

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 22, 2010.

| <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 Gartner              |                             | Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth       |
| Trustee Greco Jacobs         |                             | Asst. Supt. for 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                  |
|                              |                             | Approximately 100 Visitors                  |

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

CONVENING

Quorum  
Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session  
An Executive Session was held immediately for personnel of a particular person and negotiations on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and the attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening  
The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 by President DiSibio.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum  
Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes  
To approve the minutes of the May 25 and June 15, 2010 meetings.

MINUTES OF 5/25, 6/15/10  
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence  
Acknowledgement Cards received from Darren Gruen and Dr. Marc Bernstein for sympathy cards sent.

CORRESPONDENCE

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**  
Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent Lison gave the following report: This meeting marks the end of another successful school year in District Thirteen. Superintendent Lison thanked President DiSibio for his excellent leadership and his service to our community. Students continue to excel in academic areas, music, art and physical education. For the first time our students participated and excelled at the Empire State Games. She commended Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, Lisa Sells-Asch and her team for the detailed planning and preparation involved with participation in these games. L. Sells-Asch presented a slide show of the games and presented the students with medals.

Dr. Lison recognized the retirees:  
JAD: Nora Martello  
Cecelia Smith  
HRS: Nada Tannen  
WAS: Linda Balaban  
WRS: Frances Achtziger  
Lorraine Howard

**Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION** [F. Chiachiere, J. Gartner]

Tenure Recommendation – Physical Education Teacher

L. ASARO GRANTED TENURE

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Lisa Asaro, Physical Education Teacher, assigned to Howell Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

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

Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher

M CULELLA-SUN GRANTED TENURE

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Mary Catherine Culella-Sun, Special Education Teacher, assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

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

Tenure Recommendation – Speech Teacher

M. LACHANCE GRANTED TENURE

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Maura Lachance, Speech Teacher, assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

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

Tenure Recommendation – Music Teacher

J. DEJOSE GRANTED TENURE

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Johanna DeJose, Music Teacher, assigned to James A. Dever School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

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

Tenure Recommendation – Music Teacher

G. GUIDONE GRANTED TENURE

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Glenn Guidone, Music Teacher, assigned to James A. Dever School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

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

Informational: Recognition of Neil Sklar

Salary Gates

SALARY GATE ADVANCEMENT

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the Gate increases according to the Board/VSTA contract. All gates are effective September 1, 2010 unless otherwise noted.

Step 9 - Step 10

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Elizabeth Abballe | effective 10/16/10 |
| Nanci Brochhagen  | effective 10/16/10 |
| Glenn Guidone     |                    |
| Jennifer Leest    | effective 10/16/10 |
| Matthew Stashin   |                    |

Step 14 - Step 15

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Peggy Aronowitz     |                    |
| Carole Anne Gravert |                    |
| Debra O'Connor      |                    |
| Lou Panacciulli     |                    |
| Cynthia Richards    |                    |
| Laurie Salvatore    | effective 10/16/10 |

Step 19 – Step 20

Jackie Rocholl

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

Salary Increments

SALARY INCREMENTS

To approve the salary increments as listed effective September 1, 2010 unless otherwise noted:

| Name             | From | To     |
|------------------|------|--------|
| Donna Quartuccio | 4MA  | 5MA+15 |
| Johanna DeJose   | 4BA  | 5MA    |

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

Employment of a Classroom Teacher (Mathematics)

To employ Lauren Sposito as a Classroom Teacher (Mathematics) at Willow Road School effective April 28, 2010 on Step 1MA (\$64,632) on 2 years, 2 months probation, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

L SPOSITO EMPLOYED AS A CLASSROOM TEACHER (MATH)

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

Employment of a Classroom Teacher (Mathematics)

To employ Jenelle Spatarella as a Classroom Teacher (Mathematics) at James A. Dever School effective September 1, 2010 on Step 2BA (\$57,682) on 3 years probation, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

J. SPATARELLA EMPLOYED AS A CLASSROOM TEACHER (MATH)

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

Employment of a Speech Teacher

To employ Christy Taveira as a Speech Teacher assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 1, 2010 on Step 1 MA (\$64,632) 3 years probation, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

C. TAVEIRA EMPLOYED AS A SPEECH TEACHER

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

Employment of a Librarian

To employ Adrienne Hennawi as a Librarian assigned to Howell Road School effective September 1, 2010 on Step 5 MA (\$75,166) 2 years probation, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

A. HENNAWI EMPLOYED AS A LIBRARIAN

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

Employment of a Classroom Teacher

To employ Jennifer Ferreira as a Classroom Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School effective September 1, 2010 on Step 4 MA (\$72,214) on 2 years probation, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

J. FERREIRO EMPLOYED AS A CLASSROOM TEACHER

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

Employment of a Replacement Speech Teacher

To employ Lindsay Basso as a Replacement Speech Teacher at Willow Road School effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 MA (\$64,632).

L. BASSO EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT SPEECH TEACHER

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

Employment of a Replacement Music Teacher

To employ Kristan Lotito as a Replacement Music Teacher at Willow Road School effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1BA (\$55,574).

K. LOTITO EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT MUSIC TEACHER

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

Employment of a Teaching Assistant

To employ Jason Ambadjes as a Teaching Assistant at Willow Road School effective September 1, 2010 at an annual salary of \$26,127 on 3 years probation, and in accordance with the Board/TA contract in effect at the time of employment.

J. AMBADJES EMPLOYED AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT

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

Employment of Teachers and Staff for Summer Special Education Program

Employment of Teachers and Staff for Summer Special Education Program July 1 through August 11, 2010, at their hourly rate of pay, and not to exceed 15 hours per week unless indicated as listed below:

SUMMER SPEC. ED. PROGRAM EMPLOYMENTS

**Special Education Teachers**

Alyssa Ventura                      Melissa Bianculli                      Greer Molinaro  
 Lisa Gimbel (not to exceed 6 hrs/wk)

**Speech Teacher**

Maura Lachance (not to exceed 17 hrs/wk)

**Physical Therapist**

Shoshana Bazini (not to exceed 7 hrs/wk)

**Occupational Therapist**

Amie Anci (not to exceed 10 hrs/wk)

**Psychologist**

Mindy Berlin-Dickman (not to exceed 4 hrs/wk)

**Teaching Assistant**

Deborah McNally

**Teacher Aides**

Grace Averaimo

Janet Hamilton

Ann Lochan

Peggy Tosca

Sandy Gagstetter

Lorraine Grasso

**Nurses (8:30 AM – 11:30 AM)**

Carol Ignaciuk 7/1/10-7/16/10

Connie Pearce 7/19-8/11/10 (Substitute @ \$110 per day)

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

Employment of ESL Teachers for Summer Program

SUMMER ESL EMPLOYMENTS

Employment of ESL Teachers for Summer ESL Program effective July 6 through July 23, 2010 at their hourly rate of pay, and not to exceed 15 hours per week as listed below:

Terry Sales

Gloria Johanna Medina Bowers on Step 1MA (\$53.86 per hour)

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

Substitute Teacher List

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2009 –2010 school year.

UPDATED

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

At 9:20 p.m. President DiSibio called a 15-minute recess.

At 9:37 p.m. President DiSibio reconvened the meeting.

Vice President Chiachiere acknowledged President Joseph DiSibio for his outstanding role as President of the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen during the 2009-2010 school year and presented him with a plaque. Dr. Chiachiere thanked President DiSibio on behalf of the Board.

**BUSINESS** [J. Greco Jacobs, D. Evans]

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31, 2010.

APPROVED

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

Employment of Summer Custodial

EMPLOYMENT SUMMER CUSTODIANS

To employ the following as Summer Custodial at an hourly rate of \$8.25:

Kevin Kenny

Jonathan Ramsammy

Thomas Sison

Matthew Daniele

Matthew Stirrat

Jeffrey Williams

John Kenny

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

Summer Employment: Recreation Program

SUMMER REC EMPLOYMENT

To employ the following for the Summer Recreation Program from June 30, 2010 through August 4, 2010:

**Junior Counselor (JC1) - \$635**

Samuel Catalano

Thomas DeMartini

Kenny Gerasimovich

Gabriella Terzulli

Nissah Vilceus

Kristen Lynch

Andrew Arata

Caroline Barilla

**Junior Counselor (JC3) - \$755**

Michael Lueckheide

Ryan Kenny

Matthew DeMartini

Shawn Williams

Andriana Gerasimovich

Michael Trager

Vincent DiSibio

Matthew Nicolea

**Counselor (NC1) - \$785**

Alexander Arata

Daniel Barbuto

Chelsea Halpern

**Counselor (NC2) - \$845**

Jacob Halpern

Kerri Collura

Jackie Mammes

**Counselor (NC3) - \$905**

Valerie D'Annunzio

Heather Duke

Christopher Snagg

Sarah Greer

Andrew Trager

Evelyn Jimenez

**Counselor (NC4) - \$905**

Ryan Boyle

Evan Duke

**Counselor (NC5+) - \$1005**

Maribeth Cacchioli

**Certified Counselor (CC1) - \$1010**

Kristina Cicio

**Certified Counselor (CC3+) - \$1160**

Elizabeth Kowalski

Geri Streigold

Stefanie Cacchioli

Joseph Consolazio

Christine Caruso

**Certified Counselor (CC5+) - \$1260**

Phillip Testa

Danielle Paladino

**Cluster Counselor (CL1) - \$2000**

Kathleen Carey-Nuzzi April Hobart

Melissa Levison

Alessandra Long

**Building Director (BD5+) - \$3780**

Marc Gold

Anthony Turco

**Secretary - \$1950**

Fran Freeman

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

Capital Project Bid Recommendation

CAPITAL PROJECT BID AWARD

To award the following capital projects to the lowest responsible bidder from the sealed bids held on June 8, 2010:

Roof Replacement at Willow Road School  
SED #280213-02-0-004-012

Contractor: AMB Construction, Brooklyn, NY  
Amount: \$187,770

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris]**

No report this month.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

[Vice President F. Chiachiere]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 4/9, 4/13, 4/15, 4/22D, 4/22D, 4/23Wi, 4/23Wi, 4/29, 5/17, 5/18BOCES, 5/18H, 5/19, 5/20DDI, 5/20D, 5/21, 5/24, 5/25, 6/8, 6/9, 6/15/10.

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 4/21, 5/26, 5/27/10.

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

**Report of the Attorney**

Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer submitted the following report:

The second circuit upheld a jury's conclusion that the East Meadow UFSD violated ADA because architectural barriers on the school's athletic fields denied a student with cerebral palsy meaningful access. The student used crutches and a wheelchair, and the barriers forced him to take a 10-minute detour to and from the athletic fields. The 20-minutes detracted from his participation as manager of the football team, and cut his participation in PE class. Thus, districts must ensure that students with mobility impairments have meaningful access to educational programs, including extracurricular and athletic activities.

Executive Session

At 9:40 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously, for the purpose of personnel of a particular person. The Superintendent was invited to attend.

Reconvening

At 10:40 p.m. the meeting was reconvened by President DiSibio.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

*Denise Michels*

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District Clerk