

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Auditorium of the James A. Dever School on Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee DiSibio	Superintendent Robb-Fund
Trustee Douglas		Assistant Supt. for Sp. Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Farrell		Interim Asst. Supt. for CAT Martin
Trustee Greco Jacobs		Interim Asst. Supt. for Business Groveman
Trustee Pomerantz		Principal Capozzoli
Trustee Stris		Principal Gruen
		Principal Huplosky
		Principal Steele
		School District Attorney Frazer
		Acting District Clerk Michels
		Approximately 100 Visitors

Convening
The meeting was convened at 7:15 p.m. by Vice President Pomerantz.

CONVENING

Quorum
Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session
The Board immediately moved into Executive Session to discuss the personnel history of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, the attorney and Assistant Superintendents were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*7:35 p.m. Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents left Executive Session.

Reconvening
The meeting was reconvened at 8:05 p.m. by Vice President Pomerantz.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum
Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes
To approve the Minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting.

MINUTES OF 3/24/15
MEETING APPROVED

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

Correspondence

Frazer & Feldman:

- Revised Family, Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Regulations
- New regulations Regarding Epinephrine Auto Injectors
- Updated Student Enrollment Regulations
- Guidelines and Additional information Regarding New Tenure Laws
- Newsletter: Salient Cases in Special Education

Guercio & Guercio

- Preliminary Analysis of the Education Transformation Act of 2015
- Information regarding Special Education Upon Entry to School
- Probationary Appointments and Update on the Education Transformation Act of 2015

A letter was received from Mrs. Testani regarding the electronic sign.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

Superintendent Robb-Fund welcomed the incoming Superintendent, Constance Evelyn. Art students will be honored for their participation in the NYSATA Legislative Exhibit and Art in the Heart. The presentation by the art and music departments will emphasize that we value all aspects of learning, not just those assessed by the state. A new report card for the 2015-2016 school year and a district-wide guidance plan for social emotional learning will be implemented. District residents are encouraged to vote on May 19.

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Eva Castro as a classroom aide assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1 (\$16,745) effective April 29, 2015 and unless sooner terminated.

E. CASTRO EMPLOYED AS A
CRA

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement – Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Carla Mannino, classroom aide at James A Dever, effective June 26, 2015.

C. MANNINO RESIGNATION
FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [T. Pomerantz, F. Chiachiere]

Education Report

Overview of Fine and Performing Arts – Johanna DeJose, Music Teacher at James A. Dever School and Karen Martorana, Art Teacher at Howell Road School, gave a presentation entitled “Integration of Classroom Curriculum within the General Music and Art Program.”

Students were recognized for their participation in Art Exhibits.

Tenure Recommendation - Building Principal

The Superintendent recommends Dr. Gayle Steele, Building Principal at Wheeler Avenue School, be granted tenure effective July 1, 2015.

G. STEELE GRANTED TENURE

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

Appointment of Superintendent of Schools

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 appoints Constance Evelyn as Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2015 on the terms and conditions set forth in an employment agreement dated April 28, 2015; and

C. EVELYN APPOINTED AS
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
SCHOOLS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board authorizes the Board Vice President to execute said employment agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

Ms. Constance Evelyn was introduced.

At 8:50 p.m. Vice President Pomerantz called for a recess to celebrate the appointment of Ms. Evelyn.

At 9:15 p.m. the meeting was reconvened.

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement – Reading Teacher

To accept the Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement of Peggy Aronowitz, reading teacher at Wheeler Avenue School effective June 30, 2015.

P. ARONOWITZ RESIGNATION
FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1st and 2nd Year

To approve a 1st year and a 2nd Year Child Care Leave of Absence for Grace Wohlfahrt, classroom teacher, effective April 29, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

G. WOHLFAHRT 1ST AND 2ND
CHILD CARE LEAVES
APPROVED

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

Replacement Classroom Teacher

To appoint Sarah Kropac as the replacement classroom teacher at James A. Dever School on Step 1BA (\$58,174 pro-rated) effective April 29, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

S. KROPAC APPOINTED AS A
REPLACEMENT TEACHER

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

Student Activity Club

To change the STEM Club for Craig Caputo from Club A/1 \$3,526 to Club C/1 \$1,230 for 2014-2015.

STEM CLUB FOR C. CAPUTO
CHANGED FROM C/1 – A/1

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

Summer Employment – Registered Nurse

To employ Estelle Dempsey as the summer school registered nurse effective July 1 through August 11, 2015, three hours per day (8:30 AM – 11:30 AM) at \$41.41 per hour.

E. DEMPSEY EMPLOYED AS
THE SUMMER SCHOOL RN

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

Report Cards

To approve the new report cards for the 2015-2016 school year.

NEW REPORT CARDS
APPROVED FOR 2015-2016

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

Guidance Plan

To approve the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen K-6 Guidance Plan for the 2014-2015 school year.

GUIDANCE PLAN APPROVED

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2014-2015 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST
UPDATED AND APPROVED

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [J. Greco Jacobs, P. Farrell)

Treasurer's Report

To approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2015.

TREASURER'S REPORT
APPROVED

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

Health & Welfare Contracts

To approve the Health & Welfare Contracts for the 2014-2015 school year between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and Garden City UFSD, Freeport UFSD, Lawrence UFSD, Mineola UFSD, and North Merrick UFSD.

HEALTH & WELFARE
CONTRACTS APPROVED
FOR GARDEN CITY, FREEPORT,
LAWRENCE, MINEOLA, AND N.
MERRICK SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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

Broker of Record

Be it resolved that the District does hereby appoint U.S. Employees Benefits Services Group as a broker of record for health insurance for the period of April 28, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at no cost to the District in order to assist in meeting the guidelines of the Affordable Care Act.

U.S. EMPLOYEES BENEFITS
SERVICES GROUP APPOINTED
BROKER FOR HEALTH INSUR.

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

SCOPE Before and After School Program 2015-2016

To approve the SCOPE Before and After School Program for the 2015-2016 school year and authorize the Board President to sign the License Agreement.

SCOPE BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR
2015-16 APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously. On the question: Trustee Stris inquired about the results of the SCOPE Parent Survey. Superintendent Robb-Fund advised that the responses to the parent survey were minimal.

SCOPE Summer Enrichment Program

To approve the amended SCOPE Summer Enrichment Program for summer 2015 and authorize the Board of Education President to sign the License Agreement.

SCOPE SUMMER ENRICHMENT
PROGRAM APPROVED

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

Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release – Questar III

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen hereby accepts and approves the terms and conditions of the Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release ("Agreement") between the District and BOCES Rensselaer – Columbia – Greene Counties; and

FUND SURPLUS RESOLUTION
AGREEMENT WITH QUESTAR
III ACCEPTED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to execute the Agreement on the District's behalf.

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

Appoint a Designee for Student Residency Determinations

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Dr. Alan Groveman be appointed by the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen School District as its designee to make final determinations regarding student residency pursuant to Section 100.2(y) of the Regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education.

A. GROVEMAN APPOINTED
DESIGNEE FOR STUDENT
RESIDENCY

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

Resignation of a Part-time Custodian

To accept the resignation of Lorraine Regonini, Part-time custodian at Willow Road School, effective April 25, 2015.

L. REGONINI RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Capital Project Bid Recommendation

To award the following capital projects to the lowest responsible bidder from the sealed bids opened on April 22, 2015.

CAPITAL PROJECT BID
AWARDED TO AMB
CONSTRUCTION

Gymnasium Roof Replacement at Willow Road School, SED #280213-02-0-004-015

Contractor: AMB Construction, Inc. of Brooklyn, NY

Amount: \$180,000

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

The Business Committee met on April 2 and reviewed the budget. At the next meeting, the committee will review the Technology Plan.

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, S. Douglas]

The Policy Committee met on April 14 and reviewed nine policies. Four of the policies are included for the first reading. The committee will meet on May 12 at 5 p.m. in the Board Room, and everyone is invited to attend.

Policies for 1st Reading

- 2230 Duties of the District Clerk
- 5100 Attendance
- 5110 Elementary School Attendance Areas
- 6700 Purchasing – Best Value Provision

POLICIES FOR 1ST READING

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

[Vice President T. Pomerantz]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 3/11, 3/12, 3/13, 3/16, 3/17, 3/20, 3/23Wi, 3/23MdP, 3/25, 3/26, 3/27, 3/30Wi, 3/30Wi, 3/30DDI, 4/1, 4/13, 4/14HPSD, 4/14H, and 4/21/15HPSD.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 3/13, 3/20, 3/20, 3/25, and 3/30/15.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Resignation of District Clerk

To accept the resignation of Jennifer Grande, Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen District Clerk effective April 22, 2015.

J. GRANDE RESIGNED AS
THE DISTRICT CLERK

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Stris with regret, and carried unanimously.

Appointment of an Acting District Clerk

To appoint Denise Michels as the Acting District Clerk effective April 23, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at a salary of \$1,000 per month.

D. MICHELS APPOINTED AS
THE ACTING DISTRICT CLERK

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

Consulting Services Contract

To approve the Consulting Services Contract between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and Marina Doulova, MD for consulting services for the 2014-2015 school year.

CONSULTING SERVICES
CONTRACT WITH MARINA
DOULOVA, MD APPROVED

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

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a donation of \$386.79 from DonorsChoose.org to purchase musical instruments for a grant submitted by Johanna Land, music teacher at James A. Dever School.

DONATION ACCEPTED FOR
GRANT SUBMITTED BY J.
DEJOSE

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Douglas with thanks, and carried unanimously.

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept the donation from the Muhammad family of two VHS tapes to the Wheeler Avenue School with an approximate value of \$15.

DONATION ACCEPTED
FROM MUHAMMAD FAMILY

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

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept the donation of four (4) Snap Circuit Kits to Wheeler Avenue School from Molloy College with an approximate value of \$100.

DONATION ACCEPTED FROM
MOLLOY COLLEGE

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

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept the donation from Intralogics of a security camera valued at \$750.

DONATION ACCEPTED FROM
INTRALOGICS

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.
On the question: Trustee Douglas asked where the security camera will be installed.
Superintendent Robb-Fund responded that the camera will be placed facing the playground at the Wheeler Avenue School.

High School Report

Trustee Greco Jacobs gave the following report: Several students received athletic awards. The South Basketball Team won the Long Island Championship; North Boys Winter Track, North Girls Winter Track, and South Boys Basketball teams won the Class A Championships. Three coaches were recognized as Coach of the Year: Matthew Johnson-South Basketball and Mike Frazer and Tim Boyens-North Track.

Report of the Attorney

Florence Frazer reported on a case whereby parents wanted to sue a school district when their child was hurt while “playing around” in the hallway. The case was dismissed.

New Business

Vice President Pomerantz announced that Trustee Chiachiere has been appointed by the Nassau Suffolk Schools Board Association as Chairman of the Resolution Committee for Nassau and Suffolk. This is an honor for District 13.

Trustee Stris added that a former Valley Stream Thirteen Board Member, Paul Fromer, was the founding member of the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association.

Vice President Pomerantz attended the Colors of the Rainbow Team Match and Festival. Willow Road students competed in a ballroom dancing competition and they won the bronze medal. Congratulations to Peter Gatto, Nicole Buccellato and Liz Meaney for their efforts in coaching the children.

Executive Session

At 9:45 p.m. a motion for an Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously to discuss the position of the District Clerk. It is anticipated that no action will be taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 11:02 p.m. by Vice President Pomerantz.

RECONVENING

Adjournment

At 11:02 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Michels

Denise Michels
Acting District Clerk