

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 Wednesday, September 19, 2012.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**    **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Superintendent Robb-Fund  
Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan  
Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch  
Coordinator of Curric. & Assessment Schozer  
School District Attorneys Frazer, Perna\*  
Principal Capozzoli  
Principal Huplosky  
Principal Steele

Approximately 16 Visitors

**Convening**

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by President Greco Jacobs.

CONVENING

**Quorum**

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

**Executive Session**

An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss the employment history of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and the attorneys were invited to attend. At 7:55 p.m. the Assistant Superintendents left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

\*Attorneys arrived at 7:15 p.m.

**Reconvened**

The meeting was reconvened at 8:07 p.m. by President Greco Jacobs.

RECONVENED

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome**

**Quorum**

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

**Approval of the Minutes**

To approve the Minutes of the August 21 and September 10, 2012 meetings.

MINUTES OF 8/21 & 9/10/12  
MEETINGS APPROVED

Moved by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Evans.

Trustee Stris requested that the minutes of the August 21, 2012 meeting be amended to include the following statement under Visitors:

“In accordance with Policy #1230, a visitor was denied the request to speak since she is neither a district resident nor a district employee.”

Trustee Stris moved to approve the August 21, 2012 Minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee DiSibio, and carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

Frazer & Feldman

- DASA Dignity Act Coordinator
- Electronic IEPs – Amendment to Education Law
- SED Mandates CSE Meeting Regulations Re: Additional Parent Member
- DASA Incident Reporting

CORRESPONDENCE

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

Superintendent Robb-Fund gave the following report: Superintendent’s Conference Day was held on September 4<sup>th</sup>. The entire staff attended a presentation by Alane Fagin from CAPS on the implementation of the Dignity for all Students Act (DASA), followed by a presentation by Dr. Christopher Parker on Response to Intervention including strategies for implementation and differentiation. Students returned on September 5<sup>th</sup>. The enrollment is 2133, which is an increase from last year when the enrollment was 2071.

The District theme this year is Academics, Communication, and Emotional Learning (ACE). The District will sponsor more programs for families. The first session on the NWEA Assessments was attended by 148 parents, and 120 parents are registered for the next session to be held at Howell

Road School on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The new schedules for students allow more time for students to engage in learning science and social studies. A grant from Senator Skelos will allow the district to purchase microscopes and other science and technology equipment. The fifth and sixth grade students will be learning keyboarding through an on-line program called learning.com. During the year there will be a word and learning strategy of the month to share with families.

Trustee Chiachiere asked if the enrollment increase could be due to the closing of a parochial school in the area. Principal Capozzoli advised that she didn't believe it was, but she would review the newly enrolled students to see which districts they came from.

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Regina Moylan as a Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School effective August 28, 2012.

R. MOYLAN RESIGNED  
AS A CRA

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Tracey Leichtle as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Willow Road School effective August 31, 2012.

T. LEICHTLE RESIGNED  
AS A NHA

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement – Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement for Donna Giarrappa, Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School, effective September 1, 2012.

D. GIARRAFFA RESIGNED  
FOR RETIREMENT AS A CRA

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Colleen O'Brien as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 1, 2012.

C. O'BRIEN RESIGNED AS  
A NHA

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

Resignation of a Bus Monitor

To accept the resignation of James McGrady as a bus monitor effective September 14, 2012

J. MCGRADY RESIGNED AS  
A BUS MONITOR

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Colleen O'Brien as a Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1 (\$16,498) effective September 4, 2012.

C. O'BRIEN EMPLOYED AS A  
CRA

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

Classroom Aide Gate Advancements

To approve the Gate Advancement from Step 5 to Step 6 effective September 1, 2012 for the following Classroom Aides, assigned to the James A. Dever School, in accordance with the Board/Classroom/Media Aide Contract:

GATE ADVANCEMENTS  
APPROVED FOR CRAS

Virginia Fontaine  
Justine O'Connell

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Christine Taylor as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) effective September 5, 2012

C. TAYLOR EMPLOYED AS A  
NHA

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

Employment of a Bus Monitor

To employ Louis Lucente as a Bus Monitor effective September 19, 2012 at \$10.50 per hour.

L. LUCENTE EMPLOYED AS A  
BUS MONITOR

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Louis Lucente as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) effective September 20, 2012.

L. LUCENTE EMPLOYED AS A  
NHA

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

Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide

To add Kathy Ricotta as a substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide.

K. RICOTTA ADDED AS A SUB  
CRA/NHA

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

Employment of a Part Time Classroom Aide

To employ Michelle Burke as a part time (.5) Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School, on Step 1 (\$16,498 pro-rated) effective September 5, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and unless sooner terminated.

M. BURKE EMPLOYED AS A PT (.5) CRA

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

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides

To add Marcia Gagliano and Lanore Meyers as substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides.

M. GAGLIANO & L. MEYERS ADDED AS SUBSTITUTE CRA/NHA

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

**Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION** [F. Chiachiere, S. Douglas]

Education Report

Denise DeMeo, Summer School Principal, gave a report about the summer 2012 programs. The Special Education Program was increased to five-hours per day and Resource Room increased to 3 hours, 45 minutes. ESL was held at Wheeler Avenue School with 26 students attending. This was a very productive summer with 337 students enrolled in the summer recreation program. A recorder class was held for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders twice a week, which increased enrollment in that grade.

Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Pamela Crepeau as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 MA (\$66,258) in accordance with the Board/VSTA Contract effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and unless sooner terminated.

P. CREPEAU EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CRT

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

Permanent Substitute Social Worker

To approve Navila Armon as a Permanent Substitute Social Worker at a rate of \$150 per day effective September 1, 2012 and until further notice.

N. ARMON APPROVED AS A SUBSTITUTE SOCIAL WORKER AT \$150 P/DAY

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

Leave of Absence Without Pay

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen approves a leave of absence without pay pursuant to Article 5.13 of the collective bargaining agreement between the District and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association for Michelle Daddino for the 2012-2013 school year.

LOAWOP – TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

A motion to take this item from the table was made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously.

Change in Salary Increment

To approve a salary increment change for Valerie Giannoulis from Step 1 MA to Step 1 MA+30, after Superintendent review of official transcripts, effective September 4, 2012.

V. GIANNOULIS SALARY INCREMENT CHANGED TO 1MA+30

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

Nurse Coordinator

To appoint Michelle Vitalo, School Nurse at Willow Road School, as the District Nurse Coordinator for the 2012-2013 school year at an annual stipend of \$500.

M. VITALO APPOINTED NURSE COORDINATOR

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2012-2013 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST FOR 2012-2013 APPROVED

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

Request for a Leave of Absence Without Pay

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, pursuant to Article 5.13 of the collective bargaining agreement between the District and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association, the Board of Education approves a leave of absence without pay for Michelle Daddino for the period October 1, 2012 through January 1, 2013.

LOAWOP APPROVED FOR M. DADDINO 10/1/12-1/1/13

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

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE** [J. Gartner, J. DiSibio]

Internal Audit Report

To accept the Internal Audit Report (Annual Risk Assessment, Payroll Payout, and Revenue and Case Management) for the year ending June 30, 2012 provided by Nawrocki Smith, LLP.

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT  
ACCEPTED

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

Treasurer's Reports

To accept the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending July 31 and August 30, 2012.

TREASURER'S REPORTS 7/31  
AND 8/30 ACCEPTED

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

Employment of a Custodian

To employ Roberto Carreras, Jr. as a Custodian assigned to Willow Road School on Step B (\$49,336) effective September 24, 2012 in accordance with the Agreement between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and Local 1000, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) in effect on the date of employment, and unless sooner terminated.

R. CARRERAS, JR. EMPLOYED  
AS A CUSTODIAN

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE** [W. Stris, D. Evans]

The next Policy Committee Meeting will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM in the Board Room.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President S. Douglas]

Impartial Hearing Officer

To add Timothy Mahoney to the Rotational Impartial Hearing Officer List.

T. MAHONEY ADDED AS A  
IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER

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

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a donation from the Target Corporation to the James A. Dever School in the amount of \$287.24 to be used to purchase supplies for the school.

TARGET DONATION ACCEPTED  
FOR JAMES A. DEVER SCHOOL

Moved by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Stris, with thanks, and carried unanimously.

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a donation from the Target Corporation to the Wheeler Avenue School in the amount of \$114.27 to be used to purchase supplies for the school.

TARGET DONATION ACCEPTED  
FOR WHEELER AVE. SCHOOL

Moved by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Evans, with thanks, and carried unanimously.

On the question: Is the Target Corporation making these donations, and how are parents notified about this program? The information is given out at the PTA meetings at each building. Target donates a percentage of the sales from parents who are registered with the store.

**Report of the Attorney**  
Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on a residency case whereby the grandmother gained guardianship of her grandchildren so they could attend school in her district. It was later learned that the children didn't actually live with the grandmother and the Commissioner of Education upheld the district's case of non-residency and the children had to leave that district.

**Old Business**

Trustee Stris reported on a NYSSBA workshop he attended entitled Performance and Leadership in Times of Change. He also attended the School Board Member Academy in Albany.

Executive Session

At 8:50 PM Trustee Chiachiere made a motion for an Executive Session for the purpose of the Superintendent's Evaluation. Trustee Gartner seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Reconvened

The meeting was reconvened with a quorum at 9:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously.

RECONVENED

ADJOURNMENT

*Denise Michels*

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District Clerk