

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Board Room of the James A. Dever School on Tuesday, August 20, 2013.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee Douglas	Superintendent Robb-Fund
Trustee DiSibio		Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Evans		Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Greco Jacobs		Coordinator of Curric. & Assessment Schozer
Trustee Pomerantz		School District Attorney Frazer and Perna
Trustee Stris		District Clerk Michels

Approximately 5 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Evans.

CONVENING

Quorum

Six 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 Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendents, and the Attorneys were invited to attend. At 7:40 p.m. the Assistant Superintendents left Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:05 p.m. by Vice President Evans.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting and the amended Minutes of the July 8, 2013 meeting.

MINUTES OF 6/18 & 7/8/13  
MEETINGS APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. The July 8, 2013 Minutes will reflect a change in the resolution title for the Oath of Office to reflect "Re-elected and Newly Elected Board members."

Trustee Stris requested that the following items be added to the September Committee Meeting Agenda for discussion:

- Parent members of the Nutrition Committee
- BOCES Liaison – Advertising the position
- Televised Meetings
- HIV and Wellness Advisory Committees

Correspondence

CORRESPONDENCE

Frazer & Feldman

- DASA Regulation Updates
- Health Care Reform Part VII Delayed Implementation of Employer Mandate
- Uniform "Notice of Claim"
- Career Development & Occupational Studies Commencement Credential
- New PERB Decision Re: NYSHIP Buyouts
- Health Care Reform Part VIII ACA Exchange Notice

Guercio & Guercio

- APPR Update
- Affordable Care Act-Implementation Delay & Transition Relief
- Inquiries Re: Uniform Notice of Claim
- PERB Ruling – NYSHIP
- Disclosure of APPR Composite Scores & Score Ratings
- APPR Update & Submission Reminders
- APPR & Expedited 3020(a)

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**  
Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

Dr. Robb-Fund reported that the summer programs were housed at Howell Road School from July 9 through August 2. She thanked the Central High School District and the staff at North High School for housing the programs during the week of July 2. She thanked Denise DeMeo, Summer School Principal, and Lisa Sells Asch, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

Approved as Amended

for coordinating the changes. The asbestos abatement and removal of the boilers went smoothly. National Grid has been working in all four buildings installing gas lines since the new boilers will be dual fuel and gas. New controls, thermostats, weather stripping, and new lights will be installed in each room in each school. The boilers will be up and running before the heating season arrives. The parking lot at Wheeler was repaved and the handball court at Howell is ready for repaving. The security system has been updated. The state assessment scores mark a new starting point in the implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards for New York State. The administrators have been reviewing the scores and the parent reports are expected to be sent out from BOCES sometime in September. Superintendent's Conference Day is September 3 with the focus on the Common Core, the new curriculum maps, and Response to Intervention.

Resignation of a Media Aide

To accept the resignation of Kathleen Burns, Media Aide at Willow Road School, effective June 25, 2013.

K. BURNS RESIGNED AS A MEDIA AIDE

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Victoria Shencup as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$16,498) effective September 3, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

V. SHENCUP EMPLOYED AS A CLASSROOM AIDE

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

**Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION** [F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz]

Education Reports

Dr. Robb-Fund provided an overview of the results of the state assessments and the NWEA spring assessments. The Commissioner of Education has indicated that the results on this year's state assessments are a starting point, marking the beginning of the implementation of the new Common Core Learning Standards. He has stated in memos, and at a meeting held in the Half Hollow School District attended by the Administrative Council, that the scores should not be compared with the scores on previous years' assessments. The test was a completely different test, the scoring scales are different, and the items assessed are based on the new standards. Our scores are higher than the state-wide average and either slightly above, below, or at the average for our neighboring districts. We will continue to implement the Common Core Learning Standards and the newly released curriculum modules developed by the New York State Education Department. Our teachers will participate in training during Superintendent's Conference Days, faculty meetings, grade level meetings, point person meetings, and other professional development activities.

All of our students were assessed using the MAP assessments of the NWEA in the spring of 2013. We are at or above the mean in ELA and mathematics in every grade level except in first grade mathematics where we were 2 points below the mean RIT score of 179. At this time, the NWEA is the better indicator of our students' progress as it is a nationally normed test.

Resignation of a Special Education Teacher

To accept the resignation of Mary Catherine Culella-Sun as the Special Education Teacher at Willow Road School, effective August 9, 2013.

M. CULELLA-SUN RESIGNED AS A SPECIAL ED TEACHER

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously. Trustee Chiachiere was an intergenerational reader in Ms. Culella-Sun's class, and he commented that she is rich in the area of literacy. She taught with patience, dignity and kindness; and the children responded to her.

Employment Changes for the Summer Special Program

To make the following changes to the Summer Special Program:

- Remove Mary Catherine Culella-Sun effective August 12 through August 16, 2013
- Add Melanie Van Eron effective August 12 through August 16, 2013.

SUMMER SPECIAL PROGRAM CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT

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

Change in Salary for Teaching Assistants

To change the salary for the new Teaching Assistants, Joseph Consolazio and Antonella Sciscioli, for the 2013-2014 school year to \$26,917.

SALARY CHANGE FOR TAs

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously. On the Question: The salaries on the resolution appointing the Teaching Assistants was incorrect.

Employment of a Reading Teacher

To employ Kati Miano as a Reading Teacher assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 MA (\$67,086) effective September 3, 2013 on three years probation, in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract in effect on the date of employment, and unless sooner terminated.

K. MIANO EMPLOYED AS A READING TEACHER

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

Employment of a Special Education Teacher

To employ Maureen Byrnes as a Special Education Teacher assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 MA (\$67,086) effective September 3, 2013 on three years probation, in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract in effect on the date of employment, and unless sooner terminated.

M. BYRNES EMPLOYED AS A SPECIAL ED TEACHER

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

Employment of a Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Maureen Morris as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 MA (\$67,086) effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract in effect on the date of employment, and unless sooner terminated.

M. MORRIS EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT TEACHER

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

Employment of a Part-Time Librarian

To employ Michelle Castروفilippo as the part-time (.08) Librarian assigned to Howell Road and Wheeler Avenue Schools on Step 1 MA (\$67,086 pro-rated) for the 2013-2014 school year, and unless sooner terminated.

M. CASTROFILIPPO EMPLOYED AS A PT (.08) LIBRARIAN

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

Employment of a Part-Time Physical Education Teacher

To employ Elyssa Pascarella as a part-time (.16) Physical Education Teacher assigned to Howell Road and Wheeler Avenue Schools on Step 1 BA (\$57,684 pro-rated) for the 2013-2014 school year, and unless sooner terminated.

E. PASCARELLA EMPLOYED AS A PT (.16) PHYS. ED TEACHER

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Supervisor

To accept the resignation of Lorraine Tauber as the Noon Hour Supervisor at James A. Dever School effective August 12, 2013.

L. TAUBER RESIGNED AS A NH SUPERVISOR

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

Credit for Advanced Study

To approve the credit for advanced study effective September 1, 2013, as listed in accordance with the VSTA/Board Agreement:

CREDIT FOR ADVANCED STUDY

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Barbara Farrell (H)	18 MA+15	18 MA+30
Debra DiBona (H)	10 MA+15	10 MA+30
Cindy Gervasi (H)	6 MA+30	6 MA+45
Maura Lachance (Wi)	5 MA+45	5 MA+60
Julianne Mashkow (Wi)	10 MA	10 MA+15
Kristen Morreale (Wh)	7 MA+30	7 MA+45
Michael Rodgers (H)	6 MA	6 MA+15

*Note: In accordance with the VSTA Contract, the step movement is delayed ½ year.*

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

Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Plan for Teachers

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 approves the Annual Professional Performance Review Plan (“APPR”) between the VSTA and the Board of Education, and authorize the President of the Board to so certify to the State Education Department.

APPR PLAN FOR TEACHERS APPROVED

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

Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Plan for Principals

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 approves Annual Professional Performance Review Plan (“APPR”) for the District’s Principals, and authorize the President of the Board to so certify to the State Education Department.

APPR PLAN FOR PRINCIPALS APPROVED

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

Adoption of the Professional Development Plan

To adopt the Professional Development Plan for the period 2013-2015.

PDP PLAN 2013-2015 ADOPTED

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.  
On the Question: The Professional Development Plan will be on the Valley Stream Website.

Overview of new security system – (Lee Mandel, Intralogics)

Mr. Mandel gave an overview of the security system

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE** [J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

Treasurer’s Reports

To accept the Treasurer’s Reports for the period ending May 31, 2013 and

TREASURER’S REPORTS ACCEPTED

June 30, 2013.

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

Disposal of Obsolete Computer Equipment

DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE  
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 hereby declares the articles of property listed on attachment "A" Computer Equipment to be obsolete, surplus or unusable property whose market value is indeterminate, and hereby directs the Superintendent to dispose of said property in an appropriate manner.

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

Appointment of a Nurse Coordinator

M. VITAL APPOINTED THE  
NURSE COORDINATOR

To appoint Michelle Vitalo, School Nurse at Willow Road School, as the District Nurse Coordinator for the 2013-2014 school year at an annual stipend of \$500.

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

Transportation Contracts 2013 -2014

2013-2014 TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACTS APPROVED

To approve the following contract extensions and new transportation contract bids at June CPI of 1.4% and as bid on June 7, 2013 by the Southwest Quadrant.

Acme Transportation

Buckley School	1 student	\$ 449.00 per student per month
Flushing Christian	2 students	\$ 1339.58 per student per month 704.53 per add'l student per month
Hamza School	5 students	\$ 1585.05 per student per month \$ 33.92 per add'l student per month
Jamaica Muslim	1 student	\$ 427.71 per student per month
RMK Woodward	1 student	\$ 800.00 per student
Sacred Heart-Merrick	1 student	\$ 724.00 per student per month
Southside Middle	1 student	\$ 666.00 per student per month
	1 matron	\$ 1100.00 per matron per month
Waldorf School	4 students	*Price of Van/# Students in SW Quad
	6 hr. van	\$ 4791.04 per month

First Student

St. Aiden's	2 students	\$ 1955.10 per student per month
St Martin De Porres	3 students	\$ 1124.10 per student per month

Independent Coach

Crescent	4 students	\$ 1167.34 per student per month \$ 317.59 per add'l student per month
Lawrence Woodmere	1 student	\$ 721.54 per student per month
Progressive	3 students	\$ 1018.56 per student per month
St. Raymond's	3 students	\$ 694.32 per student per month \$ 231.44 per add'l student per month

Suburban Bus

Carbonaro Van	1 van	\$ 4048.36 per van per month
Jerusalem Ave School	4 students	\$ 454.76 per student per month
	1 matron	\$ 1924.60 per matron per month
Dever Van (Sp. Ed.)	3 vans	\$ 4048.37 per van per month
	3 matrons	\$ 1991.65 per matron per month
Howell Van	1 van	\$ 4048.37 per van per month
	1 matron	\$ 1991.65 per matron per month
Holy Name of Mary	1 van	\$ 3921.88 per van per month
Little Village	2 students	\$ 597.00 per student per month
	1 matron	\$ 1497.00 per matron per month
Notre Dame	1 van	\$ 4048.36 per van per month
Our Lady of Peace	1 student	\$ 1031.98 per student per month
	4 students	\$ 370.77 per add'l student per month
St. Agnes	4 students	\$ 406.71 per student per month
St. Anne's	1 van	\$ 4048.37 per van per month
St. Thomas	1 van	\$ 4048.37 per van per month
Willow Rd Van	3 vans	\$ 3659.76 per van per month
	3 matrons	\$ 1899.77 per matron per month

Veterans

Divine Wisdom	1 student	\$ 641.86 per student per month
Grace Christian Academy	1 student	\$ 1072.53 per student per month
In District Big Buses	13 buses	\$ 6600.18 per bus per month
Kellenberg Latin School	3 students	\$ 499.00 per student per month
Robert Carbonaro	1 student	\$ 411.00 per student per month
Well Spring Elementary	1 student	\$ 717.00 per student per month

WE Transport

Grace Lutheran	1 student	\$ 670.74 per student per month
Holy Trinity	1 student	\$ 634.13 per student per month

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Solomon Schechter	1 student	\$ 472.52 per student per month
St. Gregory	1 student	\$ 1651.60 per student per month
St. Joseph	1 student	\$ 400 .00 per student per month

\* (Final price determined by # of students on Quad route)

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

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

Policy for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

POLICIES ADOPTED

To adopt the following policies after a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

- 0115 Student Harassment & Bullying Prevention & Intervention
- 0115-R Student Harassment & Bullying Prevention & Intervention Regulation
- 1500 Public Use of School Facilities
- 5151 Homeless Children (NEW)
- 5300.25 Code of Conduct – Prohibited Student Conduct
- 5420 Student Health Services
- 5420.1 Administration of Medication to Students
- 6900 Disposal of District Property (NEW)

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

The Policy Committee will meet every other month and will update the Policy Manual as follows:

- |                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| October 16        | December 11 |
| February 26, 2014 | April 23    |
| June 18           |             |

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President D. Evans]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 5/7, 7/3, and 7/31/13.

Moved by Trustee Evans, 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 Education Reviews dated 7/3 and 7/24/13.

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

Conference Approval

CONFERENCES APPROVED

To approve the following conferences to be attended by the Board of Education and/or Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with Policy and Regulations #2521, with all necessary and reasonable expenses paid by the District:

- Long Island Assoc. for Supervision & Curriculum Development (LIASCD) Annual Fall Conference at the Melville Marriott on October 4, 2013
- National School Board Conference in New Orleans, LA on April 5-7, 2014

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

Impartial Hearing Officers

IHO ELLEN ABBERBOCK  
ADDED TO THE LIST

To add Ellen Abberbock as an Impartial Hearing Officer to the Rotational Impartial Hearing Officer List.

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

Board Member and Administrator Liability

BOARD MEMBER AND  
ADMINISTRATOR LIABILITY  
ADOPTED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 hereby adopts and extends the coverage provided by Section 18 of the New York State Public Officers Law to the following titles: members of the Board of Education; Superintendent of Schools; Assistant Superintendent for Business; Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; and Coordinator of Curriculum and Assessment. The adoption of this provision is intended to supplement the protection available to such individuals by virtue of already existing statutory provisions or other sources. The Superintendent or her designee shall take steps necessary to obtain insurance protection against the potential liability to the District arising out of the adoption of this provision.

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

Special Services Contracts

2013-2014 SPECIAL SERVICES  
CONTRACTS APPROVED

To approve the following Contracts and Consultant Provider Agreements for Special Services for the 2013-2014 school year:

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- Little Village School
- IDEAL Consulting Services, Christopher Parker, Ph.D. 21 days of service not to exceed \$52,000
- Michelle Gay Alternate CSE/CPSE Chairperson \$700 per day not to exceed 25 days or \$17,500
- Michael Marroquin (Behavior Consultant) \$125 per hour not to exceed 12 hours per week

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.  
On the Question: Christopher Parker’s rate is funded through RTI Federal Grants

Committee on Special Education Membership 2013-2014 CSE MEMBERSHIP UPDATED

To approve the additional 2013-2014 Committee on Special Education Members:

- Remove Mary Catherine Culella-Sun from the list of Special Education Teachers.
- Add Michelle Gay as the Alternate Chairperson, Dr. Richard Addes as the School Physician, and Pamela Doodnauth as the Speech Teacher.

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Membership 2013-2014 CPSE MEMBERSHIP UPDATED

To approve the additional 2013-2014 Committee on Pre-School Special Education Members:

- Add Michelle Gay as the Alternate Chairperson and Pamela Doodnauth as the Speech Teacher.

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

**Report of the Attorney**  
Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on a case where the parents accused a school district of noncompliance of a 504 Plan when a student with diabetes was not allowed to use the microwave to heat lunches prepared by his mother. The charges were dismissed under Section 504 and the ADA since there was no sufficient evidence of discrimination presented.

**New Business**

Trustee Pomerantz attended several workshops and met the requirements of a school board member by attending the New Board Members Academy. She also attended the Summer Law Conference with Trustees Chiachiere, Evans, Greco Jacobs, and Stris; the Board officers Academy with Trustee Stris and the SCOPE Clam Bake with Trustee Stris and Superintendent Robb-Fund.

Trustee Stris requested that the following resolution be approved by the board in recognition of Trustee Iadevaio receiving the Everett Dyer Distinguished Service award: EVERETT DYER AWARD  
A. IADEVAIO

**WHEREAS**, fellow School Board Trustee Anthony Iadevaio of VSUFSD 24 & VSCHSD has served the Valley Stream Community for over 33 years,

**WHEREAS**, Trustee Iadevaio will receive the Everett Dyer Distinguished Service Award at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual New York State School Boards Association Convention & Educational Exposition in October of 2013 and;

**WHEREAS**, this is the highest award presented to a school board member in New York State and;

**WHEREAS**, there have only been three other Valley Stream School Board Members who have also received this coveted award including Eleanor McAuliffe of VSUFSD 30 and Paul Fromer and Harris Dinkoff of VSUFSD 13 and;

**WHEREAS**, this is the first school board member from VSUFSD 24 in its history to receive this award and;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Education of VSUFSD Thirteen congratulate Trustee Iadevaio on this milestone in his board service to the community and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of VSUFSD 13 is authorized to send a letter of congratulations with a copy of this resolution to Trustee Iadevaio with the district seal proudly affixed.

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

Executive Session EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:20 p.m. a motion for an Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously, to discuss legal issues, negotiations, and the employment history of a particular person. The Superintendent and Attorneys were invited to attend.

Reconvening RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 9:25 p.m. by Vice President Evans.

Approved as Amended

Reorganization Meeting 2014-2015

To change the date of the Reorganization meeting for the 2014-2015 school year to Monday, July 7, 2014.

REORGANIZATION MEETING  
CHANGED TO MONDAY 7/7/14

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

Executive Session

At 9:30 p.m. a motion for an Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously, to discuss legal issues, negotiations, and the employment history of a particular person. The Superintendent and Attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:50 p.m. the Superintendent left the meeting.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 10:15 p.m. by Vice President Evans.

RECONVENING

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

*Denise Michels*

Denise Michels  
District Clerk