

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the auditorium of the James A. Dever School on Tuesday, March 24, 2009.

<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		Superintendent Lison Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch School District Attorney Frazer District Clerk Michels Building Principal Gruen Building Principal Huplosky Building Principal Zerillo 8 Visitors

Convening CONVENING
The meeting was convened at 6:15 p.m. by President Stris.

Quorum QUORUM
Six members being present, a quorum was determined

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

Reconvening RECONVENING
The meeting was reconvened at 8:15 p.m. by President Stris.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum QUORUM
Six members being present, a quorum was determined

Approval of the Minutes MINUTES OF 2/24 & 3/16
Resolution: To approve the minutes of the February 24, and March 16 meetings. MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence CORRESPONDENCE
• Board members received invitations to the Legislative Breakfast on 3/14/09 at Valley Stream Memorial JHS from the Valley Stream Council of PTAs

Frazer and Feldman submitted the following memorandum:

- School District Notice of Annual Elections
- Superintendent's Hearing Appeal Procedure
- Temporary COBRA Premium Subsidy

Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent Lison reported that the Board will vote on a resolution to adopt the proposed 2009-2010 budget of \$40,991,386, which is an increase of \$563,579 from the current budget, or 1.39%. This budget preserves the high quality education that our residents have come to expect, while maintaining our obligation to be fiscally responsible. Willow Road PTA will host a presentation by the Nassau County District Attorney's Office called *Not My Child*, on Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 PM. This program deals with drug abuse, and all fifth and sixth graders were invited with their parents. Once again, fifth graders participated in Assemblyman Alfano's Mentors and Leaders Program in Albany. Photos are available on Assemblyman Alfano's Facebook homepage. Dever celebrated *Wild About Reading* PARP with author Jim Brochac who visited with K-6 classes; Willow was named on the March of Dimes website for raising more than \$10,000 over the past three years; Wheeler Grade 6 students video-conferenced with astronauts at NASA, Cape Canaveral to learn about the earth's atmosphere, astronaut daily life in a space shuttle and new data learned about Mars's atmosphere and surface since Mars is going through a global warming; and Howell is planning to hold Career Day on April 3rd and 25 parents and community volunteers are scheduled to speak with students regarding their careers.

Resignation of a Classroom Aide M. DOWLING RESIGNED
To accept the resignation of Marcella Dowling, Classroom Aide at James A. Dever School effective April 30, 2009.

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

C. MANTA RESIGNED

To accept the resignation of Colleen Manta, Noon Hour Aide at Wheeler Avenue School effective April 1, 2009.

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

C. MANTA EMPLOYED AS A CRA

To employ Colleen Manta as a Classroom Aide at Wheeler Avenue School, on Step 1 (\$15,243) effective April 1, 2009 and unless sooner terminated.

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

Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide

M. ISACOFF ADDED AS A NHA/ CRA SUBSTITUTE

To add Mindy Isacoff as a substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide.

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

EDUCATION (F. Chiachiere, T. Speranza)

Meredith Brosnan, Assistant Superintendent for Business presented Residency Facts & Figures. She explained the registration process and the progress made since centralized residency was initiated in 2002. Nick Luciano, Residency Officer, explained the investigative process once he is contacted with a possible non-resident student. The hotline number to report possible illegal non-resident students is 872-5677.

Teacher Salary Increment

SALARY INCREMENT

To approve the Salary Increment effective February 1, 2009 as listed:

NAME	SCHOOL	STEP	
		FROM	TO
Veronica Oquendo	Howell Road	4BA	4MA

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

Salary Gate Advancements

SALARY GATES

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the Gate Advancements according to the Board/VSTA contract effective April 1, 2009 as listed:

Vanessa Kelly	Step 9 to Step 10
Gaston Weisz	Step 19 to Step 20

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

S. CHIESA RETIREMENT

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement for Susan Chiesa, Classroom Teacher at Howell Road School, effective July 1, 2009 in accordance with Section 5.9 of the contract between VSTA and the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education.

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously. Congratulations and thank you for many years of dedicated service to the students in the district.

Child Care Leave of Absence 1st and 2nd Years

J. FRANCES CCL 1ST & 2ND YEARS APPROVED

To approve a first and second year child care leave of absence for Jennifer Frances, Classroom Teacher at Willow Road School effective March 3, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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

Child Care Leave of Absence 2nd Year

S. WILLIS CCL 2ND YEAR APPROVED

To approve a second year child care leave of absence for Siri Willis, Classroom Teacher at Willow Road School effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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

Child Care Leave of Absence 2nd Year

S. ZINMAN CCL 2ND YEAR APPROVED

To approve a second year child care leave of absence for Stacey Zinman, Speech Teacher at Willow Road School effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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

Employment of a Replacement Teacher

Z. HAUSER EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT TEACHER

To employ Zennea Hauser as a Replacement Classroom Teacher at Willow Road School effective March 3, 2009 through June 30, 2009 on Step 1BA+15 (\$54,644) and unless sooner terminated.

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

Abolish Two Classroom Positions/Establish a Teacher Recall List

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 hereby abolishes two elementary classroom teacher positions effective June 30, 2009.

TWO CLASSROOM TEACHER POSITIONS ABOLISHED - D. VAN BLERCK EXCESSED

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 hereby excesses the services of one elementary classroom teacher, Danielle VanBlerck effective June 30, 2009;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 Union Free School District hereby places Danielle Van Blerck on the elementary Classroom Teacher recall list effective July 1, 2009.

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

Employment of a Replacement Teacher

To employ Danielle Van Blerck as a Replacement Classroom Teacher at Willow Road School effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 on Step 1BA (\$53,695) and unless sooner terminated.

D. VAN BLERCK EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT TEACHER

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

Salary Change

To change the annual salary for Greer Molinaro, Special Education Teacher at Willow Road School to 4MA+15 (\$72,808) based upon the review of transcripts by the Superintendent of Schools, effective January 12, 2009.

SALARY CHANGE FOR G. MOLINARO

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

Employment of a Summer School Principal

To employ Denise DeMeo as the Summer School Principal at a salary of \$7000 effective July 1, 2009 through August 11, 2009.

D. DEMEO EMPLOYED AS SUMMER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the Substitute Teacher list for the 2008-2009 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST UPDATED AND APPROVED

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

BUSINESS [J. DiSibio,]

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTED

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

Establishment of Reserve for Retirement Contribution

Resolved, that the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen approves the establishment of a retirement contribution reserve for the purpose of financing retirement contributions to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System, in accordance with the provisions of General Municipal Law Section 6-r. There may be paid into a retirement contribution reserve fund: such amounts as may be provided therefore by budgetary appropriation or raised by tax thereof; such revenues as are not required by law to be paid into another fund or account; such other funds as may be legally appropriated or transferred. The Board of Education may, by resolution, authorize expenditures from a retirement contribution reserve fund as permitted by law. The Board of Education, by resolution, may determine that a retirement contribution reserve is no longer needed and terminate the fund. Such resolution shall transfer any moneys remaining in such fund to one or more reserve funds of the district, established pursuant to section thirty-six-hundred fifty-one of the Education law or Article 2 of the General Municipal Law.

ESTABLISHMENT OF RESERVE FOR RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [D. Evans, J. Greco Jacobs]

Policies for 2nd Reading and Adoption

To adopt the following policies:

- 4526 Computer Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy
- 4526-R Computer Network and Internet Acceptable Use Regulation
- 4526-E Internet Acceptable Use Exhibit – Parental Consent
- 4526-1 Internet Safety Policy
- 4526-R Internet Safety Regulation
- 4526-E Internet Safety and Use Exhibit – Employee Agreement

POLICIES FOR 2ND READING & ADOPTION

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

Policies for 1st Reading

- 5420 Student Health Services
- 5420-R Student Health Services Regulations

POLICIES FOR 1ST READING

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President J. DiSibio]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews 1/15, 2/10, 2/11, 2/12Wi, 2/12DDI, 2/23, 2/24, 2/25Wi, 2/25D, 2/26Wi, 2/26Wi, 3/2, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5, 3/6, 3/9, 3/10, 3/13, 3/16D, and 3/16/09D.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 2/27, 3/4, and 3/12/09.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

2009-2010 Proposed Budget (Proposition #1)

That the Board of Education adopt the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$40,991,386 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.

PROPOSITION #1 2009-2010 BUDGET APPROVED FOR BALLOT

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

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a donation of a pediatric trauma kit with an approximate value of \$1000 from the Kiwanis Club for the Wheeler Avenue School Nurse’s Office.

DONATION ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee DiSibio, with thanks, seconded by Trustee Speranza and carried unanimously.

Informational:

Office of Bonnie Gorham, Member of Board of Education, for a one-year, forty-two day term effective May 19, 2009 through June 30, 2010

INFORMATIONAL: BOARD SEAT

Petitions for board seats are available in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Petitions, containing at least 40 signatures, must be returned by April 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

**Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer**

Attorney, Florence Frazer, explained the Temporary COBRA Premium Subsidy. When an employee is laid off between the period of September 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009, they may become eligible for COBRA payments subsidized by the federal government for nine months at a rate of 65%. He/She can continue health insurance coverage for up to a period of 36 months, however, by incurring the expense. Districts must notify individuals who were terminated during the relevant period that they may be eligible for the COBRA subsidy and must send out new premium statements. A copy of the memorandum dated 3/12/09 from Frazer and Feldman is attached to the official minutes.

Old Business

Trustee Chiachiere explained the topics of discussion at the PTA Legislative Breakfast held on Saturday, March 14. Superintendent Lison spoke on behalf of the four Valley Stream Districts regarding the disproportionate amount of taxes that downstate districts pay, and the importance of bringing in a timely state budget. Afterwards, elected officials were present to meet with residents.

Executive Session

At 9:13 p.m. an executive session was held on a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously, for personnel of a particular person and custodial negotiations. The Superintendent and Attorney were asked to attend.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 10:35 p.m. by President Stris.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels

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District Clerk