

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Auditorium at James A. Dever School on Tuesday, March 27, 2012.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Trustee Chiachiere
Trustee DiSibio
Trustee Douglas
Trustee Evans
Trustee Gartner
Trustee Greco Jacobs
Trustee Stris

OTHERS PRESENT

Superintendent Robb-Fund
Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
School District Attorneys Frazer, Perna
Principal Capozzoli
Principal Gruen
Principal Huplosky
Principal Zerillo
Approximately 48 Visitors

Convening

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

CONVENING

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss legal issues and personnel of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and attorneys 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

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the February 15, February 28, and March 20, 2012 meetings.

MINUTES OF 2/15, 2/28, 3/20/12
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

Correspondence received from Frazer & Feldman:

- APPR Updates
- Key APPR Deadlines

N-SSBA – Nassau County Guarantee & NYS Tax Levy Cap

Acknowledgement card from Mindy Berlin-Dickman for a sympathy card sent

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

Dr. Robb-Fund reported that March was a busy month. Students were busy learning math, social studies, science, reading and writing. Parent-teacher conferences were held this month, fostering our family connection. Students from North High School visited our schools and provided lessons on health and nutrition to our second graders. The “PE Leaders” created centers in each of our schools, students exercised, learned about the food plate, did an experiment about sugar, listened to a story about being themselves. The event ended with a song written by one of the North High School students for the event. The concerts began today and will continue through next week. Many of our students will be participating in the NYSSMA solo adjudication this weekend. This past Saturday, members of our teaching staff volunteered at the NCTA Family Math Day, others traveled to NYC to attend the Columbia University Teachers College Conference on the teaching of reading and writing. This evening the Board will be appointing the new principal for the Wheeler Avenue School. Dr. Zerillo leaves a legacy that will always be part of the fabric of Valley Stream 13. She leaves large footsteps to be filled. Dr. Robb-Fund thanked the principal search committee members. Mrs. Gayle Steele is currently an assistant principal in Half Hollow Hills where she taught for seven years. She previously taught in NYC and Elmont. Her first career was as a caseworker for a foster care agency. Mrs. Steele holds a Bachelors Degree from Queens College, a Masters from Touro, and will be defending her doctoral dissertation at Dowling College where she expects to receive her degree in mid-May. We want to welcome Mrs. Gayle Steele to our District.

Employment of a Building Principal – Wheeler Avenue School

To employ Gayle Steele as the Building Principal at Wheeler Avenue School, effective July 1, 2012 on three years probation, at a salary of \$134,306 in accordance with the Board/Valley Stream Council of Elementary Associations in effect on the date employment begins.

G. STEELE EMPLOYED AS THE
BUILDING PRINCIPAL AT
WHEELER AVE. SCHOOL

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

President Chiachiere explained the search process. We received 56 resumes, and two were brought to the Board for consideration.

School Calendar – 2012-2013

To approve the calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.

2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR
APPROVED

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

Employment of a Part-time Classroom Aide

To employ Filomena Mascetti as a Part-time (.5) Classroom Aide assigned to James A. Dever School effective March 9, 2012 on Step 1 (\$16,254 pro-rated) and unless sooner terminated.

F. MASCETTI EMPLOYED AS A
PART-TIME CRA

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

Emergency Conditional Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Doreen Fassrainer, under Emergency Conditional Employment, as a Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School effective March 12, 2012 on Step 1 (\$16,254) and unless sooner terminated. Fingerprints cleared effective March 19, 2012.

D. FASSRAINER EMPLOYED AS
A CRA

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

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides

To add Eileen Sloan, Paul Stellino, Jr. and Karyn Nertney as substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides.

SUBSTITUTE CRA/NHA
APPROVED-E. SLOAN, P.
STELLINO, JR., K. NERTNEY

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Denise Mihok as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Howell Road School, effective March 23, 2012.

D. MIHOK RESIGNED AS A
NHA

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Mary Jane Luca, Noon Hour Aide assigned to James A. Dever School, effective March 26, 2012.

M. LUCA RESIGNED AS A
NHA

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [S. Douglas, J. Greco Jacobs]

Education Report – Professional Development Plan – (A. Robb-Fund, L. Roth)
Dr. Robb-Fund and Mrs. Roth explained the Professional Development Plan that will be in effect through 2015.

Professional Development Plan

To adopt the Professional Development Plan effective 2012 through 2015.

PDP PLAN ADOPTED

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

District Shared Decision Making Plan

To adopt the District Shared Decision Making Plan.

SDM PLAN ADOPTED

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

Shared Decision Making Biennial Review

To approve the Shared Decision Making Biennial Review for the 2011-2012 school year.

SDM BIENNIAL REVIEW
APPROVED

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

Salary Gate Promotion

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the following gate promotions according to the VSTA/Board Agreement in effect as of April 1, 2012:

GATE PROMOTIONS
APPROVED-E. JEDYNAK
N. VILLA

Step 14 to Step 15

Ewa Jedynak
Noele Villa

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

Childcare Leave of Absence 2nd Year

To approve a 2nd year of childcare for Emily McClelland, Part-time Special Education Teacher assigned to James A. Dever School, effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

E. MCCLELLAND 2ND YEAR
CCL APPROVED

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

Childcare Leave of Absence 2nd Year

To approve a 2nd year of childcare for Siri Willis, Classroom Teacher assigned to Howell Road School, effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

S. WILLIS 2ND YEAR
CCL APPROVED

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

Childcare Leave of Absence 2nd Year

To approve a 2nd year of childcare for Tara Lanzisera, Part-time Speech Teacher assigned to James A. Dever School, effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

T. LANZISERA 2ND YEAR
CCL APPROVED

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

Home School Tutor

To remove Jennifer Ferreira as the tutor for a sixth grade student at James A. Dever School effective March 12, 2012; and add Teresa Truncale as the tutor to work intermittently during the 2011-2012 school year.

HOME TUTOR CHANGED
TO T. TRUNCALE

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

Summer School Principal

To appoint Denise DeMeo as the Summer School Principal effective July 2, 2012 through August 10, 2012 at a salary of \$7,000.

D. DEMEO APPROVED AS
SUMMER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2011-2012 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST
APPROVED

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

BUSINESS [D. Evans, J. DiSibio]

Treasurer's Report

To approve the Treasurer's Report dated February 29, 2012.

TREASURER'S REPORT
APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee DiSibio 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:

SEQRA APPROVED

- a) Willow Road School
Roof Reconstruction SED # 28-02-13-02-0-004-013

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 Evans, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously.

Amendment to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement – NYCLASS

NYCLASS AMENDMENT
APPROVED

Whereas, the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen is currently a participant of the NYCLASS program;

Whereas, the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen, has been notified of an amendment to the Cooperation Agreement governing NYCLASS which reflects that the Village of Potsdam will become the new Lead Participant and provides for changes to the investment Advisor from time to time as determined by the Governing Board of NYCLASS (the form of such Amendment which is attached hereto);

Whereas, the Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System Municipal Cooperation Agreement, in which certain terms are modified to reflect the change in Lead Participant and Investment Advisor for their program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen does hereby authorize the Superintendent to execute the amendment.

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

2012-2013 Proposed Budget (Proposition #1)

PROPOSITION NO. 1 APPROVED

That the Board of Education adopt the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$43,217,705 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 Evans, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Transportation Eligibility Proposition (Proposition #2)

PROPOSITION NO. 2 APPROVED

That the District Clerk be directed to place Proposition #2 Transportation Eligibility Proposition on the ballot. To extend its public school transportation eligibility policy for Grade 4-6 pupils from the existing one-mile limit to a new half-mile limit, to be effective at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, thereby increasing the budget contained in Proposition No. 1 by \$296,059.

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

Trustee Stris explained that this proposition is the result of a petition submitted by residents of the district. The petition contained 122 signatures.

Trustee Greco Jacobs further explained: "If the transportation proposition passes, the inclusion of the \$296,000 for the cost of the increased transportation will cause our budget to exceed the 2% tax levy cap, even though the District crafted a budget to be within the state tax levy cap guidelines. Because of this possible result, both the budget proposition and the transportation proposition need to pass with 60% of the vote. Even if the transportation proposition is defeated, the budget proposition must get 60% of the vote to pass."

President Chiachiere explained that the 2012-2013 Budget comes in under the 2% tax levy cap, but due to the possible increase if Proposition No. 2 passes, will now have to pass by the super majority (60% of the vote).

2012-2013 Proposed Budget Valley Stream Central High School District (Proposition #3)

PROPOSITION NO. 3 APPROVED

That the District Clerk be directed to place Proposition #3 Valley Stream Central High School 2012-2013 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$103,240,117 on the ballot.

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

Trustee Greco Jacobs advised that the High School Budget comes within the tax levy.

Rules and Regulations for the Annual Election

RULES AND REGULATIONS
APPROVED

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

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

Approval of Additional Voter Registration

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

- Dever: Jean Guiliante, Tuesday, April 3, 2012
- Howell: Peggy Esposito, Wednesday, March 28, 2012
- Wheeler: Pamela Sue Gagas, Thursday, March 29, 2012
- Willow: Pat Curcio, Tuesday, April 3, 2012

VOTER REGISTRATION AT
CONCERTS APPROVED

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

License Agreement – SCOPE

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 2012-2013 school year, and authorize the Board President to sign said Agreement.

LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH
SCOPE FOR BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL PROGRAM APPROVED

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

Memorandum of Agreement – VSTA/Teaching Assistants

To accept the Memorandum of Agreement between Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and VSTA/Teaching Assistants Unit effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015, and authorize the Board President to sign said Agreement.

VSTA/TA MOA ACCEPTED

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

Contract –Village of Valley Stream

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen is authorized under State law to enter into agreements with other municipal corporations for the sharing of services and resources, and has determined that it is in the District’s best interest to enter into such an agreement with the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream (“Village”) for the purchase of gas and diesel fuel for District vehicles; now, therefore

CONTRACT WITH VILLAGE
OF VALLEY STREAM
APPROVED-GAS-DIESEL FUEL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen hereby authorizes and approves an Inter-Municipal Agreement between the District and the Village for the purchase of gas and diesel fuel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

Property Tax Report Card

To approve the Property Tax Report Card for the 2012-2013 Annual Meeting.

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD
APPROVED

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

BOCES Bid for Out-of-District Transportation

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 2012-2013 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

BOCES BID FOR OUT-OF-
DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION

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

WHEREAS, the School District, 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the school district to participate in the Cooperative.

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

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

Resolution to Award Energy Performance Contract

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen has solicited proposals for an Energy Performance Contract to purchase and install certain energy efficiency equipment and services designed to save energy and associated energy costs, pursuant to a request for proposal (“RFP”) process in accordance with the District’s procurement policies and procedures and applicable law; and

ENERGY PERFORMANCE
CONTRACT APPROVED

WHEREAS, Consolidated Edison Solutions, Inc. ("ConEd") submitted a proposal dated August 17, 2010 (the "Proposal") in response to the RFP, and has made an assessment of the energy consumption characteristics of the District's premises and existing equipment and made certain proposals as to proposed energy conservation measures, all as set forth in a Comprehensive Energy Audit Report dated March 15, 2012 (the "CEA Report") submitted by ConEd; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business and the District's architect/engineer, that ConEd's Proposal and CEA Report best meet the RFP's specifications and the District's requirements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, after review of the CEA Report, the Board of Education hereby approves the CEA Report and awards the Energy Performance Contract to ConEd, pursuant and subject to the requirements of section 9-103 of the New York Energy Law and section 155.20 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said Energy Performance Contract on behalf of the Board of Education and to execute such additional documents required to be delivered in connection therewith, contingent upon the review and recommendation of the District's legal counsel as to their final form and content, and provided that said Energy Performance Contract shall not be executory until and unless both it and the CEA Report are approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

The Assistant Superintendent for Business explained that the purpose of this contact is to engage an Energy Efficiency Contractor to determine, and put into place, energy efficiency measures such as boiler replacement, lighting upgrades, computerization of controls and natural gas service upgrades which will result in reduced energy consumption and an overall savings for the district.

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, J. Gartner]
The committee will meet in April.

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, 1/31, 2/2, 2/7, 2/9, 2/14, 2/15, 2/16, 2/27D, 2/27 Wh, 2/29, 3/5Wh, 3/5Wi, 3/8D, 3/8Wh, 3/15, 3/19Wi, and 3/19/12Wi.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Review
To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Review dated 3/7 and 3/14/12.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Donation of a Gift
To accept a donation of four books, one for each school library, from Mr. & Mrs. John Evans, with a combined value of \$20.

DONATION OF A GIFT

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

Impartial Hearing Officer
To remove Deborah Berger from the Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List.

D. BERGER REMOVED FROM IHO ROTATIONAL LIST

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

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on a case whereby a 5th grade student drew a disturbing picture as part of an assignment, and was suspended for five days with home instruction. Parents stated that the child has freedom of speech in the classroom, and he should not be punished. Students in his class told their parents that they were afraid to come to school. After reviewing this student's records, it was noted that he expressed violence in other drawings and assignments in earlier years. It was determined by the courts that the district has the right to assess for harm and act accordingly.

Executive Session

At 8:50 p.m. Trustee Stris made a motion for Executive Session for the purpose of employment history of a particular person and negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously. The superintendent and attorneys were invited to attend.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 9:47 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECONVENING

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels

Denise Michels
District Clerk