

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 29, 2008.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee Evans	Superintendent Lison
Trustee DiSibio		Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Gorham*		Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Trustee Greco Jacobs		Director of 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
		8 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:15 p.m. by President Stris.

CONVENING

Quorum

Four 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 Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. Mark Semos, External Auditor provided a report. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Trustee Gorham arrived at 7:43 p.m.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:08 p.m. by President Stris.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum

Five members being present, a quorum was determined

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

Resolution: To approve the minutes of the March 18, March 25, and April 16, 2008 meetings.

MINUTES OF 3/18, 3/25, 4/16 MEETINGS APPROVED

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

President Stris reported that the Valley Stream 13 Educational Foundation held their first fund raiser, an 80s Dance, on April 11th.

Correspondence

Two letters were received from the law firm:

- Effective April 10th their name would change to Frazer & Feldman
- Special Ed Services Contract for Students Who are Parentally Placed in Private schools

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Dr. Lison gave the following report: On April 10th she attended Lights On for Education and received many positive comments from the attendees about of students' projects and work.. Budget Ambassadors have been busy discussing the 2008-09 budget with the community so they can be informed on election day, May 20th. On May 2nd Assemblymen Alfano and Barra sponsored the Final Four Basketball Tournament, a friendly competition between the sixth grade boys and girls of our district. The Education Report will focus on technology. She thanked Linda Alesi, our Technology Coordinator, for bringing the district up-to-date and Dr. Lison thanked Linda for her hard work and visions for the future. On April 11th the Educational Foundation held an 80s Dance to raise money to benefit the children in District 13. Dr. Lison introduced Michael Mastrocinque.

Educational Foundation Report

Michael Mastrocinque, President of VS 13 Educational Foundation thanked everyone for their help and participation in the 80s Dance. He presented Certificates of Appreciation. He also expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Trustees Chiachiere, Greco Jacobs and Stris for their guidance and inspiration.

Resignation of a Media Aide

B. MACDONALD RESIGNED

To accept the resignation of Betty Macdonald, Media Aide at Howell Road School effective March 19, 2008.

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

Noon Hour Aide/Crossing Guard Salary Schedule for 2008-2009

NHA SALARY SCHEDULE

To approve additional steps under the Noon Hour Aide/Crossing Guards salary schedule effective September 1, 2008 as follows:

Step 6	\$10.60 per hour
Step 7	\$10.70 per hour
Step 8	\$10.80 per hour
Step 9	\$10.90 per hour
Step 10	\$11.00 per hour

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

Door Monitor Salary Increase

DOOR MONITOR SALARY INCREASE

To approve an increase in the hourly rate of pay for the Door Monitors to \$9.00 per hour effective September 1, 2008.

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

Bus Monitor Salary Increase

BUS MONITOR SALARY INCREASE

To approve an increase in the hourly rate of pay for the Bus Monitors to \$10.50 per hour effective September 1, 2008.

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

Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide

J. FORST ADDED AS A NHA/ CRA SUBSTITUTE

To add Janet Forst as a substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide.

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, D. Evans]

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

Assistant Superintendent for C & I, Linda Roth, and Instructional Technology Specialist, Linda Alesi gave a presentation on the District’s technology, where we are today, and where we are planning to go in the future. Trustee Chiachiere thanked them for an excellent presentation and for encouraging technology integration. Trustee Jacobs commented on how far we have come during the past five years.

Child Care Leave of Absence

V. HALL-CASSANO CCL APPROVED – 1ST YEAR

To approve a 1st year of Child Care Leave of Absence for Valerie Hall-Cassano, Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School effective March 26 through June 30, 2008.

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

Child Care Leave of Absence

D. HASTINGS CCL APPROVED – 1ST YEAR

To approve a 1st year of Child Care Leave of Absence for Deborah Hastings, Classroom Teacher at Willow Road School effective April 7 through June 30, 2008.

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

Employment of a Replacement Teacher

L. BOHNET EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT TEACHER

To employ Lynn Bohnet as a Replacement Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School effective March 26 through June 30, 2008 on Step 2BA+15 (\$52,672).

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

Employment of a Replacement Teacher

C. DIGIOVANI EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT TEACHER

To employ Caterina DiGiovani as a Replacement Classroom Teacher at Willow Road School effective April 7 through June 30, 2008 on Step 1BA (\$50,125).

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

GATE Advancement

L. ELLIS GATE APPROVED

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the GATE Advancement, according to the Board/VSTA contract, for Lisa Ellis from Step 14 to Step 15 effective April 15, 2008.

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

Summer School Principal

D. DEMEO SUMMER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To employ Denise DeMeo as the Summer School Principal at a salary of

\$7,000 effective July 2 through August 12, 2008.

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2007-2008 school year.

UPDATE SUBSTITUTE LIST
APPROVED

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

BUSINESS [J. DiSibio, B. Gorham]

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2008.

TREASURER'S REPORT
APPROVED

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

Agreement with Frazer & Feldman as General and Labor Counsel

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen approves an agreement between the Board and Frazer & Feldman dated April 29, 2008 to retain the services of Frazer & Feldman as the District's general and labor counsel for the period from May 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008 at an annual fee of \$20,000 per year, pro-rated; and

AGREEMENT WITH FRAZER
& FELDMAN ATTORNEY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President of the Board be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

Capital Improvement – EXCEL Projects Bid Rejection

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Valley Stream UFSD #13 has solicited bids EXCEL Projects (James A. Dever Auditorium Seating Replacement & Outdoor Fitness Area Construction, Howell Road Instructional Space Conversion & Outdoor Fitness Area Construction, Wheeler Avenue Electrical Upgrade & Outdoor Fitness Area Construction, Willow Road Electrical & Outdoor Fitness Area Construction);

EXCEL PROJECTS BIDS
REJECTION

WHEREAS it has been determined, after consultation with the Architect and the Assistant Superintendent for Business, that the bid prices received for these contracts are significantly in excess of the amount originally budgeted for that contract;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, in the best interests of the district, the Board hereby rejects all bids received for the above contracts.

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [B. Gorham, J. Greco Jacobs]

No report this month

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President D. Evans]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 3/10, 3/11, 3/13, 3/18H, 3/18Wh, 3/18Wi, 3/18Wi, 3/18DDI, 3/31, 4/7, and 4/11/08.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Review

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Review dated 4/10/08.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Capital Project Bid Recommendation

To award the following capital projects to the lowest responsible bidders from the sealed bid held on April 1, 2008:

CAPITAL PROJECT BIDS
AWARDED

Parking Lot Reconstruction at the Howell Road School
SED # 280213-02-0-002-014
Contractor: A. Uliano & Son, Ltd, of Miller Place, NY
Amount: \$ 518,882

Floor Tile Removal and Replacement
SED # 280213-02-0-002-014
Contractor: Branch Construction Co. of Holbrook, NY
Amount: \$ 14,800

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

License Agreement for the SCOPE Before & After School Program

LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR

To approve the License Agreement between Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and SCOPE Education Services for the Before and After School Child Care Program for the 2008-2009 school year.

SCOPE BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL PROGRAM

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

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on the Wicks Law Amendment. Under the Wicks Law, when construction contracts exceed \$50,000, school districts had to bid out separate contracts for plumbing, heating and cooling, and electrical work. It was intended to protect subcontractors from bidding fraud, however, the lack of coordination among separate onsite contractors actually delays construction and increases costs. On April 9, 2008, State Legislature increased the project size for which separate contracts are required to \$1.5 million in Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties. This change is designed to help reduce property taxes by lowering local construction costs. A new section was added pertaining to subcontractors. Whenever separate contracts are not required, each bidder must submit with its bid a separate sealed list that names each subcontractor that the bidder will use and the agreed-upon amount to be paid to each. Once the lowest bidder is announced, any change of the subcontractor or the agreed-upon payment will require approval by the school district and a showing of a legitimate construction need for the change. These changes will become effective on July 1, 2008.

Old Business

Trustee Chiachiere congratulated Matthew Manza, a first grade student in Lois Waxman’s class at Wheeler Avenue School. Matthew was the winner of the Nassau County PTA Reflections, and his entry was sent to New York State for judging on the State level.

President Stris advised that on April 23rd he was present for the sealing of the Time Capsule with Michael Palotta, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and Steven Ciervo, Maintainer.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Denise Michels
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District Clerk