

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 28, 2009.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere		Superintendent Lison
Trustee DiSibio		Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Evans		Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Trustee Greco Jacobs		Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Speranza		School District Attorney Frazer*
Trustee Stris		District Clerk Michels
		Building Principal Capozzoli
		Building Principal Gruen
		Building Principal Huplosky
		Building Principal Zerillo
		Approximately 65 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by President Stris.

CONVENING

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss personnel of a particular person and custodial negotiations on a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Speranza and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Principals Zerillo and Capozzoli were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

\*Attorney Frazer arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 p.m. by President Stris.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

Resolution: To approve the minutes of the March 24 and April 21, 2009.

MINUTES OF 3/24 & 4/21 MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

- Acknowledgement card received from Michael Palotta for a sympathy card sent
  - Letter of resignation received from Ellen Keller, Physical Education Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School
  - Memos from Frazer & Feldman
- Tenure & Seniority Rights of Educators on Special Assignment  
-COBRA Subsidy-Eligibility, Guidance, Dept. of Labor Model Notices & Appeals  
-New Procedures for Approval of Summer 2009 Extended Year – Special Education Programs  
-American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 Funds

CORRESPONDENCE

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

The superintendent presented the Board of Education members with the official 2007-2008 District Report Card. The district is in good standing and the report is available at the district office for those interested. The Howell Road ESL Department created a cultural literacy project using the Photostory software, with the help of the technology Department; On April 7<sup>th</sup> Willow Road held a Cotillion with the students performing various dances. Dr. Lison read a letter from a grandparent who attended praising the students and teachers for a wonderful performance. Principal of James A. Dever, Darren Gruen, coordinated the district-wide Wellness night. Wheeler Avenue students celebrated Earth Day by planting a tree and reciting poetry about the importance of a green planet. The annual Lights on Curriculum Fair will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. at Memorial, the Final Four Basketball Tournament, sponsored by Assemblymen Alfano and Barra, will be held on Friday at 6:15 p.m. at Memorial. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the James A. Dever cafeteria and Meet the Candidates Night will be held in the James A. Dever auditorium May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Daisy Martin, Noon Hour Aide at James A. Dever School effective April 30, 2009.

D. MARTIN RESIGNED

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Daisy Martin as a Classroom Aide at James A. Dever School, on Step 1 (\$15,243) effective May 1, 2009 and unless sooner terminated.

D. MARTIN EMPLOYED AS A CLASSROOM AIDE

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Christine Higgins as a Noon Hour Aide at James A. Dever School, on Step 1 (\$10.10) effective April 29, 2009 and unless sooner terminated.

C. HIGGINS EMPLOYED AS A NOON HOUR AIDE

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Louis Lucente as a Noon Hour Aide at Willow Road School, on Step 1 (\$10.10) effective April 29, 2009 and unless sooner terminated.

L. LUCENTE EMPLOYED AS A NOON HOUR AIDE

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

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide

To add Jennifer Iuliano as a substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide effective April 29, 2009.

J. IULIANO ADDED AS A SUB CLASSROOM/NOON HOUR AIDE

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

**EDUCATION** (F. Chiachiere, T. Speranza)

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Veronica Oquendo, Classroom Teacher, assigned to Howell Road School, be granted tenure effective May 8, 2009.

V. OQUENDO GRANTED TENURE

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

After a brief recess, the Education Report was presented by Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Linda Roth, and Instructional Technology Specialist, Linda Alesi. A PowerPoint “Focus on Technology” was presented. Teachers and students demonstrated the use of the SmartBoard Technology and on-line communication between teachers and parents via personal web pages. Students demonstrated Centeo clickers and using PowerPoint to create challenging activities.

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement for Ellen Keller, Physical Education Teacher at Wheeler Avenue 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.

E. KELLER RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Resignation of a Social Worker

To accept the resignation of Anny Gonell, Social Worker at James A. Dever and Howell Road Schools, effective June 30, 2009.

A. GONELL RESIGNED AS SOCIAL WORKER

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

Resignation of a Classroom Teacher

To accept the resignation of Dianna Chappell, Classroom Teacher at Howell Road Schools, effective June 30, 2009.

D. CHAPPELL RESIGNED AS CLASSROOM TEACHER

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Supervisor

To accept the resignation of David Rossi, Noon Hour Supervisor at Willow Road School effective March 31, 2009.

D. ROSSI RESIGNED AS NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Supervisor

To employ Christopher Langer as a Noon Hour Supervisor at Willow Road School effective April 2, 2009 at \$40 per hour, two and one-half hours per day, and unless sooner terminated.

C. LANGER EMPLOYED AS A NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR

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

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

To approve a first year child care leave of absence for Mia Greco, Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School effective March 29, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

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

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

Employment of a Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Danielle Vitulli as a Replacement Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School effective March 29, 2009 through June 30, 2009, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1MA (\$62,446).

D. VITULLI EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT TEACHER

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

Substitute Teacher List

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

SUB LIST 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 March 31, 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTED

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

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

Policies for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Re-adoption

To adopt the following policies:

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

POLICIES FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> READING AND ADOPTION

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

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

- 1741 Home Instruction
- 5020.3 Students With Disabilities Pursuant to Section 504
- 5300.35 Disciplinary Penalties, Procedures and Referrals

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

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

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 2/10, 2/26, 3/16BOCES, 3/16Wh, 3/17, 3/18, 3/19, 3/20BOCES, 3/20H, 3/25, 3/30H, 3/30Wi, 4/2/09.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Moved by Trustee DiSibio, 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. 3/25, 4/2/09.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Rules and Regulations for the May 19, 2009 Annual Election

To approve the Rules and Regulations for the May 19, 2009 Annual Election.

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR 2009 ELECTION APPROVED

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

**Report of the Attorney**  
Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on a disciplinary case whereby a student with disabilities was suspended for five days for being in possession of a pocket knife. Parents appealed to the Commissioner of Education claiming their son didn't do anything with the knife, and he didn't open it or take it out. The Commissioner upheld that the suspension was appropriate (not to exceed five days for students w/disabilities.) There was a Superintendent's hearing to determine if the student should be suspended beyond the five days. It was determined by the CSE that there was a direct relationship between the student's behavior and his disability, therefore no additional suspension was imposed.

Executive Session

At 9:12 p.m. a motion was made for an Executive Session for personnel of a particular person and the Superintendent's Evaluation, by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Speranza and carried unanimously. The Superintendent was invited to attend and left at 9:20 p.m.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened by President Stris at 9:30 p.m.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

*Denise Michels*

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District Clerk