

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 23, 2009.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere*		Superintendent Lison
Trustee DiSibio		Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Evans		Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Trustee Gartner		Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Greco Jacobs		School District Attorney Frazer
Trustee Speranza		District Clerk Michels
Trustee Stris		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 Stris.

CONVENING

Quorum  
Six 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 Speranza, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously. The Superintendent was in attendance and at 7:45 p.m. the attorney and Assistant Superintendents were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum  
Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes  
Resolution: To approve the minutes of the 5/26 and 6/19/09 meetings.

MINUTES OF 5/26 & 6/19  
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence  
Memorandum received from Frazer & Feldman – Open Meetings Law Update

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Superintendent Lison reported that this meeting marks the end of the 2008-2009 school year. Students continued to excel in academic areas, music, art, and physical education, and many participated in a wide range of after school sports and clubs. Superintendent Lison expressed her appreciation and gratitude, and that of the Board of Education, for the leadership William P. Stris provided as president for the past two years.

John Peppard, Regional Marketing Manager at NYSIR, presented a plaque to the district in appreciation of 20 years of service.

Over the past 13 years, the Valley Stream District Thirteen Educational Foundation, raised over \$52,000 through fundraising for various materials throughout the district. During the past two years, the Foundation has become active and they are recruiting members. Toni Pomeranz, Emilie Stris, Anne Marie DiSibio, Tina Castelluzzo, Patty Farrell, Michael Mastrocinque, and Elaine Catalonatti are the Officers for the 2009-2010 school year and Linda Roth is the District Liaison. Membership is \$5. President Stris thanked the members of the Foundation for their dedication and hard work.

President Stris and Superintendent Lison presented former Trustee Gorham with a plaque and thanked her for her years of service as a Trustee.

Principal, Stephanie Capozzoli, and the Willow Road School community were honored for being the recipient of the 2009 International Reading Association’s Exemplary Reading Program Award, the only school in New York State to receive this award for 2009. Superintendent Lison read from the *Congressional Record* an Extension of Remarks, honoring Willow Road School, of Carolyn McCarthy made to the House of Representatives on May 13, 2009.

Superintendent Lison honored retirees Sue Chiesa, Ellen Keller, and Aida Ricci. Aida was unable to attend.

Temporary Employment of a Clerk Typist TEMP. CLERK TYPIST  
To employ Maria Mirabile as a temporary Clerk Typist at Willow Road School effective June 16, 2009 through July 15, 2009 at \$25 per hour.

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide C. WIENER RESIGNED  
To accept the resignation of Christine Wiener, Noon Hour Aide at James A. Dever School, effective May 28, 2009.

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

Resignation of a Classroom Aide K. WOLOSIK RESIGNED  
To accept the resignation of Katarzyna Wolosik, Classroom Aide at Howell Road School, effective June 26, 2009.

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

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides D. NAGLER, J. KARALIS  
To add Deborah Nagler and Joan Karalis as a substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides. ADDED AS CRA/NHA SUBS

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

\*Trustee Chiachiere arrived at 8:40 p.m.

**EDUCATION (F. Chiachiere, T. Speranza)**

Tenure Recommendation – Gifted Education Teacher R. ROSENFELD GRANTED  
After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting TENURE  
classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends  
Richard Rosenfeld, Gifted Education Teacher, assigned to James A. Dever and Howell  
Road Schools, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2009.

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

Tenure Recommendation – Reading Teacher C. GERVASI GRANTED TENURE  
After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom  
lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Cindy Gervasi,  
Reading Teacher, assigned to Howell Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2009.

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

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher J. MASHKOW GRANTED  
After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting TENURE  
classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends  
Julianne Mashkow, Classroom Teacher, assigned to Howell Road School, be granted  
tenure effective September 1, 2009.

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

Tenure Recommendation – Music Teacher M. RODGERS GRANTED  
After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting TENURE  
classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends  
Michael Rodgers, Music Teacher, assigned to Howell Road School, be granted tenure  
effective September 1, 2009.

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

Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher M. DORSI-JOHNSON  
After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting GRANTED TENURE  
classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends  
Michelle Dorsi- Johnson, Special Education Teacher, assigned to Wheeler Avenue  
School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2009.

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

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher K. MUNDY GRANTED  
After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting TENURE  
classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends  
Kristen Mundy, Classroom Teacher, assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, be granted  
tenure effective September 1, 2009.

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

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher D. QUARTUCCIO GRANTED

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Donna Quartuccio, Classroom Teacher, assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2009.

TENURE

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

Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Melanie Van Eron, Special Education Teacher, assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective October 1, 2009.

M. VAN ERON GRANTED  
TENURE

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

Tenure Recommendation – Teaching Assistant

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting Classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Fran Rosato, Teaching Assistant, assigned to James A. Dever and Howell Road Schools, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2009.

F. ROSATO GRANTED  
TENURE

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

Trustee Chiachiere congratulated the newly tenured teachers and thanked them for their commitment to District Thirteen.

Salary Gates

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the gate increases according to the Board/VSTA contract effective September 1, 2007. All gates are effective September 1, 2009 unless otherwise noted.

SALARY GATES

**Step 9 - Step 10**

Corinne Cortes	Howell	effective October 1, 2009
Janet Hoffner	Willow	
Karen Jason	Dever	effective October 1, 2009
Ruth Palazzolo	Willow	
Susan Quartuccio	Willow	
Cathy Stirrat	Wheeler	
Elizabeth Ullrich	Howell	

**Step 14 - Step 15**

Linda Alesi	District
Sue Barone	Willow
Mimi Bass	Wheeler
Karen Gerner	Howell
Kristen Lees	Wheeler
Terry Sales	Howell
Erica Sheid	Wheeler

**Step 19 – Step 20**

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

Salary Increments

To approve the salary increments as listed effective September 1, 2009 unless otherwise noted:

SALARY INCREMENTS

Name	From	To
Corinne Cortes*	9MA+45	9MA+60 (AD 10/1/09)
Glenn Guidone	8BA	9BA+15
Annemarie Gunn *	5MA+15	5MA+30 (AD 11/1/09)
Ruth Palazzolo	9MA+45	10MA+60
Mary Frances Scott	8MA+15	9MA+30
Kim Spinner	7MA+15	8MA+30

*\*Teacher does not move up a step since (s)he has an anniversary date during the 2009-2010 school year*

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

Employment of a Social Worker

To employ Damaris Diaz as a Social Worker assigned to James A. Dever and Howell Road Schools, effective September 1, 2009 on Step 3MA (\$69,052) on three years probation, and unless sooner terminated, and in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract in effect on the date employment begins.

D. DIAZ EMPLOYED AS A  
SOCIAL WORKER

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

Employment of a Physical Education Teacher

To employ Janet Miller as a Physical Education Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, effective September 1, 2009 on Step 1MA (\$64,632) on three years probation, and unless sooner terminated, and in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract in effect on the date employment begins.

J. MILLER EMPLOYED AS A PE TEACHER

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

Employment of an ESL Teacher

To employ Lucia Posillico as an ESL Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, effective September 1, 2009 on Step 1MA (\$64,632) on three years probation, and unless sooner terminated, and in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract in effect on the date employment begins.

L. POSILICO EMPLOYED AS AN ESL TEACHER

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

Employment of a Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Shannon Kranz as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 2BA (\$57,682) and in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract in effect on the date employment begins.

S. KRANZ EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CLASSROOM TEACHER

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

Employment of a Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Zennea Hauser as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 2BA+15 (\$58,399) and in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract in effect on the date employment begins.

Z. HAUSER EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CLASSROOM TEACHER

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

Employment of a Replacement Speech Teacher

To employ Dorine Hetzel as a Replacement Speech Teacher assigned to Howell and Willow Road Schools, effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 3MA (\$69,052) and in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract in effect on the date employment begins.

D. HETZEL EMPLOYED AS REPLACEMENT SPEECH TEACHER

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

Employment of a Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Reina Hall as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to Howell Road School, effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 3MA (\$69,052) and in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract in effect on the date employment begins.

R. HALL EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CLASSROOM TEACHER

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

Employment of a Physical Therapist

To employ Shoshana Bazini as a 10-month Physical Therapist, four days per week at an annual salary of \$55,242 effective September 1, 2009 and unless sooner terminated.

S. BAZINI EMPLOYED AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST

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

Employment of Teachers for Summer ESL Program

Employment of Teachers for the Summer ESL Program July 13 through July 31, 2009, five days per week, three hours per day at their hourly rate of pay:

ESL SUMMER PROGRAM EMPLOYMENTS

Terry Sales

Lucia Posillico

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

Employment of Teachers and Staff for Summer Special Education Program

Employment of Teachers and Staff for the Summer Special Education Program effective July 1 through August 11, 2009, at their hourly rate of pay, as listed:

SP. ED. SUMMER PROGRAM EMPLOYMENTS

**Special Education Teachers:** (Not to exceed 15 hours per week)

Mary Catherine Culella-Sun

Melissa Bianculli

Lisa Gimbel – Not to exceed 5 hours per week

Maria Romeo

Melanie Van Eron

Alyssa Ventura

**Speech Teachers:**

Maura Lachance – Not to exceed 20 hours per week

Dorine Hetzel – Not to exceed 10 hours per week

**Psychologist:** (Not to exceed 10 hours per week)

Mindy Berlin-Dickman

**Occupational Therapist:** (Not to exceed 10 hours per week)

Amie Anci

**Nurses:**

Carol Ignaciuk - July 1 through July 17, 2009, 15 hours per week  
Connie Pearce - July 20 through August 11, 2009, 15 hours per week at \$110 per day

**Teaching Assistant:** (Not to exceed 15 hours per week)

Debbie McNally

**Classroom Aides:** (Not to exceed 15 hours per week)

Grace Averaimo	Marie Dancona	Bernadette D'Orazi	Virginia Fontane
Sandy Gagstetter	Lorraine Grasso	Janet Hamilton	Sima Latif
Irina Lebadeva	Ann Lochan	Phyllis Montante	Pat Parla
Mimi Pinello			

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

Appointment of a Psychologist for Evaluations during the Summer Special Education Program

PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR SUMMER PROGRAM

The following Psychologists may complete evaluations at a rate of \$400 per evaluation as listed below:

Mindy Berlin-Dickman	Not to exceed \$400
Gaston Weisz	Not to exceed \$1200
Sue Nissen	Not to exceed \$1200
Karen Jason	Not to exceed \$1200

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

Substitute Teacher List

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST UPDATED AND APPROVED

To approve the Substitute Teacher list for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

At 9:35 p.m. President Stris called for a 20-minute recess.

At 9:55 p.m. President Stris reconvened the meeting.

**BUSINESS** [J. DiSibio,]

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTED

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31, 2009.

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

Participation in a Purchasing Consortium

PURCHASING CONSORTIUM

To participate in a purchasing consortium with Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-four and Valley Stream UFSD Thirty for the purposes of occupational, physical and speech therapy services and other special education services as needed. Valley Stream UFSD Thirty will serve as the lead district in the preparation and coordination of the requests for proposal.

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

Transportation Consultant Contract

N. NUNZIATA APPROVED TRANSPORTATION CONSULT.

To award the Transportation Consultant Contract, in cooperation with the Nassau County Southwest Transportation Cooperative, to Nancy Nunziata for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.

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

Employment of Summer Custodians

SUMMER CUSTODIAN EMPLOYMENTS

To employ the following as summer custodians at an hour rate of \$8.25:

Daniel Conlon	Kevin Kenny	Daniel McHenry	
Matthew Stirrat	Kevin Williams	Jeffrey Williams	Jonathan Ramsammy

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

Summer Recreation Employments

SUMMER REC EMPLOYMENTS

To employ the following for the Summer Recreation Program from June 30, 2009 through August 4, 2009:

**Junior Counselor (JC2) - \$695**

Michael Lueckheide	Ryan Kenny	Matthew DeMartini
Danielle Parini	Anthony Orlich	Andriana Gerasimovich
Michael Trager	Vincent DiSibio	

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

Alexander Arata Daniel Barbuto Latoya Williams  
Thomas Sison Kerri Collura Chelsea Halpern

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

Jackie Mammes Jacob Halpern

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

Valerie D'Annunzio Heather Duke Ashley Godfrey  
Jennifer Chavanne Sarah Greer Christopher Snagg  
Andrew Trager Evelyn Jimenez

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

Ryan Boyle

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

Kristina Cicio

**Counselor (NC5+) - \$1,005**

James Casella Maribeth Cacchioli

**Certified Counselor (CC2) - \$1,085**

Elizabeth Kowalski Geri Streigold Stefanie Cacchioli

**Certified Counselor (CC3+) - \$1,160**

Joseph Consolazio Christine Caruso

**Certified Counselor (CC5+) - \$1,260**

Phillip Testa Melissa Levison Danielle Paladino

**Cluster Counselor (CL1) - \$2,000**

Kathleen Carey-Nuzzi April Hobart Allesandra Long

J. J. Weiner

**Building Director (BD5+) - \$3,780**

Marc Gold

Anthony Turco

**Secretary - \$1,950**

Fran Freeman

Moved as amended by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously.  
Trustee DiSibio abstained from this vote.

**POLICY COMMITTEE** [D. Evans, J. Greco Jacobs]

No report this month

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President J. DiSibio]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated  
4/20, 4/22, 4/27, 5/4, 5/6, 5/12, 5/13, 5/15, 5/18, 5/19, 5/20, 5/27, 6/1, 6/4.

Moved by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs 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  
3/27, 4/29, 4/29, 5/1, 5/28, 6/3.

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

**Report of the Attorney**

Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer advised she will submit a report to the District Clerk.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:00 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Gartner, and  
carried unanimously, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss the Evaluation  
of the Superintendent.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 10:45 p.m. by President Stris.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere, and carried unanimously,  
the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

*Denise Michels*

Denise Michels  
District Clerk