

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 19, 2008.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere Trustee DiSibio Trustee Evans* Trustee Gorham Trustee Speranza Trustee Stris	Trustee Greco Jacobs	Superintendent Lison Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth District Clerk Michels  No Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. by President Stris.

CONVENING

Quorum

Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss personnel of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Gorham and carried unanimously. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

\*8:10 Trustee Evans arrived

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 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 June 24 and July 2, 2008 meetings.

MINUTES OF 6/24 & 7/2/08  
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

The Board received a thank you note from Cathy Subbiondo, former Board Member, for honoring her at the June BOE meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

A response was received from Joseph Manopella, Associate Exec. Director at North Shore LIJ Franklin Hospital advising that the steel rail barrier will be installed and maintained by them, in the parking area adjoining the James A. Dever Playground.

Two memos were received from our attorney's Frazer & Feldman:

- New legislation regarding employment of retirees and related matters
- Loss of certification and automatic employment termination

A letter was received from Charles Schumer, US Senator, regarding Picturing America – which is a new initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities in collaboration with the American Library Association.

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

Change in Employment Status

To change the employment status for Christina Gatt, Classroom Aide at Wheeler Avenue School, from part time to full time effective September 1, 2008.

C. GATT FULL TIME CRA

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

Employment of a Part-time Classroom (Library) Aide

To employ Mary McNamara as a .5 Classroom Aide to work in the Library at Wheeler Avenue School effective September 1, 2008, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$15,243 pro-rated for the number of hours worked.)

M. MCNAMARA .5 CRA

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

Employment of a Bus Monitor

To employ Anthony St. George as a two hour per day bus monitor effective September 3, 2008, and unless sooner terminated, at an hourly rate of \$10.50.

A. ST. GEORGE BUS MONITOR

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

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Mary Ann Conlon as a Classroom Aide at Wheeler Avenue School effective September 1, 2008.

M. CONLON RESIGNED

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Maria Mancini as a Classroom Aide assigned to Wheeler Avenue School effective September 1, 2008 and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$15,243).

M. MANCINI CRA

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Mary Browne as a Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School effective September 1, 2008 and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$15,243).

M. BROWN CRA

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

\*Emergency Conditional Employment of a Part-time Classroom Aide

To employ Jacqueline Costa, under an emergency conditional appointment, as a part-time (.5) Classroom Aide assigned to work in the library at Willow Road School effective September 1, 2008 and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$15,243 pro-rated for the number of hours worked.)

J. COSTA .5 CRA

*\*Pending fingerprint clearance*

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Mildred Hendrickson as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Willow Road School, effective September 3,2008 and unless sooner terminated, on step 1 (\$10.10 per hour).

M. HENDRICKSON NHA

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

**Committee Reports**

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

Salary Change

To change the salary for Neil Sklar, Classroom (Math) Teacher at James A. Dever School, to 6MA+60 (\$79,508) effective September 1, 2008.

N. SKLAR SALARY CHANGE

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

Employment of a Special Education Teacher

To employ Mary Catherine Culella-Sun as a Special Education Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, in accordance with VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins, effective September 1, 2008 on Step 4MA+45 (\$71,956), on two years probation or unless sooner terminated.

M. CULELL-SUN SPEC. ED. TEACHER

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

Employment of a Part Time Art Teacher

To employ Stefanie Cacchioli as a Part Time (.15) Art Teacher, in accordance with VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1MA (\$58,294) pro-rated for the number of hours worked.

S. CACCHIOLI .15 ART TEACHER

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

Employment of a Part Time Physical Education Teacher

To employ Joanne Houlihan as a Part Time (.39) Physical Education Teacher, in accordance with VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 8MA (\$75,885) pro-rated for the number of hours worked.

J. HOULIHAN .39 PE TEACHER

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

Employment of a Part Time Music Teacher

M. STREALY .55 MUSIC

To employ Martha Go Streatly as a Part Time (.55) Music Teacher, in accordance with VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 5MA (\$67,795) pro-rated for the number of hours worked.

TEACHER

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

Consulting Services Agreement

To approve the agreement for consulting services with Michael Keany for professional development on August 18, August 19, October 23, and December 11, 2008 at \$375 per session inclusive of travel expenses.

M. KEANY CONSULTING AGREEMENT APPROVED

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

Salary Gates

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the gate increase, according to the Board/VSTA contract, effective September 1, 2008 for Greg Hart, Wheeler Avenue School, from Step 14 to Step 15.

G. HART GATE APPROVED

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

**BUSINESS** [J. DiSibio, B. Gorham]

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the months ending June 30, 2008.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Summer Recreation Employments Changes

To approve the following changes to the Summer Recreation Employments effective July 2 through August 5, 2008:

SUMMER REC EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

- Add William Spence as a Junior Counselor (JC1)
- Change Ashley Godfrey from Junior Counselor (JC2) to Counselor (NC1)
- Change Danielle Calcanes from Certified Counselor (CC5+) to Cluster Counselor (CL1)
- Remove Kenneth Frances as Junior Counselor (JC2)
- Remove Jacob Halpern as Junior Counselor (JC3)
- Remove Lana Donnelly as a Counselor (NC3)
- Remove Christina McKinley as Counselor (NC4)
- Remove Zennea Hauser as Cluster Counselor (CL1)

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

Cooperative Food Services Contract

To award the food service contract for the 2008-2009 school year to Whitsons Culinary Group at a maximum reimbursable meal rate of \$2.174.

WHITSONS CULINARY GROUP FOOD SERVICES CONTRACT

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

Agreement With Syntax Communications, Inc.

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen solicited proposals for public relations and communications services pursuant to a Request for Proposals ("RFP") and has determined that Syntax Communications, Inc. best meets the requirements for those services;

SYNTAX AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby accepts Syntax Communications, Inc. proposal and authorizes the execution of a service contract with Syntax Communications, Inc. services as described in said RFP, upon the review and approval of such service contract by the District's legal counsel.

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

Change Order – Thermo Tech Combustion, Inc.

Resolved that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves Change Order One in the amount of \$26,750 (increase to the original contract amount) in connection with the contract with Thermo Tech Combustion, Inc. for the Heating/Air Conditioning (HVAC) work at the Howell Road School.

CHANGE ORDER – THERMO TECH COMBUSTION, INC.

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

Authorization to Fund the Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream UFSD #13 has enhanced financial and budgetary stability by the establishment of an Employee Accrued Liability Reserve in compliance with General Municipal Law 6-p, and

AUTHORIZATION TO FUND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ACCRUED LIABILITY RESERVE

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to reserve funds for the payment of retiree benefits in an amount not to exceed \$4,300,000 and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD #13 authorizes an amount not to exceed \$600,000 to be reserved in the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve effective June 30, 2008.

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

State Environment Quality Review NEGATIVE DECLARATION, Notice of Non-Significance SEQR NEGATIVE DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen is the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required determinations respecting the proposed Capital Improvement Project as follows:

- a. Wheeler Avenue Elementary School  
     1. Auditorium Reconstruction SED # 28-02-13-02-0-003-018

WHEREAS, in 1995, amendments were made to the SEQRA Regulation (Part 617) to classify projects, which will be excluded from the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (Type II Actions). The project mentioned above is now classified as Type II Actions as determined by NYCRR Section 617.5 and

WHEREAS, this project falls under the following categories:

- A. Routine Maintenance and Repair 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (1): Maintenance or repair involving no substantial change in an existing facility.
- B. Replace or Rehabilitation 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (2): Replacement or Rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure of facility, in kind, on the same site, unless the work excess a threshold for a Type I action in 6NYCRR Section 617.4.
- C. 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (8); Routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings.

THEREFORE, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, the above referenced projects fall under Categories "A" or "B" above. The procedure for Type II Actions, with regard to the SEQRA Process for Capital Projects noted above is "No Additional Action under 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (a)".

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

Budget Transfer Resolution BUDGET TRANSFERS

To approve the following transfers effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008:

**Budget Transfer # 189**

**From:**

<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A9060.800.01	Hospital & Medical Insurance	\$69,933.80

**To:**

<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1240.150.01	Chief School Admin-Prof. Salary	\$30,130.00
A1240.160.01	Chief School Admin-Non-Certified Salary	\$ 7,762.34
A1310.150.01	Business Admin-Prof. Salary	\$10,000.00
A1310.160.01	Business Admin-Non-Certified Salary	\$ 5,828.46
A2010.150.01	Curriculum Office-Prof. Salary	\$ 7,000.00
A2250.150.01	Special Ed-Prof. Salary	\$ 9,212.00

**Budget Transfer # 190**

**From:**

<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A9060.800.01	Hospital & Medical Insurance	\$528,364.23
A9030.800.01	Social Security	\$215,568.77

**To:**

<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1620.160.01	Custodial Salaries	\$ 29,808.00
A1621.160.01	Maintenance Salaries	\$ 10,385.00
A2110.110.01	Teachers-Kindergarten-Salaries	\$ 51,030.00
A2110.120.01	Teachers-Grades 1 through 3-Salaries	\$234,045.00
A2110.121.01	Teachers-Grades 4 through 6-Salaries	\$198,396.00
A2110.122.01	Teachers-Extra-Curricula Salaries	\$ 3,500.00
A2110.123.01	Teachers-ELA Salaries	\$ 3,320.00
A2250.150.01	Special Ed-Prof. Salaries	\$ 69,939.00
A2250.153.01	ESL-Teachers	\$ 18,607.00
A2251.150.01	Speech-Prof. Salaries	\$ 19,582.00
A2270.150.01	PSEN-Prof. Salaries	\$ 49,431.00
A2332.150.01	Gifted & Talented-Prof. Salaries	\$ 8,835.00
A2610.150.01	Library-Salaries	\$ 15,625.00
A2630.150.01	Computer Assisted Instruct-Prof. Salaries	\$ 5,317.00

A2820.150.01	Psychologists-Salaries	\$ 19,766.00
A2825.150.01	Social Worker-Salaries	\$ 6,347.00

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

**Report on Summer Projects** (M. Brosnan)

Assistant Superintendent for Business advised that the Parking Lot at Howell Road School is completed, new doors were installed at the side entrance to Wheeler Avenue School, a fence was installed at Willow Road School – this will allow for school buses to enter into the parking lot to pick up and drop off students, and new bathroom partitions were installed at Wheeler Avenue and James A. Dever Schools. Instructional space for READ 180 at Howell Road School is still under way awaiting HVAC and the auditorium at James A. Dever School is awaiting the arrival of new seating. New fitness areas will be installed in all schools and Wheeler Avenue School received a grant from Assemblyman Barra for a new playground.

**POLICY COMMITTEE** [D. Evans, J. Greco Jacobs]  
No report this month.

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

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 4/9, 4/9H, 4/14D, 4/14D, 4/15, 4/16, 4/18H, 4/18H, 4/18H, 4/28, 4/30, 5/9, 5/14, 5/15, 5/16, 5/19, 5/21, 5/21Wh, 6/5H, 6/5Wi, 6/9, 6/11Wi, 6/11D, 6/11D, 6/12, 6/16, 6/19, 6/23Wi, 6/23Wi, 6/24, 6/25H, 6/25AHRC, 6/25H, 8/6, 8/7D, and 8/7/08BOCES.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Education Reviews dated 4/17, 5/6, 5/14, 6/10, 6/11, 6/13, 6/18, 7/9, 7/10, 7/22, 7/30, 8/5, and 8/7/08.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Ratification of Appointment of an Impartial Hearing Officer

The Board hereby ratifies the July 14, 2008 appointment, made by Board President William P. Stris, of Hearing Officer Joel Ziev to preside over the impartial hearing of a classified student, identified as ID# 031038427.

IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER  
J. ZIEV APPOINTED

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

Extension of a Contract with St. Joseph's College

To approve the extension of a contract between Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and St. Joseph's College, for the placement of registered nursing students in our district for the 2008-2009 school year.

CONTRACT ST. JOSEPH'S  
COLLEGE

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

Teaching Assistants Memorandum of Agreement

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 approves the Memorandum of Agreement dated August 19, 2008 between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association District 13 Teaching Assistants' Unit; and

TEACHING ASST. AGREEMENT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute the resulting collective bargaining agreement on the Board's behalf.

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

**Report of the Attorney**

No report this month

**New Business**

Superintendent Lison advised that the NYSSBA Convention will be held in NYC in October and a discussion will be held at the September Committee Meeting regarding the resolutions. The Superintendent, Trustees Evans, Speranza, Stris, and Chiachiere will be attending the convention. A discussion was about joining REFIT (Reform Education Finances & Equities Today). The Board decided to visit the website in order to obtain BOCES agenda and minutes. James A. Dever School received a \$50,000 grant for use in installing a new playground from Senator Skelos and Assemblyman Alfano. Trustee Stris advised that the Valley Stream Herald had an article and photo of new membership in the Valley Stream Educational Foundation, Inc.

Executive Session

At 9:30 p.m. on a motion made by President Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio, and carried unanimously, an Executive Session was held to discuss the evaluation of the superintendent of schools with the Board only in attendance.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels  
District Clerk