

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, April 24, 2012.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee DiSibio	Superintendent Robb-Fund
Trustee Douglas	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 Attorneys Frazer, Perna
		Principal Capozzoli
		Principal Gruen
		Principal Huplosky
		Principal Zerillo
		Approximately 30 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:17p.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 negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law and employment history of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously. The Superintendent 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

Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the March 27 and April 17, 2012 meetings.

MINUTES OF 3/27 & 4/17/12  
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

Correspondence received from Frazer & Feldman:

- New APPR Regulations
- Placements of Students w/Disabilities in Approved Out-of-State Residential Schools & Emergency Interim Placements

President Chiachiere thanked our attorney for keeping the district up-to-date on the new regulations for APPR (Annual Professional Performance Review.) He congratulated Florence Frazer and Jack Feldman for being named "Top Legal Eagles" in 2012 for their contributions to the field of education law.

CORRESPONDENCE

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

Dr. Robb-Fund reported that the students completed the New York State Assessments for English Language Arts and on Wednesday, they will begin the State Assessments for Mathematics. She commended the district employees for their support in keeping the buildings quiet at the time of testing. Thursday evening is "Lights on for Education" at Memorial JHS. The superintendent thanked Mrs. Capozzoli, the chair of this committee; Friday evening is the "Fantastic Four Volleyball Tournament" at Memorial JHS. She thanked Mrs. Brosnan and the Physical Education staff for coordinating this event, sponsored by Senator Skelos. She extended a special thank you to the PTAs for their support as well. Linda Roth submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement. Mrs. Roth has spent the past six years as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Her career has spanned 39 years, in two states and four school districts. We wish her and her husband health and happiness in this new phase of their life.

Honor Students – All-County Art Exhibition

President Chiachiere handed out Certificates of Appreciation to the students whose art work was displayed at the Nassau County Art Teachers Association Art Show at Adelphi University on March 18, 2012.

Honor Mary Ann Cali – Recipient of the Town of Hempstead's Pathfinder Award

Ms. Cali was presented with a Certificate of Recognition for being the recipient of the Pathfinder Award in the Arts and Entertainment category. President Chiachiere thanked Ms. Cali and all the music teachers for their dedication to the students of the district.

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Naila Khalid as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Howell Road School effective April 2, 2012 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) and unless sooner terminated.

N. KHALID EMPLOYED AS A NHA

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

Noon Hour/Classroom Aide Substitute

To add Chelsea Gorski-Halpern as a substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide.

C. GORSKI-HALPERN ADDED AS A SUB NHA/CRA

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

Important Dates for 2012-2013

To approve the following dates for the 2012-2013 school year:

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2012-2013 APPROVED

BOARD MEETINGS

July 9	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	Reorganization Meeting
August 21	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
September 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	
October 23	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	@ James A. Dever School
November 27	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	@ Wheeler Avenue School
December 18	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
January 22, 2013	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	@ Willow Road School
February 26	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	@ Howell Road School
March 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
April 23	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
May 28	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
June 18	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
July 9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Reorganization Meeting 2013-2014
August 20	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	
October 16	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
November 20	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
December 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	(only if needed)
January 15, 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
February 13	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	
March 11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	
April 16	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	(BOCES Vote – Special Meeting)
May 21	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
June 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	

Other Important Dates for the 2012-2013 school year

Educational Planning	Saturday, November 17, 2012	8:00 a.m.
Building Inspections	Saturday, December 8, 2012	8:00 a.m.
Budget Meeting	Wednesday, February 13, 2013	6:00 p.m.
Deadline for Filing Petitions for Trustee	Monday, April 22, 2013	5:00 p.m.
Budget Hearing (w/VSCHSD @ 8 p.m.)	Wednesday, May 8, 2013	7:30 p.m.
Registration (Last day before election)	Tuesday, May 14, 2013	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Meet the Candidates (if needed)	Wednesday, May 15, 2013	7:00 p.m.
Registration Books open for inspection	Saturday, May 18, 2013	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election	Tuesday, May 21, 2013	6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

**Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION** [S. Douglas, J. Greco Jacobs]

Education Report – RtI Intervention Services (L. Roth, L. Sells-Asch)

Ms. Sells-Asch explained Response to Intervention components and the different levels of instruction to ensure that all students are taught at their own capacity.

Response to Intervention (RtI) Plan

RTI PLAN ADOPTED

To adopt the Response to Intervention (RtI) Plan effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

L. ROTH RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Linda Roth, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction effective August 1, 2012.

Moved by Trustee Douglas with regrets, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously. President Chiachiere congratulated Mrs. Roth on behalf of the Board and thanked her for all she has done for the district.

Salary Gate Promotion

GATE PROMOTIONS

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:

Step 9 to 10

Anna Mihalos effective 6/1/12

Step 14 to 15

Donna Buehre effective 5/1/12

Mia Greco effective 6/1/12

Step 19 to 20

Debra Robbins-Jean effective 4/16/12

Carolanne Wahl effective 5/16/12

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

Resignation of a Replacement Part-time Special Education Teacher

To accept the resignation for Teresa Truncale, Replacement Part-time Special Education Teacher at James A. Dever School effective April 27, 2012.

T. TRUNCALE RESIGNATION  
ACCEPTED

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

Employment of a Replacement Part-time Special Education Teacher

To employ Judy Lande as the Replacement Part-time Special Education Teacher assigned to James A. Dever School, on Step 1MA (\$66,258 pro-rated) effective April 30, 2012 through June 30, 2012 and unless sooner terminated.

J. LANDE EMPLOYED AS A PT  
SE REPLACEMENT TEACHER

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

Home School Tutor

To remove Teresa Truncale as the tutor for a sixth grade student at James A. Dever School effective April 27, 2012; and add Judy Lande as the tutor to work intermittently effective April 30, 2012 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.

J. LANDE REPLACING T.  
TRUNCALE AS TUTOR  
FOR A HOME SCHOOL  
STUDENT

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

Approval of the Conciliation Agreement

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Thirteen Union Free School District approves the Conciliation Agreement between the District and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission resolving Charge No. 520-2010-02804; and

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT  
APPROVED

Be it further resolved that the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Conciliation Agreement on behalf of the District.

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

Substitute Teacher List

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
LIST UPDATED & APPROVED

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

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

Treasurer's Report

To approve the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2012.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
APPROVED

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

Approval to Participate in Cooperative Bids

This resolution, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-O, is for the purpose of participating in a cooperative bid for the following:

PARTICIPATION IN CO-OP.  
BID FOR TRANSPORTATION

<u>Type of Bid</u>	<u>Administered by</u>	<u>Participating Boards</u>
Transportation	Valley Stream UFSD 13	Baldwin UFSD East Rockaway UFSD Elmont UFSD Franklin Square UFSD Island Park UFSD Long Beach UFSD Lynbrook UFSD Malverne UFSD Rockville Centre UFSD Valley Stream UFSD # 24 Valley Stream UFSD # 30 (continued)

Valley Stream CHSD # 1

West Hempstead UFSD  
Garden City UFSD

WHEREAS, the Participating Boards of Education listed above, desire to partake in a cooperative bid during the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years and;

WHEREAS, the Participating Boards of Education listed above, through its designated representative has assumed responsibility for drafting specifications, advertising for bids, accepting bids and reporting the results of bids to the participating Boards of Education.

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

Budget Transfers

BUDGET TRANSFERS

To approve the following budget transfers effective April 25, 2012:

*From:*

A5540.401.01 Cont Buses-In-District, Public	\$15,000
A5540.402.01 Cont Buses-Non-Public	\$82,000
A9050.810.01 Unemployment Comp	\$20,000
A9060.800.01 Hosp & Medical Insurance-Active Employees	\$120,000

*To:*

A2110.492.01 BOCES-Outdoor Education	\$10,000
A2250.470.01 Special Ed-Tuition	\$80,000
A2010.490.01 BOCES-Curriculum Development	\$30,000
A5540.403.01 Con Buses Other Non-Public	\$5,000
A5540.404.01 Cont Buses Special Education	\$92,000
A5540.405.01 Cont Other Con BOCES	\$20,000

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

Award of Transportation Consultant Contract

N. NUNZIATA APPROVED AS  
TRANSPORTATION CONSULT.

To award the Transportation Consultant Contract, in cooperation with the Nassau County Southwest Transportation Cooperative, to Nancy Nunziata for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE** [W. Stris, J. Gartner]

Policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

POLICIES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

4850 Dissection of Animals in the Schools  
5420 Student Health Services

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

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 2/28, 3/15H, 3/15H, 3/15Wh, 3/27, 3/28, 3/29/12.

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

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Review

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Review dated 2/14 and 3/27/12.

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

Impartial Hearing Officer

E. MORA REMOVED AS AN  
IHO

To delete Esther Mora from the IHO Rotational List.

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

**Report of the Attorney**

Florence Frazer

No report this month.

**Old Business**

Memorandum of Agreement With Franklin Hospital Medical Center

MOA W/FRANKLIN HOSPITAL  
MEDICAL CENTER

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen ("District") and Franklin Hospital Medical Center ("Hospital") desire to replace an existing

fence located on District property running along the District's northerly border abutting Hospital property ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Hospital proposes to undertake said Project, at its sole cost and expense, for the benefit of the District and proposes to donate and convey said Project to the District upon completion; and

WHEREAS, said Project is classified as a Type II Action under applicable SEQRA regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education establishes itself as the lead agency for the purposes of SEQRA determinations regarding the aforesaid Project and, upon review and consideration of the proposed action, hereby determines the Project to be a Type II Action, as defined by 6 NYCRR §617.5(c), which will have no significant impact upon the environment and which does not require any other determination or review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts the proposed donation of the Project and, in connection therewith, approves the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") between the District and the Hospital and authorizes the Hospital to undertake the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MOA; and authorizes the Board President to execute said MOA on behalf of the Board.

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

**New Business**

President Chiachiere announced that Trustee Stris is the recipient of the Nassau Suffolk School Boards' "Silver Bullet Award." This award is given to members who have served on the board for at least 25. He will be honored at the annual dinner on May 30. He extended congratulations and thanked Trustee Stris for all that he does for the VS 13 Governance Team. President Chiachiere attended "Dancing Classrooms" at Willow Road School. Fourth grade students performed the foxtrot, waltzes, and the merengue. Students will perform at the Rainbow Match on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:45 p.m. Trustee Stris made a motion for Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations of the Principal's Contract pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously. The superintendent and attorneys were invited to attend.

Reconvening

RECONVENING

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

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

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

*Denise Michels*  
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District Clerk