

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, June 18, 2013.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Superintendent Robb-Fund
Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Coordinator of Curric. & Assessment Schozer
School District Attorney Perna
Principal Capozzoli
Principal Gruen
Principal Huplosky
Principal Steele
District Clerk Michels

Approximately 75 Visitors

Convening

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

CONVENING

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss legal issues and the employment history of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. The Superintendent was invited to attend; the Assistant Superintendents and attorney were invited to attend at approximately 7:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 p.m. by President Greco Jacobs.

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 May 21, May 28, and June 10, 2013 meetings.

MINUTES OF 5/21, 5/28 & 6/10/13
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

Frazer & Feldman

- Health Care Reform Part V & Part VI

CORRESPONDENCE

Guercio & Guercio

- Affordable Care Act Guidance Follow-up

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

June has been filled with ceremonies that mark the end of the school year. The state testing ended on June 3 with the grade four science tests. The NWEA results will be sent home with the students, and the results of the state assessments are due in August and will be mailed home. Students will bring home summer reading and summer math calendars, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Schozer, Coordinator of Curriculum and Assessment, the librarians, and the reading and math specialists. Summer Recreation will begin on July 1 at North High School, and the program will move to Howell Road School on July 8. Next week faculty and staff will participate in two days of professional development related to the Common Core Learning Standards.

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Mary Esposito as a Noon Hour Aide at James A. Dever School effective June 19, 2013.

M. ESPOSITO RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Resignation of a Bus Monitor

To accept the resignation of Maria M. Grasso as a Bus Monitor effective June 30, 2013.

M. GRASSO RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Phyllis Montante, Classroom Aide at James A. Dever School, effective June 17, 2013.

P. MONTANTE RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, S. Douglas]

Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Sells-Asch gave a PowerPoint presentation showing photos of the participants, their buddies, and the staff members who were involved in the Nassau County Empire State Victory Games. Students and their buddies received certificates of recognition. Trustee Chiachiere commented that the students learned more that day than what can be measured by a test. He thanked the students, their buddies, staff members, and chaperones.

The following retirees were recognized for their years of service to the district:
Paula Groothuis, Speech Teacher - Willow Road School
Antoinette Pomerantz, Classroom Teacher - Howell Road School

At 8:45 there was a 10-minute recess.

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Jennifer Navarra, Classroom Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2013.

J. NAVARRA GRANTED TENURE

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

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Jillian Mendes, Classroom Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective October 20, 2013.

J. MENDES GRANTED TENURE

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

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Megan Ross, Classroom Teacher assigned to James A. Dever School, be granted tenure effective October 25, 2013.

M. ROSS GRANTED TENURE

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

Tenure Recommendation – Teaching Assistant

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, the Superintendent recommends Jason Ambadjes, Teaching Assistant assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2013.

J. AMBADJES GRANTED
TENURE

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

Resignation of a Reading Teacher

To accept the resignation of Elena Bagge, Reading Teacher at Willow Road School effective June 30, 2013.

E. BAGGE RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Employment of a Replacement Teacher

To employ Pamela Crepeau as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 on Step 1 MA (\$66,258), in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment, and unless sooner terminated.

P. CREPEAU EMPLOYED AS A
REPLACEMENT CLASSROOM
TEACHER

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Supervisor

To employ Paul Lotz as the Noon Hour Supervisor, assigned to Willow Road School, effective September 1, 2013 through June 26, 2014 and unless sooner terminated, at \$40 per hour, 2.5 hours per day.

P. LOTZ EMPLOYED AS A NH
SUPERVISOR

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

Summer Special Education Program – Change in Dates

To approve the date change for the Summer Special Education Program from July 1 through August 9, 2013 to July 8 through August 16, 2013.

DATE CHANGES FOR SUMMER SE PROGRAM

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

Summer Employment Special Education Program

To approve an additional week for Meghan McGrath, the Nurse employed to work the Summer Special Education Program, effective July 1 through August 16, 2013 for 5 hours per day for 8 weeks.

ADDITIONAL WEEK FOR M. MCGRATH - SUMMER NURSE

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

Summer Employment Special Education Program Staff

To employ the following for Summer Employment: Special Education Program Staff effective July 8 through August 16, 2013, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM, unless otherwise stated, at their hourly rate of pay:

SUMMER SE PROGRAM EMPLOYMENTS

- Amie Anci – OT not to exceed 6 hours per week
- Shoshana Bazini – PT not to exceed 5 hours per week

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

Employment of Teachers for Summer Curriculum Work

To employ the following teachers for summer curriculum work in ELA/Math/RtI at \$50 per hour, five hours per day effective June 26-July 12, 2013 as listed:

EMPLOYMENTS FOR SUMMER CURRICULUM WORK

Mary Catherine Culella-Sun	Math	1 day
Andrea DiMango	Math	3 days
Cindy Gervasi	ELA	2 days
Valerie Giannoulis	ELA	3 days
Louise Marchesi	RtI	1 day
Vicky Mitchell	ELA	2 days
Jennifer Navarra	ELA/Math	3 days
Debbie O'Connor	ELA	2 days
Donna Rezek	ELA/Math	3 days
Lauren Sposito	Math	3 days
Danielle VanBlerck	Math	2 days
Eileen Wallace	ELA	2 days

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

Agreement With St. Joseph’s College

To accept the renewal agreement for the 2013-2014 school year between St. Joseph’s College and the Valley Stream FUSD Thirteen Board of Education to place registered nursing students in our schools.

AGREEMENT WITH ST. JOSEPH’S COLLEGE ACCEPTED

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2012-2013 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST UPDATED AND APPROVED

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

Employment of Teachers for Summer Curriculum Work

To employ the following teachers for summer curriculum work in Math/Science at \$50 per hour, five hours per day effective June 26-July 12, 2013 as listed:

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENTS FOR SUMMER CURRICULM WORK

Paula Shulman	Math	1 day
Nancy Sferrazza	Science	3 days

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [J. Gartner, J. DiSibio]

Treasurer’s Report

No report this month.

VSTA-RN Promotion to Step 5

To approve the promotion to Step 5 for Michelle Vitalo, Registered Nurse assigned to Willow Road School effective September 1, 2013, in accordance with the VSTA-RN Contract.

M. VITALO APPROVED FOR STEP 5

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

Textbook Distribution Services

To approve the Agreement with Textbook Central for Centralized Textbook Distribution Services for the 2013-2014 school year for students attending non-public schools.

TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION
2013-2014

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

Health and Welfare Contract

To approve the Health and Welfare Contract between Mineola Union Free School District and Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen for the 2012-2013 school year for a total of \$1,280.

HEALTH & WELFARE WITH
MINEOLA UFSD APPROVED

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

Approval of 403(b) Plan Administrator Service Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen hereby approves and authorizes the execution of the Services Agreement Reinstatement with the Omni Group for the continuation of services as third party plan administrator for the District's 403(b) plan under the Preferred Provider Program for the 2013-14 school year; and

APPROVAL OF 403(b) PLAN
ADMINISTRATOR SERVICE
AGREEMENT

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

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

Inter-Municipal Agreement with Valley Stream Central High School District

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a municipal agreement with the Valley Stream Central High School District to utilize certain North High School facilities Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM from June 26 through July 5, 2013 for a summer program. Consistent with this approval, the Board authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement.

INTER-MUNICIPAL
AGREEMENT W/VSCHSD
USE OF NORTH HS - SUMMER
PROGRAM

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

Employment of Summer Custodians

To employ Steven Aleksis and Jeffery Williams as summer custodians at an hourly rate of \$8.25 for the 2013 Summer; and pending fingerprint clearance employ Steven McKinley and Christopher Lopez as summer custodians.

SUMMER CUSTODIAL
EMPLOYMENTS

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

Summer Recreation Employments

To employ the following for the Summer Recreation Program effective June 26, 2013 through August 2, 2013:

SUMMER RECREATION
EMPLOYMENTS

Junior Counselor (JC1) - \$635

Michael Antinucci	Ryan Bipath	Nicole Borman
Christina Cinnamo	Breanne Casucci	Tara Franco
Justin Uslander		

Junior Counselor (JC2) - \$695

Anthony DiClemente	Jonnell Burke	Joseph Abruzzino
Pio Bonfitto	Samantha Logreira	Andrew Sutton
Raishme Singh		

Counselor (NC1) - \$785

Lauren Asselta	Nicholas Logreira	Kristen Lynch
Gabriella Terzulli	Cassandra Long	

Counselor (NC2) - \$845

Michael Trager	Vincent DiSibio	Shawn Williams
Alexa Pattek	Franca Zinnanti	Caroline Barilla
Andrew Arata		

Counselor (NC5+) - \$1005

Maribeth Cacchioli	Kerri Collura	Christopher Snagg
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Certified Counselor (CC1) - \$1010

Chelsea Halpern	Valerie D'Annunzio	Gina Apice
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Certified Counselor (CC2) - \$1085

Heather Fischetti	Diana Paternostro	
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Certified Counselor (CC5+) - \$1260

Kristan Lioti Elizabeth Cali

Cluster Counselor (CL1) - \$2000

Kathleen Carey-Nuzzi April Hobart Danielle Paladino
Melissa Levison

Building Director (BD5+) - \$3780

Marc Gold
Anthony Turco

Secretary - \$1950

Joseph Consolazio (\$1,165)
Elaine Bringas (\$785)

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

Access to District Property by Franklin Hospital

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen hereby approves a Hold Harmless Agreement between the District and Franklin Hospital with respect to access to District property for the delivery of certain construction materials and/or equipment to the Hospital; and

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT
APPROVED WITH FRANKLIN
HOSPITAL

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said Agreement on behalf of the District.

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, D. Evans]

Policy for 1st Reading

6150 Budget Transfers

POLICY FOR 1ST READING

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice-President S. Douglas]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 5/13, 5/15, 5/16, 5/22D, 5/22Wi, 5/23BR, 5/23BRSite5, 5/28, and 5/29/13.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Review

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Review dated 6/7/13.

CPSE REVIEW ADOPTED

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

Special Services Contract

To approve a Special Education Services Contract between Rockville Centre Union Free School District and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for the 2012-2013 school year.

SPECIAL SERVICES CONTRACT
W/ROCKVILLE CENTRE UFSD
APPROVED

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

Service Provider Agreement – Joanne Paoli

To approve the Service Provider Agreement between Joanne Paoli and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for the 2013-2014 school year at \$83.33 per hour, not to exceed eight (8) hours per week.

SERVICE PROVIDER
AGREEMENT APPROVED W/
J. PAOLI FOR 2013-2014

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

Amendment to the Superintendent’s Contract

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 13 agrees to amend the employment agreement dated April 27, 2011 between the Board and Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund, on the terms specified in the agreement dated June 18, 2013; and

ADDENDUM TO THE SUPT.
CONTRACT WAS APPROVED

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

Moved by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Douglas. The Clerk was asked to poll the Board:

Trustee Stris	Abstained*	Trustee Gartner	Yes
Trustee Chiachiere	Yes	Trustee Douglas	Yes
Trustee Evans	Yes	Trustee Jacobs	Yes
Trustee DiSibio	Yes		

The vote was 6-1 in favor, the motion carried.

*Trustee Stris submitted the following statement in accordance with Board Policy:
“One of the most important decisions a trustee can make is to employ and/or extend a superintendent’s contract. I abstain from the vote for the following reasons:

- I do not understand the rush to push this addendum through at this time;
- It should have been posted in advance on the public agenda;
- The board should see the superintendent’s evaluation of top administration before this vote; and
- A frank discussion by the board on the evaluation of the superintendent should precede any contract extension.

The Superintendent is a “work in progress” who I believe will make an excellent superintendent in time.”

High School Board Report
Joseph DiSibio

On June 11, the High School Board held its last Board meeting. The focus of this meeting was to recognize student achievement in the arts and athletics. Over 150 students received state and county recognition for their efforts from the Future Business Leaders of America, the Olympics of Visual Arts, the Photographic Federation of LI, NYSATA, and LIATA. PTSA Presidents and Parent Club Leaders were recognized for their roles in the community. The District honored five staff members who retired and thanked them for their many years of service to students. The 2014 budget approved by the community was formally approved by the Board.

Report of the Attorney

Michael Perna submitted the following report:

Conklin v. Saugerties Central School District

The court held that the school district was not liable for negligent supervision because it could not have reasonably anticipated an attack upon Student “A” by Student “B.” In this case, the Student “A” parent had informed school officials that he saw comments on his daughter’s MySpace page (an internet social networking site) alleging that Student “B” wanted to fight his daughter. The school’s social worker sought out each student individually, and then conducted a mediation session with the two girls together. Both students were calm during mediation and denied any intent to engage in a physical altercation. The social worker spoke separately with Student “B” and brought her to the school’s resource officer and the Assistant Principal to warn her of the legal and disciplinary consequences of fighting. The court found that the district “reasonably responded to the rumor of a threat, determined that it was unfounded and could not have anticipated that [Student “B”] would attack [Student “A”].”

New Business

Vice President Douglas thanked outgoing President Greco Jacobs for her service to the Board during the 2012-2013 school year. President Greco Jacobs thanked the Board for their continued support.

President Greco Jacobs thanked outgoing Trustee Gartner for her dedication to the District. Her term expires on June 30.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:35 p.m. a motion for an Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously, to discuss legal issues and the employment history of a particular person. The Superintendent and Attorney were invited to attend.

*At 10:55 p.m. the Superintendent and the Attorney left the meeting.

Reconvening

RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 11:00 p.m. by President Greco Jacobs.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously.

Denise Michels

Denise Michels
District Clerk