

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the cafeteria of the James A. Dever School on Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b>	<b><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u></b>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee Speranza	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 50Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:05 p.m. by President DiSibio.

CONVENING

Quorum

Five 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 Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Principal Capozzoli, Principal Huplosky, and the attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:05 by President DiSibio.

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 23 and April 20, 2010 meetings.

MINUTES OF 3/23 & 4/20/10  
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

Letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Lorraine Howard, Teaching Assistant at Willow Road School.

CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledgement Card received from Linda Roth for a sympathy card sent

Memos received from attorney Frazer & Feldman:

- Nassau BOCES Transportation Cooperative Proposal
- New Case Regarding Religious Exemptions to Immunizations
- Dual Enrollment Obligations

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent Lison gave the following report:

Students have been busy with school concerts, kindergarten plays and special celebrations for Earth Day at Wheeler, Arbor Day at Howell, a Multicultural Celebration at Dever, and a Ballroom Dance Cotillion at Willow. Parents and students participated in the district-wide Wellness Night coordinated by Principal Gruen. Ylisha Ford, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, had her poem *Family Means Love* published in the student anthology, Award Winning Young Writers of America – 2010. The first Saturday Excursion will take place on May 15<sup>th</sup> for ESL and Title 1 students and parents. The group will go to the Hall of Science and participate in a new lab experiment, play in the physic's park and take a guided tour of the facility. The parent Portal will open in May, and parents will have access to their child's schedules and progress reports 24/7, thanks to Stephanie Capozzoli and Linda Alesi.

Education Report - Focus on Technology (L. Alesi, L. Roth)

Assistant Superintendent for C & I, Linda Roth and Instructional Technology Specialist, Linda Alesi presented a Technology Update. Teachers and students demonstrated the use of computers in the classroom using a SmartBoard, SmartTable, Podcasting, and iPods. Vice President Chiachiere thanked the teachers and students and commented about the district's advances in technology.

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the Resignation of Lorraine Howard, Teaching Assistant at Willow Road School, effective July 1, 2010.

L. HOWARD RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously. Trustee Stris thanked Lorraine Howard for her dedication to the students and wished her well in her retirement.

Employment of a Replacement Music Teacher

To employ Amy Rostholder as a Replacement Music Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School, on Step 1MA (\$64,632) effective April 12, 2010 through June 30, 2010 and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the VSTA Contract in effect on the date employment began.

A. ROSTHOLDER EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT MUSIC TEACHER

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

Employment of a Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Amy Schweizer as a Replacement Classroom Teacher at Howell Road School, on Step 1BA (\$55,574) effective April 15, 2010 through June 30, 2010 and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the VSTA Contract in effect on the date employment began.

A. SCHWEIZER EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CLASSROOM TEACHER

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

Employment of Summer School Principal

To appoint Denise DeMeo as the 2010 Summer School Principal at a salary of \$7,000 effective July 1 through August 11, 2010.

D. DEMEO APPOINTED AS THE SUMMER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Substitute Teacher List

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST UPDATED AND APPROVED

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

Resignation of a Classroom Teacher

To accept the resignation of Daniel Rothbard, Classroom Teacher at Willow Road School, effective April 27, 2010.

D. ROTHBARD RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

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

**BUSINESS** [J. Greco Jacobs, D. Evans]

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Property Tax Report Card

To approve the real property tax report card prepared by the District's Business Office for the 2010 Annual District Meeting; and that a copy of said report card shall be submitted to the State Education Department by the end of the next business day following this approval.

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD APPROVED

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

SCOPE Before and After School Program

To approve the contract between SCOPE and the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education for the 2010-2011 Before and After School Program, and authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

SCOPE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM APPROVED FOR 2010-2011

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

Award of Transportation Consultant Contract

To award the Transportation Consultant Contract, in cooperation with the Nassau County Southwest Transportation Cooperative, to Nancy Nunziata for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.

N. NUNZIATA AWARDED AS TRANSPORTATION CONSULT.

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

Request for Cross Contract

To approve a Cross Contract between Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen and BOCES for the On-Line Application System (OLAS) for the 2010-2011 school year.

CROSS CONTRACT APPROVED FOR OLAS

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

BOCES Inter-municipal Cooperative Agreement for Pupil Transportation  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen approves the proposed inter-municipal agreement pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law 119-o for the establishment of a county-wide transportation cooperative (“Nassau BOCES Cooperative”) with Nassau BOCES; and

BOCES INTER-MUNICIPAL  
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
APPROVED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to execute said inter-municipal 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption  
To adopt Policy 2510 New Board Member Orientation.

POLICY 2510 ADOPTED

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President F. Chiachiere]

Committee on Special Education Reviews  
To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 2/23BOCES RMK, 2/23 BOCES Carmen Rd., 3/5, 3/12Wi, 3/12H, 3/16, 3/19, 3/22Wh, 3/22Wi, 3/24, 3/26, 4/8, 4/9 and 4/14/10.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews  
To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 2/12, 2/25, 3/10, 3/24, 3/24Wi, 3/26, and 4/8/10.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

2010-2011 Valley Stream Central HS Proposition #2  
That the District Clerk be directed to place Proposition #2, Valley Stream Central High School Proposed Budget in the amount of \$100,681,222 on the ballot.

VSCHSD PROPOSITION #2  
APPROVED FOR PLACEMENT  
ON THE BALLOT

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

Home Tutoring  
To approve intermittent home tutoring for a sixth grade student at Howell Road School effective March 10, 2010 and for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. Tutors: Elizabeth Sweeny, Matthew Stashin

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

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

Home Tutoring  
To approve home tutoring for a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at Willow Road School effective April 15, 2010 for approximately three weeks. Tutor: Donna Quartuccio

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

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

Home Tutoring  
To approve home tutoring for a Willow Road School student who was suspended, effective April 6 through April 8, 2010 Tutor: Mary Catherine Culella-Sun

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

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

Acceptance of a Gift  
To accept a sculpture of a Storyteller for the Howell Road School library from Nada Tannen, in the amount of \$195.

GIFT ACCEPTED FROM NADA  
TANNEN

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

Memorandum of Agreement – VSTA Retirement Incentive  
To approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Valley Stream Teacher’s Association (VSTA) and the Valley Stream Board of Education regarding the VSTA Retirement Incentive, and authorize the Superintendent to sign said agreement.

MOA APPROVED FOR VSTA  
RETIREMENT INCENTIVE

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

Report of the Attorney  
Attorney Frazer reported on a case whereby the court denied the parents request for a vaccination waiver due to their religious belief, since the parents didn’t prove it was their religious belief, but their moral belief.

Old Business

Trustee Chiachiere attended the musical at Willow Road School, Multicultural Day and the Kindergarten Play at James A. Dever School. He commended the staff who worked with the students and expressed his gratitude to the District for their emphasis on teaching not only high standards in education, but also the value of music and fine arts.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

*Denise Michels*

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District Clerk