

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 21, 2011.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

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 75 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:15 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 DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously. The Superintendent was invited to attend. At 7:35, Attorney Frazer arrived.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:03 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 May 24, 2011 meeting.

MINUTES OF 5/24/11
MEETING APPROVED

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

Correspondence

Memo received from Frazer & Feldman:

- Recent Federal Court Decision

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

This being her final Board Meeting, Dr. Lison reported another successful year in Valley Stream #13 and she thanked President Chiachiere for his leadership and service to the community. Once again, District 13 students excelled in academics and in music, art and physical education. On June 3rd District 13 students participated in the Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged and those students and their buddies will be honored this evening.

Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, Lisa Sells-Asch, introduced the students and their buddies who participated in this event and they were issued certificates and medals. President Chiachiere thanked everyone involved in this special event for their commitment to the students in our district. Physical Education Teacher, Carrie Lundgren, presented Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, Lisa Sells-Asch, with flowers and thanked her for organizing this event.

Dr. Lison recognized the following retirees:

JAD	Patricia Ayres
	Claudia Santucci
	Josephine Wisnewski (unable to attend)
WAS/WRS	Karen Skolnick
WRS	Diane Byrnes

President Chiachiere made the following statement recognizing Dr. Lison's retirement:

"Dr. Lison has presided over an unprecedented period of challenges. In the face of massive intervention in our public schools by both federal and state governments starting with an underfunded No Child Left Behind and culminating with the perfect storm of tax and salary caps and the new APPR. Liz has steered this ship through riled waters into a bay of tranquility. Her legacy to the district will long be remembered and respected. We all wish her smooth sailing as she navigates her new destiny."

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [J. Gartner, S. Douglas]

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Danielle VanBlerck, Classroom Teacher, assigned to Howell Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2011.

D. VANBLERCK GRANTED
TENURE

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

Tenure Recommendation – Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

The Superintendent recommends Lisa Sells-Asch, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, be granted tenure effective July 1, 2011.

L. SELLS-ASCH GRANTED
TENURE

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

Memorandum of Agreement VSTA/Board of Education

To approve the Memorandum of Agreement between VSTA and Valley Stream UFSD Board of Education for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014 and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement.

VSTA/BOARD MEMORANDUM
OF AGREEMENT APPROVED

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

At 8:50 p.m. President Chiachiere called for a 15-minute recess so the students could leave the meeting. He asked all in attendance to stop at the table set up for Educational Foundation fundraising.

The meeting resumed at 9:10 p.m.

Salary Gate Promotion

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the following gate promotions according to the Board/VSTA contract in effect as of September 2011:

SALARY GATE PROMOTIONS

Step 9 - Step 10

Deborah Campbell-DiBona	Howell
Ann Maria Ciociano	Wheeler
Lisa Gimbel	Willow
Julianne Mashkow	Howell
Kimberly Spinner	Dever

Step 14 - Step 15

Teresa Bolz	Wheeler
Rena Diasio	Wheeler
Mairead Dorry	Willow
Nancy Faccio	Howell
Roxanne MacDonald	Dever
Denise Phillips	Dever
Rae Risolo	Dever
Richard Rosenfeld	District

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

Credit for Advanced Study

To approve the credit for advanced study as listed in accordance with the VSTA/Board Agreement effective September 1, 2011:

CREDIT FOR ADVANCED
STUDY APPROVED

Name	From	To
Jennifer Ferreira	MA+30	MA+45
Maura Lachance	MA+15	MA+30
Josette Noto	MA+45	MA+60

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

District Coordinator of Music

To appoint Michael Soscia as the District Coordinator of Music for the 2011 – 2012 school year at an annual stipend of \$6000.

M. SOSCIA APPOINTED
DISTRICT COORDINATOR
OF MUSIC

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

District Nurse Coordinator

To appoint Carol Ignaciuk as the Nurse Coordinator effective July 1, 2011 at an annual stipend of \$500.

C. IGNACIUK APPOINTED
NURSE COORDINATOR

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

Employment of a Replacement Music Teacher

To employ Yan (Jessica) Zhu as the Replacement Music Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 MA (\$64,632) effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 and unless sooner terminated in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

Y. ZHU EMPLOYED MUSIC REPLACEMENT TEACHER

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

Summer Employment: Special Education Program Teachers and Staff

Summer Employment: Special Education Program Teachers and Staff effective July 5 through August 12, 2011, at their hourly rate of pay:

SUMMER SPECIAL ED TEACHERS AND STAFF

Special Education Teachers (not to exceed 15 hours per week)

Melissa Bianculli Greer Molinaro
Mary Catherine Culella-Sun Lisa Gimbel (not to exceed 9 hours per week)

Teacher Aides (3 hours per day)

Ann Lochan Pat Parla Debora McDougall
Lorraine Grosso Marie Dancona Janet Hamilton
Josephine Silverstein Sandy Gagstetter

Teaching Assistant (3 hours per day)

Debbie McNally

Psychologist (not to exceed 4 hours per week)

Mindy Berlin-Dickman

Speech Teachers

Christie Taveira (not to exceed 6 hours per week)
Maura Lachance (not to exceed 16 hours per week)

Nurses (8:30 – 11:30)

Carol Ignaciuk 7/5/11 – 7/20/11
Connie Pearce 7/21/11 – 8/12/11

Occupational Therapists

Sherley Fils-Amie (not to exceed 4 hours per week)
Amie Anci (not to exceed 7 hours per week)

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

Summer Employment: ESL Program Teachers

Summer Employment: ESL Program Teachers effective July 11 through July 29, 2011 at their hourly rate of pay, 3 hours per day:

SUMMER ESL TEACHERS

Terry Sales
Lucia Kemnitzer

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

Summer Employment: ESL Parent Program Teacher

To employ Edelma Yashmira Devine, Social Worker, for nine (9) hours per week at her hourly rate of pay, effective July 11 through July 29, 2011.

SUMMER ESL PARENT PROGRAM TEACHER
E. DEVINE

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 Evans and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS [J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31, 2011.

TREASURER'S REPORT
ACCEPTED

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

Employment of Summer Custodial

To employ the following as Summer Custodial at an hourly rate of \$8.25 effective June 27 through August 26, 2011:

SUMMER CUSTODIANS
EMPLOYED

Alexander Arata Kevin Kenny (eff. 6/13/11) Thomas Sison
Matthew Danielle Matthew Nosowitz Jeffrey Williams
Steven Aleksis

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

Summer Employment: Recreation Program

SUMMER RECREATION
EMPLOYMENTS

To employ the following for the Summer Recreation Program effective July 1, 2011 through August 5, 2011:

Junior Counselor (JC1) - \$635

Melanie Evangelista Zach Bugge

Junior Counselor (JC2) - \$695

Samueal Catalano Thomas DeMartini Nicholas Logreira
Gabriella Terzulli Nissah Vilceus Kristen Lynch
Andrew Arata Caroline Barilla

Junior Counselor (JC4) - \$755

Ryan Kenny Matthew DeMartini Shawn Williams
Michael Trager Vincent DiSibio

Counselor (NC2) - \$845

Daniel Barbuto Chelsea Halpern

Counselor (NC3) - \$905

Jacob Halpern Kerri Collura Jackie Mammes

Counselor (NC4) - \$905

Ryan Boyle Evan Duke Heather Duke
Evelyn Jimenez Christopher Snagg Sarah Greer

Counselor (NC5+) - \$1005

Maribeth Cacchioli

Certified Counselor (CC1) - \$1010

Christopher Karas

Certified Counselor (CC2) - \$1085

Kristina Cicio

Certified Counselor (CC3+) - \$1160

Elizabeth Kowalski Geri Streigold Stefanie Cacchioli

Certified Counselor (CC5+) - \$1260

Phillip Testa Danielle Paladino

Cluster Counselor (CL1) - \$2000

Kathleen Carey-Nuzzi April Hobart Alesandra Long
Melissa Levison

Building Director (BD5+) - \$3780

Marc Gold
Anthony Turco

Secretary - \$1950

Joseph Consolazio

Moved by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Stris. Trustee DiSibio abstained from the vote and the District Clerk polled the board as follows:

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

The vote is 6 yes, 1 abstained and the motion carried.

Transportation Contract

To approve a Transportation Cross Contract between Valley Stream Central HSD and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for a UCP student effective April 28, 2011 at a cost of \$2,330.82 per pupil per month.

TRANSPORTATION
CROSS CONTRACT

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

Transportation Contract

To approve a Transportation Contract between WE Transport and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen effective May 2, 2011 at a cost of \$2,863.48 per student per month.

TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT WE TRANSPORT

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

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

Policy for 1st Reading

Policy #4526 Computer Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy

POLICY 4526 1ST READING

Policy for 2nd Reading and Adoption

To adopt the following policy:

POLICY 2111.1 ADOPTED

Policy #2111.1 Board Member School Visits

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President J. Gartner]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 4/29, 5/3, 5/4, 5/5, 5/12Wi, 5/12D, 5/17, 5/18, 5/19, 5/23H, 5/23Wi, 5/24, 5/25Wi, 5/25Wh, 5/26Wi, 5/26Wi, 5/26D, 5/26D, 6/2, 6/7, 6/8, and 6/9/11.

CSE REVIEWS APPROVED

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 dated 5/9, 5/24, and 5/25/11.

CPSE REVIEWS APPROVED

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

Impartial Hearing Officer

To remove Eric Nachman from the Impartial Hearing Office Rotational List.

REMOVE E. NACHMAN FROM IHO LIST

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

Agreement - St. Joseph's College

To approve the Agreement between St. Joseph's College and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for student nurses for the 2011-2012 school year.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE AGREEMENT APPROVED FOR STUDENT NURSES

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

Contract – SYNTAX

To approve the Contract between SYNTAX and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for the 2011-2012 school year at an annual cost of \$19,250 (includes \$4,500 for website maintenance/hosting).

SYNTAX CONTRACT APPROVED

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

New Business

President Chiachiere congratulated Trustee DiSibio's daughter who was honored by the Morton Civic Association for her award winning essay.

**Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer**

Attorney Frazer reported on a case whereby a writer whose father lost his New York City teaching job after he was accused of communist sympathies was denied unrestricted access to Board of Education records detailing over 1,100 loyalty investigations conducted from 1930-1960. The Appellate Division upheld the city's decision that the writer could see the records only on the condition that she not disclose names from the files. Since the writer wants to write a book documenting the investigations and their lasting effects, she sought access to the documents under the Freedom of Information Law. The Manhattan Supreme Court upheld the trial court's conclusion that "the privacy interests of the surviving subjects of the investigation and their relatives outweigh petitioner's interest in being able to publish the names of teachers contained in the records at issue."

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels

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District Clerk