the cost is \$165 per child. On June 4th District 13 will participate in the Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged. Students will be recognized at our June Board meeting. The Board and Leadership Team worked very hard to preserve our programs and facilities, and is presenting the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$41,341,680, a .85% increase over the current budget. I encourage everyone to attend PTA meetings and our budget hearing on May 5th so that you are informed when you vote on May 18th.

Termination of a 1:1 Classroom Aide Position

Termination of Susan Rossi as a 1:1 Classroom Aide at Willow Road School due to elimination of the position.

CLASSROOM AIDE POSITION
TERMINATED

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

Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide

Add Susan Rossi as a substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide.

S. ROSSI ADDED AS A SUB NHA/
CRA

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

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Ann Fretto, Classroom Aide at Wheeler Avenue School, effective March 26, 2010.

A. FRETTO RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Eileen Antonucci as a Noon Hour Aide at Willow Road School effective March 23, 2010.

E. ANTONUCCI RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Eileen Antonucci as a Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$15,700) effective March 24, 2010, and unless sooner terminated.

E. ANTONUCCI EMPLOYED AS
A CRA

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, J. Gartner]

No Education Report

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the Resignation of Nada Tannen, Librarian at Howell Road School, effective July 1, 2010 and in accordance with Section 5.9 (Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement) of the Board/VSTA Contract.

N. TANNEN RESIGNATION FOR
RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the Resignation of Linda Balaban, Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School, effective July 1, 2010 and in accordance with Section 5.10 (Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement) of the Board/VSTA Contract.

L. BALABAN RESIGNATION FOR
RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the Resignation of Nora Martello, Classroom Teacher at James A. Dever School, effective July 1, 2010 and in accordance with Section 5.9 (Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement) of the Board/VSTA Contract.

N. MARTELLO RESIGNATION
FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the Resignation of Frances Achtziger, Classroom Teacher at Willow Road School, effective July 1, 2010 and in accordance with Section 5.9 (Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement) of the Board/VSTA Contract.

F. ACHTZIGER RESIGNATION
FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the Resignation of Cecelia Smith, Classroom Teacher at James A. Dever School, effective July 1, 2010 and in accordance with Section 5.9 (Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement) of the Board/VSTA Contract.

C. SMITH RESIGNATION FOR
RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Resignation of a Speech Teacher

To accept the resignation of Stacey Zinman, Speech Teacher at Willow Road School, effective June 30, 2010.

S. ZINMAN RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Resignation of a Classroom Teacher (Math AIS)

To accept the resignation of Neil Sklar, Classroom (Math AIS) Teacher at James A. Dever School, effective August 31, 2010.

N. SKLAR RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Child Care Leave of Absence 1st Year

To approve a first year child care leave of absence for Kelly Wilcha, Classroom Teacher at Howell Road School effective April 19, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

K. WILCHA 1ST YEAR CCL
APPROVED

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

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1st Year

To approve a 1st year Child Care Leave of Absence for Mary Frances Scott, Music Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School, effective April 14, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

M. FRANCES SCOTT 1ST YEAR

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

Child Care Leave of Absence 2nd Year

To approve a second year child care leave of absence for Tara Lanzisera, Speech Teacher at James A. Dever School effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

T. LANZISERA 2ND YEAR CCL
APPROVED

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

Child Care Leave of Absence 2nd Year

To approve a second year child care leave of absence for Janet Hoffner, Music Teacher at Willow Road School effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

J. HOFFNER 2ND YEAR CCL
APPROVED

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2009 –2010 school year.

UPDATED SUBSTITUTE LIST
APPROVED

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

BUSINESS [J. Greco Jacobs, D. Evans]

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT
ACCEPTED

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

Participation in a Purchasing Consortium

To participate in a purchasing consortium with Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-four, Valley Stream UFSD Thirty and the Valley Stream CHSD for the purposes of occupational, physical and speech therapy services and other special education services as needed. Valley Stream UFSD Thirty will serve as the lead district in the preparation and coordination of the requests for proposal.

APPROVED PARTICIPATION IN
PURCHASING CONSORTIUM

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

State Environment Quality Review NEGATIVE DECLARATION, Notice of Non-Significance

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen is the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required determinations respecting the proposed Capital Improvement Project as follows:

NOTICE OF SEQRA

- a. Howell Road School
 - 1. Shed Construction SED # 28-02-13-02-2-012-001
- b. Willow Road School
 - 1. Roof Reconstruction SED # 28-02-13-02-0-004-012

WHEREAS, in 1995, amendments were made to the SEQRA Regulation (Part 617) to classify projects, which will be excluded from the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (Type II Actions). The project mentioned above is now classified as Type II Actions as determined by NYCRR Section 617.5 and

WHEREAS, these projects fall under the following categories:

- A. Routine Maintenance and Repair 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (1): Maintenance or repair involving no substantial change in an existing facility.
- B. Replace or Rehabilitation 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (2): Replacement or Rehabilitation or Reconstruction of a structure of facility, in kind, on the same site, unless the work excess a threshold for a Type I action in 6NYCRR Section 617.4.
- C. 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (8); Routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings.

THEREFORE, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, the above referenced projects fall under Categories "A" or "B" above. The procedure for Type II Actions, with regard to the SEQRA Process for Capital Projects noted above is "No Additional Action under 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (a)".

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

Approval of the Custodial Unit Memorandum of Agreement

CUSTODIAL UNIT MOA APPROVED

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement dated March 16, 2010 between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Custodial Unit regarding the terms and conditions of employment for the District's custodial unit employees

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President is authorized to execute the resulting collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, T. Speranza]

Policy for 1st Reading

POLICY FOR 1ST READING

2510 New Board Member Orientation

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

[Vice President F. Chiachiere]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE/CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 2/1, 2/4, 2/8, 2/12H, 2/12Wi, 2/22D, 2/22 H, 2/24, 3/1, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5, and 3/10/10.

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Review

CPSE REVIEW ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Review dated 1/27/10.

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

Impartial Hearing Officer

REMOVE D. BLACK-PENNINGTON AS IHO OFFICER

To remove Dale Black-Pennington from the Impartial Hearing Officer List.

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

2010-2011 Proposed Budget (Proposition #1)

PROPOSITION #1 APPROVED

That the Board of Education adopt the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$41,341,680 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 Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Rules and Regulations for the Annual Election

RULES & REGULATIONS APPROVED

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

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

Voter Registration

VOTER REGISTRATION DATES

To approve additional voter registration prior to each evening concert, for one hour at all four schools as follows:

Dever:	Tuesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 15
Howell:	Wednesday, April 14
Wheeler:	Thursday, April 15
Willow:	Thursday, April 15

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

Report of the Attorney
Laura Ferrugiari

Attorney, Laura Ferrugiari, reported on two decisions whereby accidents occurred on school property, however, the school district was not liable. It was determined that these incidents would have occurred even under the most diligent supervision, and a school district cannot be held liable simply due to the fact that the accident occurred on school property.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Stris is the district liaison for the BOCES Budget and he is unable to attend the April 8th BOCES Budget Meeting. He asked if another Trustee is interested in attending to contact him.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session

At 8:35 p.m. a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel of a particular person, was made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously. The Superintendent was invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 9:15 p.m. by President DiSibio.

RECONVENING

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels
District Clerk