

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Superintendent Lison
Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
School District Attorney Frazer
District Clerk Michels
Building Principal Capozzoli
Building Principal Gruen
Building Principal Huplosky
Building Principal Zerillo
13 Visitors

Convening

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

CONVENING

Quorum

Seven 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 Stris, seconded by Trustee Speranza and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and the attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

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

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

Resolution: To approve the minutes of the August 18 and September 15, 2009 meetings.

MINUTES OF 8/18 & 9/15
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

Frazer & Feldman

- Student Residency & Due Process
- Influenza Inoculation

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent Lison reported that school opened on September 9th with 2135 students enrolled. On September 11 the district observed a moment of silence and students used the day for remembrance and participated in service projects. Wheeler Avenue School kicked off the Positive Behavior Strategies Program with a DVD created by teachers and students; Howell Road School is collecting books for underprivileged children through their Project Book Drive; Willow Road School kicked off the PARP Program with a new reading activity where every class will read the same book each month on School Spirit Day; and James A. Dever School's Art Teacher and Girl Scouts installed stepping stones around several trees and the school sign, with funds from an Interschool Grant. Everyone is welcome to join us on Saturday October 17th for the installation of the Dever community-built playground.

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Anna Vecchione, Classroom Aide at Howell Road School, effective August 21, 2009.

A. VECCHIONE RESIGNED
AS A CRA

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Mindy Isacoff as a Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School effective September 23, 2009, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$15,700).

M. ISACOFF EMPLOYED AS A
CRA

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Tracy White as a Classroom Aide (1:1) assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1 (\$15,700) effective September 23, 2009 and unless sooner terminated.

T. WHITE EMPLOYED AS A
CRA

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

Employment of a Part Time Classroom Aide

To employ Lucia Peragino as a part time (.5) Classroom Aide assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 23, 2009 and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$15,700 pro-rated for the number of hours worked).

L. PERAGINO EMPLOYED AS A
PT CRA

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Gloria Barbera, Noon Hour Aide at Willow Road School, effective September 14, 2009.

G. BARBERA RESIGNED AS A
NHA

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Maria Romeo as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Wheeler Avenue School effective September 8, 2009, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour).

M. ROMEO EMPLOYED AS A
NHA

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Gloria Gibbons as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Wheeler Avenue School effective September 8, 2009, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour).

G. GIBBONS EMPLOYED AS A
NHA

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ JoAnn Karalis as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Willow Road School effective September 23, 2009, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour).

J. KARALIS EMPLOYED AS A
NHA

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

Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide

To add Joan Berman as substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide.

J. BERMAN ADDED AS A NHA
CRA SUBSTITUTE

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

Employment of a Clerk Typist

To employ Margaret Esposito as a Clerk Typist assigned to Howell Road School effective September 29, 2009, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$30,189) in accordance with the Board/VSTAEOP contract in effect on the date employment begins.

M. ESPOSITO EMPLOYED AS A
CLERK TYPIST

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

Establish Per Diem Rate of Pay for Teaching Assistants

To establish the Per Diem rate of pay for Teaching Assistants at \$85 per day.

TA PER DIEM RATE \$85

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

2009-2010 Salary - Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds

To establish the 2009-2010 salary at \$94,294 for Michael Palotta, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds.

M. PALOTTA'S SALARY
ESTABLISHED

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

2009-2010 Salary – Informational Technology Specialist

To establish the 2009-2010 salary at \$47,905 for Pamela Arata, Informational Technology Specialist.

P. ARATA'S SALARY
ESTABLISHED

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

2009-2010 Salary – Occupational Therapist

To establish the 2009-2010 salary at \$67,039 for Amie Anci, Occupational Therapist.

A. ANCI'S SALARY
ESTABLISHED

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, J. Gartner]

Education Report – Summer 2009 (D. DeMeo, L. Sells-Asch, M. Brosnan)

Trustee Chiachiere introduced Summer School Principal, Denise DeMeo, who gave a slide presentation of the 2009 Summer Programs. Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, Lisa Sells-Asch provided an overview of the special services programs and Assistant Superintendent for Business, Meredith Brosnan, reviewed the projects completed throughout the District. Trustee Chiachiere thanked all for their presentations and their hard work.

Resignation of a Replacement Speech Teacher

D. HETZEL-DAND RESIGNED

To accept the resignation of Dorine Hetzel-Dand, Replacement Speech Teacher at Howell Road School, effective October 14, 2009.

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

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1st Year

N. MICHALISZYN CCL 1ST YEAR

To approve a 1st year Child Care Leave of Absence for Nataalka Michaliszyn, Speech Teacher at James A. Dever School effective September 24, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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

Employment of a Replacement Speech Teacher

J. TALAMO EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT SPEECH TEACHER

To employ Jana Talamo as a Replacement Speech Teacher assigned to James A. Dever School on Step 2MA (\$66,786) effective September 24, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

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

Amendment to the Employment Agreement for the Assistant Superintendent for Business

M. BROSINAN AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an employment agreement between the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen and Assistant Superintendent for Business, Meredith Brosnan, effective for the 2009-2010 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Gartner. A No vote being heard, the District Clerk polled the Board:

Trustee Stris	No	Trustee Speranza	Yes
Trustee Chiachiere	Yes	Trustee Gartner	Yes
Trustee Greco Jacobs	Yes	Trustee DiSibio	Yes
Trustee Evans	Yes		

The vote being 6-1 in favor, the motion carries.

In accordance with Board Policy 2360, Trustee Stris has submitted the following statement to explain his vote: “This contract, for the first time, contains a section which allows the Assistant Superintendent to be paid for up to five unused vacation days. This addition to the 3.5% increase, if fully utilized, will translate to over a 5% increase in one year during this recession. I cannot endorse this contract especially since a sunset clause to this section was not even considered.”

Amendment to the Employment Agreement for the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

L. ROTH AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an employment agreement between the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Linda Roth, effective for the 2009-2010 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs. A No vote being heard, the District Clerk polled the Board:

Trustee Stris	No	Trustee Speranza	Yes
Trustee Chiachiere	Yes	Trustee Gartner	Yes
Trustee Greco Jacobs	Yes	Trustee DiSibio	Yes
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Amendment to the Employment Agreement for the Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

L. SELLS-ASCH AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an employment agreement between the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen and Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, Lisa Sells-Asch, effective for the 2009-2010 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs. A No vote being heard, the District Clerk polled the Board:

Trustee Stris	No	Trustee Speranza	Yes
Trustee Chiachiere	Yes	Trustee Gartner	Yes
Trustee Greco Jacobs	Yes	Trustee DiSibio	Yes
Trustee Evans	Yes		

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Salary Increments

SALARY INCREMENTS

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

Name	From	To
Cindy Gervasi	4MA+15	4MA+30
Michael Rodgers	4BA+15	4MA
Laurie Salvatore	13MA+30	13MA+45

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

Stipulation of Agreement

STIPULATION OF AGREEMENT V. OQUENDO

The Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education hereby approves the Stipulation of Agreement dated September 1, 2009 between the Board and Veronica Oquendo, and in accordance with said Stipulation Agreement grants a Leave of Absence Without Pay for the period September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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

Rescind Stipend for Testing Coordinator

STIPEND RESCINDED FOR TESTING COORDINATOR

To rescind the stipend for Elizabeth Abballe, Testing Coordinator at Wheeler Avenue School.

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

Appointment of Testing Coordinators

NEW TESTING COORDINATORS

To appoint Stephanie Fleischer as the Testing Coordinator at Wheeler Avenue School and Elena Bagge as the Testing Coordinator at Willow Road School for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

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

Rescind Employment of a Replacement Teacher

To rescind the employment of Reina Hall as a Replacement Teacher at Howell Road School.

RESCIND EMPLOYMENT R. HALL

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

Employment of a Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Christine O'Connor as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to Howell Road School on Step 2MA (\$66,786) effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

C. O'CONNOR EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CRT

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

Part-Time Music Teacher

To adjust the part-time status for Martha Go Streatly from .23 to .26 effective September 1, 2009.

PART-TIME STATUS CHANGED M. STREATLY

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

Substitute Teacher List

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST

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

BUSINESS [J. Greco Jacobs, D. Evans]

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the months ending July 31, 2009 and August 31, 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

Resolution for the Purpose of Participating in a Cooperative Bid Coordinated by the Board Of Cooperative Education Services of Nassau County for Various Commodities and/or Services

BOCES COOPERATIVE BIDS

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen of New York State (the "School District") wishes to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County ("Nassau BOCES") for the purchase of various commodities and/or services as authorized by and in accordance with the Education Law and General Municipal Law, Section 119-o; and

WHEREAS, the District, more particularly, wishes to participate in the joint cooperative bids as listed and checked below (check "yes" or "no"):

	<u>PARTICIPATION</u>	
<u>CORE GROUP:</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Will participate in each of the following bids:		
(NASSAU BOCES SUBSCRIPTION RATE)		X
ABATEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS & LEAD MATERIALS		X
ARTS & CRAFT SUPPLIES		X
ASPHALTIC & CEMENT CONCRETE PAVING REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	X	
ATHLETIC UNIFORMS		X
AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT/NET TV		X
AUDIO VISUAL SUPPLIES		X
AUTO BODY SUPPLIES		X
AUTO MECHANIC SUPPLIES		X
AUTOMOBILES – PASSENGER CARS/VANS/TRUCKS		X
AUTOMOTIVE AIR CONDITIONING REPAIRS		X
BOILER, DUCT & KITCHEN EXHAUST CLEANING		X
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS EQUIPMENT		X
CARPENTRY, CABINETRY & BUILDING SUPPLIES		X
CARPETING & INSTALLATION	X	
CESSPOOL MAINTENANCE SERVICES		X
CHAIN LINK FENCING	X	
CUSTODIAL AND GREEN CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES		X
DOORS: HOLLOW METAL, FRAMES & HARDWARE		X
ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES		X
FAX & PHOTOCOPY EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND MAINTENANCE		X
FINANCING & LEASING OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT		X
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS & SERVICE		X
FITNESS EQUIPMENT		X
FLOOR TILES & INSTALLATION		X
FOOD & BEVERAGE SUPPLIES		X
FOOD PREPARATION: PAPER & PLASTIC SUPPLIES		X
FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT		X
FUEL OIL		X
FURNITURE: CLASSROOM & OFFICE	X	

GENERAL SCHOOL & OFFICE SUPPLIES		X
GLAZING SERVICES & SUPPLIES		X
GYMNASIUM FLOOR REFINISHING		X
GUARD SERVICE (LICENSED, UNIFORMED, UNARMED)		X
HVAC EQUIPMENT		X
HVAC MAINTENANCE & INSTALLATION	X	
INDUSTRIAL ARTS & WELDING SUPPLIES		X
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC SUPPLIES		X
IRRIGATION SYSTEMS – REPAIR & MAINTENANCE		X
LIBRARY SUPPLIES		X
MEDICAL & DENTAL SUPPLIES		X
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS & SUPPLIES		X
MUSICAL INSTRUMENT RENTALS		X
MUSICAL INSTRUMENT REPAIRS	X	
OIL & GAS BURNER SERVICE	X	
PAINT & PAINTING SUPPLIES		X
PAPER: XEROGRAPHIC, FAX & COPIER		X
PHOTOGRAPHY SUPPLIES		X
PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES		X
PLUMBING & HEATING SUPPLIES		X
PLUMBING SERVICES	X	
RECONDITIONING OF ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT		X
ROOF MAINTENANCE & REPAIR		X
SCHOOL BUS AIR CONDITIONING INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS		X
SCHOOL BUS & AUTO PARTS		X
SCIENCE SUPPLIES		X
SNACK VENDING SERVICE		X
SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES		X
TEACHING AIDS		X
TOOLS: POWER & HAND		X
TRANSMISSION REPAIRS: CARS, VANS TRUCKS & SCHOOL BUSES		X
UNIFORMS – GENERAL		X
VEHICLE BODY AND UPHOLSTERY REPAIRS		X
VENETIAN BLINDS & SHADES		X
VEHICLE REPAIRS & INSPECTIONS		X

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School District hereby appoints Nassau BOCES as its representative and agent in all matters related to the Cooperative Bidding Program, including but not limited to responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the School District and making recommendations thereon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Nassau BOCES is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids on behalf of the School District to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts and to enter into contracts for the purchase of the commodities and/or services as authorized herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District hereby authorizes its School Business Administrator or his/her designee on behalf of the School District to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by Nassau BOCES and if requested to furnish Nassau BOCES an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased and such other documents and information which may be reasonably necessary or useful in conducting the Cooperative Bidding Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District agrees to assume its equitable share of the administrative costs of the cooperative bidding program and all of its obligations and responsibilities pursuant to any contract that may be awarded by Nassau BOCES on behalf of the School District.

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

Contract for Architect CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECT
To approve the contract dated September 15, 2009 between the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen Board of Education and Burton, Behrendt, Smith (BBS), Architecture & Engineering, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, T. Speranza]
No policy report this month.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President F. Chiachiere]

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Review CPSE REVIEW ADOPTED
To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Education Review dated 9/11/09.

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

Report of the Attorney

Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on guidelines from Statewide School Health Services Center (SSHSC) regarding Medication Administration During School-Sponsored Events whereby parents may choose another person to act on their behalf at a school event for the purpose of administering medication to their child. The intent is to not have to assign a school staff member named as designee.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:55 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Gartner, an Executive Session was held to discuss the Evaluation of the Superintendent with the Board only in attendance

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 p.m. by President DiSibio.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Speranza, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Denise Michels

Denise Michels
District Clerk