

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the cafeteria of the James A. Dever School on Tuesday, September 23, 2008.

| <u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u> | <u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u> | <u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> |
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| Trustee Chiachiere Trustee DiSibio Trustee Evans Trustee Gorham Trustee Greco Jacobs Trustee Speranza Trustee Stris | | Superintendent Lison Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch School District Attorney Frazer* Attorney Associate Deidre Byrne* District Clerk Michels Building Principal Capozzoli Building Principal Gruen Building Principal Huplosky Building Principal Zerillo 7 Visitors |

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:15 p.m. by President Stris.

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 on a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Attorney Frazer and Associate arrived 7:20

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 p.m. by President Stris.

RECONVENING

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 19* and September 16 meetings.
*Page 16 change Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the evaluation of the Superintendent.

MINUTES OF 8/19, 9/16
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

Letters were received from the following:

- Frazer and Feldman regarding Freedom of Information Updates (FOIL)
- Department of State regarding shared services regional workshops available for municipalities
- President of REFIT (Reform Educational Financing Inequities Today) regarding their annual meeting
- Lillian Nunez regarding transportation issues

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

School re-opened on September 3rd with enrollment at 2160 students, 490 at Willow, 507 at Dever, 565 at Howell, and 598 at Wheeler. Thank you to parents, teachers, and leadership team for a smooth transition to the new school year. A \$50,000 grant was received from Senator Skelos and will be used to continue upgrading the district playgrounds. This year James A. Dever will be receiving an upgrade. The Wheeler playground equipment will be installed shortly. The district will be hosting parent workshops on October 14th to introduce the two new math programs in grades K-5 and grade 6. The Fantastic Four Basketball Tournament, sponsored by Assemblyman Alfano will be held on October 24th. On January 8, 2009 students will celebrate Rock – N – Roll Day. This was the result of the Democracy in Action student vote held in May 2008.

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation for Marion Keidel, assigned to James A. Dever School, effective August 29, 2008.

M. KEIDEL RESIGNED

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

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation for Anna Brocher, assigned to James A. Dever School, effective August 29, 2008.

A. BROCHER RESIGNED

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation for Patricia Curcio, Noon Hour Aide at Willow Road School effective September 4, 2008.

P. CURCIO RESIGNED

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Debbie Galante as a Classroom Aide assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 2, 2008, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$15,243)

D. GALANTE EMPLOYED AS A CRA

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Grace Averaimo as a Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School effective September 2, 2008, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$15,243)

G. AVERAIMO EMPLOYED AS A CRA

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Patricia Curcio as a Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School effective September 24, 2008, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$15,243)

P. CURCIO EMPLOYED AS A CRA

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Janet Forst as a Classroom Aide assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 24, 2008, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$15,243)

J. FORST EMPLOYED AS A CRA

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Astrid Florent as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Wheeler Avenue School effective September 24, 2008, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour).

A. FLORENT EMPLOYED AS A CRA

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Francis DiMaggio as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Willow Road School effective September 24, 2008, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour).

F. DIMAGGIO EMPLOYED AS A NHA

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

Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aides

To add Fior Santos, Bettina Castelluzzo and Christine Masotto as substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aides.

SUBSTITUTE AIDES ADDED
F. SANTOS, B. CASTELLUZZO,
C. MASOTTO

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, T. Speranza]

Education Report

Summer School Principal, Denise DeMeo reported on the programs held during the summer. She presented a slide show of the ESL, Special Education, Summer Reading Club, Summer Music, Summer Hockey, and Recreation programs.

Assistant Superintendent for Business, Meredith Brosnan, reported on the Capital Projects completed during the summer.

Trustee Chiachiere thanked Ms. DeMeo and Mrs. Brosnan for these very informative reports and for jobs well done.

Child Care Leave of Absence 1st Year

CCL S. ZINMAN

To approve a 1st year Child Care Leave of Absence for Stacey Zinman, Speech Teacher at Willow Road School, effective September 8, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

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

Resignation of a Special Education Teacher

K. STACK RESIGNED

To accept the resignation for Kathy Jo Stack, Special Education Teacher at Willow and Howell Road Schools, effective September 26, 2008.

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

Salary Increments

SALARY INCREMENTS

To approve the Salary Increments effective September 1, 2008 as listed:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Alison Galloway | 19MA+30 | 19MA+45 (AD 10/16) |
| Debra DiBona | 6MA | 7MA+15 |
| Cindy Gervasi | 2MA | 3MA+15 |
| Janet Gonzalez | 10MA+45 | 11MA+60 |
| Ellen Keller | 28MA+30 | 28MA+45 (AD 4/1) |
| Sharon Marrione | 12MA+30 | 12MA+45 (AD 2/1) |
| Josette Noto | 10MA+30 | 10MA+45 (AD 10/16) |
| Anne O'Sullivan | 12MA+45 | 12MA+60 (AD 1/16) |
| Ruth Palazzolo | 8MA+30 | 9MA+45 |
| Anne Marie Scialabba | 3MA | 4MA+15 |
| Matthew Stashin | 7MA+45 | 8MA+60 |

(AD = anniversary date – the teacher will move up a step on that date)

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

Consulting Services Agreement

CONSULTING SVCS.
AGREEMENT – L. ROBB

To approve the agreement for consulting services with Laura Robb for professional development, inclusive of travel expenses, as listed below:
9/23/08, 10/8/08, 12/18/08 at \$300 per hour
2/10/09, 4/7/09 at \$350 per hour

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

Consulting Services Agreement

CONSULTING SVCS.
AGREEMENT – L. BAUSCH

To approve the agreement for consulting services with Linda Bausch for professional development, inclusive of travel expenses, as listed below:
10/3/08, 10/22/08, 11/6/08, 11/19/08, 1/22/09, 1/28/09,
3/20/09, 3/25/09, 5/7/09, 5/13/09 at \$1200 per day

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

Employment of a Replacement Speech Teacher

C. HERCHENRODER
EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT SPEECH TEACHER

To employ Carole Herchenroder as a Replacement Speech Teacher assigned to Willow Road School effective October 6, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1MA (\$58,294 2006-2007 contract salary) in accordance with the VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins.

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

Employment of a Special Education Teacher

E. BIER EMPLOYED AS A
SPECIAL EDUCATION
TEACHER

To employ Emily Bier as a Special Education Teacher assigned to James A. Dever and Howell Road Schools effective October 14, 2008 on two years probation, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 3MA (\$62,281 2006- 2007 contract salary) in accordance with the VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins.

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

BUSINESS [J. DiSibio, B. Gorham]

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the months ending July 31 and August 31, 2008.

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

Technical Services Contract

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen ("Board") approves a Technical Services Contract between the District and Switch Technologies, Incorporated; and

TECHNICAL SVCS. CONTRACT
SWITCH TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

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

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

Extension of Summer 2008 Special Education Transportation Contracts

To approve the extension of 2008 Summer Transportation Contracts for Special Education with CPI of 4.0 % and new bid awarded by Southwest Quad bid of June 6, 2008.

SUMMER TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTS

Acme

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|--------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| UCP | 1 student | \$500 per pupil per day |
| | Matron | \$90 per matron per day |
| BOCES: | | |
| Carmen Road | 1 student | \$1919 per pupil per month |
| | Matron | \$1919 per matron month |
| Jerusalem | 1 student | \$903 per pupil per month |
| | Matron | \$1777.73 per matron per month |
| Rosemary Kennedy | 2 students | \$903 per pupil per month |
| | | \$1777.73 per matron per month |
| Seaman Neck School | 1 student | \$903 per pupil per month |
| | | \$1777.73 per matron per month |
| DDI | 1 student | \$137 per pupil per day |
| | Matron | \$90 per matron per day |

First Student (Formerly Laidlaw)

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| BOCES CRC | 1 student | \$72.50 per pupil per day |
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Suburban Bus

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| Willow Road Vans | 4 vans | \$3216.86 per van per month |
| | 4 Matrons | \$1669.90 per matron per month |

WE Transport

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| Henry Viscardi | 1 student | \$98 per pupil per day |
| | Matron | \$100 per matron per day |

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

Change Order #1 – Walsh Mechanical, Inc.

Upon the recommendation of the architect, the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education hereby approves Change Order #1 in the amount of \$2,000 (decrease in the original contract amount) in connection with the contract with Walsh Mechanical, Inc. for the Heating/Air Conditioning (HVAC) work at the James A. Dever School.

WALSH MECHANICAL
CHANGE ORDER

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

Change Order #1 – C & M Door Controls

Upon the recommendation of the architect, the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education hereby approves Change Order #1 in the amount of \$1,500 (decrease in the original contract amount) in connection with the contract with C & M Door Controls for the Exterior Door Reconstruction work at the Wheeler Avenue School.

C & M DOOR CONTROLS
CHANGE ORDER

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

Change Order #2– Thermo Tech Combustion, Inc.

Upon the recommendation of the architect, the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, hereby approves Change Order #2 in the amount of \$5,800 (increase in 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.

THERMO TECH COMBUSTION
CHANGE ORDER

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

Resignation of Account Clerk

To accept the resignation of Donna McTier, Account Clerk assigned to the Business Office, effective September 12, 2008.

D. MCTIER RESIGNED

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

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

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 8/6, 8/12, 9/12Wi, 9/12BOCES, 9/15, and 9/17/08.

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

CPSE REVIEWS

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Education Reviews dated 8/11, 9/2, and 9/11/08.

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

Valley Stream Teachers Association Memorandum of Agreement

MOA - VSTA

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 approves the Memorandum of Agreement dated September 3, 2008 between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association District 13 and

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 Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

Report of the Attorney

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

School District Attorney, Florence Frazer, reported on the changes to the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) that includes storage of electronic documents for easier retrieval and fees for reproduction of documents.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:43 p.m. a motion was made for an executive session on a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Speranza and carried unanimously, for personnel of a particular person with the Board of Education in attendance.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 10:35 p.m. by President Stris.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Denise Michels

Denise Michels
District Clerk