

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 Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Superintendent Lison  
Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan  
Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth  
Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch  
School District Attorney Frazer\*  
Building Principal Capozzoli  
Building Principal Gruen  
Building Principal Huplosky  
Building Principal Zerillo  
Approximately 100 Visitors

**Convening**

The meeting was convened at p.m. 7:00 p.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 employment history of a particular person and negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (Taylor Law) on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, and attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Reconvening**

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 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 March 15 and March 22 meetings,

MINUTES OF 3/15 & 3/22/11  
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

**Correspondence**

Memos received from Frazer & Feldman:

- Recording of Public Meetings
- Florence Frazer & Jack Feldman named "Top Legal Eagles" in 2011
- Amendment to Terminology in Sections 200.1 and 200.4 of the Regulations of the Commissioner

CORRESPONDENCE

**Appointment of the Superintendent of Schools**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 appoints Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund as Superintendent of Schools, at an annual salary of \$195,000 effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014, with the terms and conditions of employment as contained in an agreement dated April 27, 2011; and authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

A. ROBB-FUND APPOINTED  
SUPERINTENDENT OF  
SCHOOLS

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

On the question:

Trustee Stris discussed the process for the superintendent's search: In September 2010 when Dr. Lison announced her retirement, the Board immediately advertised for a search firm to help in the process. After extensive interviews by the Board, School Leadership, LLC was selected in November. A planning session was held with School Leadership.

- January 2011 School Leadership met with constituent groups to review our district's strengths, challenges, and the background needed in a new superintendent
- An on-line survey was posted on the district's website
- The Board adopted specifications for the new superintendent search based on the community input and Board priorities:
  - ✓ experience as a teacher
  - ✓ skilled in the area of Human Resources
  - ✓ skilled in budgeting, finance, and facility planning
  - ✓ skilled in short and long-range planning
  - ✓ skilled in public speaking and in written communication
  - ✓ a team builder
- The Board authorized advertisement and discussed salary and benefits
- February 2011 the application process was closed

- There were approximately 65 candidates that applied (15 had superintendent experience, 27 central office experience, and 16 principal experience. 32 held an earned Doctorate)
- The consultants screened the candidates, conducted interviews and did reference checks
- A slate of 4 semi-finalists was presented to the Board for interviews. The Board met with School Leadership from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and discussed each candidate
- Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> the Board interviewed the four finalists from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Monday evening, March 28<sup>th</sup> two candidates were asked back by the Board for a final interview

President Chiachiere has updated the community at each public Board meeting since November and information and articles were published in the local paper. The Board thanked President Chiachiere in his leadership role for this process.

Trustee Douglas reported that there was a visit to the Commack School District and there were rave reviews from Dr. Robb-Fund's co-workers. President Chiachiere read the bio provided by Dr. Robb-Fund.

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**  
Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Dr. Lison welcomed Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund to the Valley Stream 13 family, and she looks forward to working with Dr. Robb-Fund during the transition period over the next few months. President Chiachiere, Trustees Stris and Greco Jacobs received Board Achievement Awards from NYSSBA recognizing their extensive time and effort to expand their governance knowledge and skills. Lights on For Education showcased the work of the students in the four Valley Stream Districts. The first week in May our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be busy taking exams in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science. Teachers and students have been working diligently to achieve the goals determined by the State. District residents are encouraged to vote for the budget and trustee election on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at all schools.

Resignation of Bus Monitor/District Mail Carrier A. ST. GEORGE RESIGNATION  
To accept the resignation of Anthony St. George as a Bus Monitor and District Mail ACCEPTED  
Carrier effective March 29, 2011.

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

Employment of a District Mail Carrier  
To employ Christine Higgins as the District Mail Carrier effective April 28, 2011 at a daily rate of \$15.

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

**Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION** [J. Gartner, S. Douglas]

Education Report - Focus on Technology  
Assistant Superintendent Roth and Instructional Technology Specialist Alesi gave an update on the district's technology plan.

\*8:55 p.m. Attorney Frazer left the meeting

Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher E. MCCLELLAND GRANTED  
After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting TENURE  
classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends  
Emily McClelland, Special Education Teacher assigned to James A. Dever and  
Howell Road Schools, be granted tenure effective June 1, 2011.

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

A recess was called at 9:05 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 9:18 p.m.

Resignation of a Librarian A. HENNAWI RESIGNATION  
To accept the resignation of Adrienne Hennawi, Librarian assigned to Howell Road ACCEPTED  
School, effective June 30, 2011.

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Supervisor M. GOLD RESIGNATION  
To accept the resignation of Marc Gold, Noon Hour Supervisor assigned to Wheeler ACCEPTED  
Avenue School, effective June 30, 2011.

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

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1<sup>st</sup> Year

To accept a Child Care Leave of Absence for Kathleen Ianuale, Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School effective April 7, 2011 through June 30, 2011 in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract.

K. IANUALE 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR CCL APPROVED

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

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1<sup>st</sup> Year

To accept a Child Care Leave of Absence for Michelle Daddino, Art Teacher at Willow Road School effective April 15, 2011 through June 30, 2011 in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract.

M. DADDINO 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR CCL APPROVED

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

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

To accept a Child Care Leave of Absence for Mary Frances Scott, Music Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School effective May 3, 2011 through June 30, 2011; and September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract.

M. F. SCOTT 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> YEARS CCL APPROVED

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

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1<sup>st</sup> Year

To accept a Child Care Leave of Absence for Janis Boremski, Art Teacher at James A. Dever School effective May 10, 2011 through June 30, 2011 in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract.

J. BOREMSKI 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR CCL APPROVED

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

Employment of a Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Mary Danna as a Replacement Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School effective April 7, 2011 through June 30, 2011 on Step 1MA (\$64,632) in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

M. DANNA EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CLASSROOM TEACHER

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

Employment of a Replacement Art Teacher

To employ Donna Geidel as a Replacement Art Teacher at Willow Road School effective April 26, 2011 through June 30, 2011 on Step 1MA (\$64,632) in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

D. GEIDEL EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT ART TEACHER

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

Employment of a Replacement Music Teacher

To employ Yan Zhu as a Replacement Music Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School effective May 3, 2011 through June 30, 2011 on Step 1MA (\$64,632) in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

Y. ZHU EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT MUSIC TEACHER

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

Employment of a Replacement Art Teacher

To employ Christopher Karas as a Replacement Art Teacher at James A. Dever School effective May 10, 2011 through June 30, 2011 on Step 1BA (\$55,574) in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

C. KARAS EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT ART TEACHER

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

Excessing Three Classroom Teachers

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 hereby excesses the services of three elementary classroom teachers, Andrea DiMango, Jillian Mendes, and Jennifer Ferreiro effective June 30, 2011; and places Jennifer Ferreiro, Jillian Mendes, and Andrea DiMango on the Preferred Eligibility List for the Elementary Tenure Area effective June 30, 2011.

A. DIMANGO, J. MENDES, J. FERREIRO EXCESSED CRT

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

Excessing One-Half Psychologist Position

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 hereby excesses the services of one-half Psychologist, Karen Jason, effective June 30, 2011; and places Karen Jason on the Preferred Eligibility List for the School Psychologist Tenure Area effective June 30, 2011; and

K. JASON APPOINTED .5 PSYCHOLOGIST

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 appoints Karen Jason as a part-time (.5) School Psychologist effective September 1, 2011.

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

Excessing One-Half Special Education Position

E. MCCLELLAND APPOINTED

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 hereby excesses the services of one-half Special Education Teacher, Emily McClelland, effective June 30, 2011; and places Emily McClelland on the Preferred Eligibility List for the Special Education Tenure Area effective June 30, 2011; and

.5 SPECIAL EDUCATION  
TEACHER

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 appoints Emily McClelland as a part-time (.5) Special Education Teacher effective September 1, 2011.

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

Excessing One-Half ESL Position

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 hereby excesses the services of one-half ESL Teacher, Lucia Kemnitzer, effective June 30, 2011; and places Lucia Kemnitzer on the Preferred Eligibility List for the ESL Teacher Tenure Area effective June 30, 2011; and

L. KEMNITZER APPOINTED .5  
ESL TEACHER

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 appoints Lucia Kemnitzer as a part-time (.5) ESL Teacher effective September 1, 2011.

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

Excessing One and One-Half Speech Positions

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 hereby excesses the services of one and one-half Speech Teachers, Christy Taveira and Tara Lanzisera effective June 30, 2011; and places Tara Lanzisera and Christy Taveira on the Preferred Eligibility List for the Speech and Language Disabilities Tenure Area effective June 30, 2011.

C. TAVEIRA EXCESSED SPEECH  
TEACHER

T. LANZISERA EXCESSED .5  
SPEECH TEACHER

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

Employment of a Part-time Speech Teacher

To employ Christy Taveira as a part-time (.5) Speech Teacher effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 on Step 2MA (\$66,786 pro-rated).

C. TAVEIRA APPOINTED .5  
SPEECH TEACHER

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

Stipend for Testing Coordinator

To approve a stipend of \$850 (pro-rated) for Andrea DiMango, Testing Coordinator, effective November 29, 2010.

A. DIMANGO APPROVED AS A  
TESTING COORDINATOR

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2010-2011 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST  
UPDATED AND APPROVED

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement for Patricia Ayres, Nurse at the James A. Dever School effective July 1, 2011 and in accordance with Article 14 of the Registered Nurses' Unit of the VSTA and the Board of Education.

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

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

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2011.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee DiSibio, 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 2011 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 DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

Budget Transfer

To approve the following budget transfers effective April 28, 2011.

*From:*  
A9040.800.01 Workers' Compensation Insurance \$12,500  
*To:*  
A1430.400.01 Personnel Advertisements \$12,500

*From:*  
A1620.421.02 Dever Fuel Oil \$20,000  
*To:*  
A1620.421.05 Willow Fuel Oil \$16,000  
A1620.421.03 Howell Fuel Oil \$ 4,000

BUDGET TRANSFERS  
APPROVED

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

SCOPE Before and After School Program

To approve the contract between SCOPE and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for the Before and After School Child Care Program for 2011-2012, and authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

SCOPE BEFORE & AFTER  
PROGRAM CONTRACT  
APPROVED

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

Transportation Consultant Contract

To approve the Transportation Consultant Contract, in cooperation with the Nassau County Southwest Transportation Cooperative, with Nancy Nunziata for 2011-2012 not to exceed \$2,500.

TRANSPORTATION  
CONSULTANT CONTRACT  
W/N. NUNZIATA APPROVED

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

Employment of a Secretary for the Summer Recreation Program

To employ Joseph Consolazio as a Summer Recreation Secretary for the 2011 Summer Recreation Program effective July 1, 2011 at a salary of \$1,950.

J. CONSOLZIO EMPLOYED AS  
THE SUMMER RECREATION  
SECRETARY

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, J. Greco Jacobs]**

No report this month.

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

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews 3/11, 3/15, 3/16Wi, 3/16Viscardi, 3/17, 3/21, 3/22, 3/23, 3/25, and 3/29/11.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Moved by Trustee Gartner, 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 3/10, 3/16, 3/18, and 4/4/11.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Home Tutoring

To approve home tutoring for a fifth grade student at Wheeler Avenue School effective April 5, 2011 for two weeks; tutor: Guy Jacob.

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

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

Home Tutoring

To approve home tutoring for a third grade student at Wheeler Avenue School effective April 26, 2011 for two months; tutor: Kristen Mundy.

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

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

BOCES Tentative Administrative Budget for 2011- 2012

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (BOCES) has proposed and presented its proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2011- 2012 school year (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012), now therefore be it

BOCES BUDGET APPROVED

RESOLVED, that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2011- 2012 school year in the amount of eighteen million, nine hundred forty-seven thousand, one hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$18,947,178) be, and hereby is approved by this Board.

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

Election of Board Members to BOCES Board of Education

BOCES BOARD SEAT

Three BOCES board seats must be voted upon. Three full-term seats will expire on June 30, 2011. Each Board may cast one vote for each vacancy to be filled, a total of three votes.

Resolution - To authorize the District Clerk to complete the Ballot and Clerk’s Certificate indicating for whom the District Thirteen Board of Education has cast its three votes, namely Deborah Coates, Eric Schultz, and Stephen B. Witt.

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

Acceptance of a Donation

DONATION ACCEPTED

To accept a donation from the James A. Dever faculty and staff of a Weeping Cherry Tree and a granite memorial plaque in memory of Frances S. Fortunato-Freeman with an approximate value of \$600.

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

**Report of the Attorney**

Florence Frazer

No report this month.

**Old Business**

Valley Stream UFSD #30 won the coveted Magna awards for its reading intervention program called “A Stitch in Time” at the National School Boards Association’s Annual Conference in San Francisco.

**New Business**

Trustee Stris gave a history of the superintendents dating back to 1904. They include:

- Mr. Sweet 1904 to 1928
- Mr. Leslie Smith 1928 to 1955
- Mr. James A. Dever 1955 to 1974
- Dr. Thomas Lee 1974 to 1992
- Dr. Martin Brooks 1992 to 1998
- Mrs. Margaret Daugherty 1998 to 2003
- Dr. Elizabeth Lison 2003 to 2011

Executive Session

At 9:35 a motion for executive session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously to discuss the personnel history of a particular person.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 10:15 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously.

*Meredith Brosnan*

Meredith Brosnan  
Acting District Clerk