

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Auditorium of the James A. Dever School on Tuesday, September 24, 2013.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere Trustee DiSibio Trustee Douglas Trustee Evans Trustee Greco Jacobs Trustee Pomerantz Trustee Stris		Superintendent Robb-Fund Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch Coordinator of Curric. & Assessment Schozer Principal Capozzoli Principal Huplosky Principal Steele School District Attorney Frazer and Perna District Clerk Michels Approximately 24 Visitors

Convening
The meeting was convened at 7:07 p.m. by President Douglas.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening
The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 p.m. by President Douglas.

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 September 17, 2013 meeting; and approve the August 20, 2013 Minutes as amended:

MINUTES OF 9/17/13
MEETINGS APPROVED
APPROVAL OF REVISED 8/20

Under New Business: add the vote for the resolution recognizing Trustee Iadevaio for receiving the Everett Dyer Distinguished Service Award: "Moved by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously."

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

Correspondence
Frazer & Feldman

CORRESPONDENCE

- Health Care Reform Part VIII: The ACA Exchange Notice
- IEP Development
- Requests for Disclosure of APPR – Related Records
- CPSE Additional Parent Member
- Modification of AIS Regulations

Guercio & Guercio

- US Department of Education Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services-Letter on Bullying
- Affordable Care Act

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

Superintendent Robb-Fund reported that on September 3rd teachers returned for Superintendent's Conference Day where they participated in professional development on Common Core Learning Strategies, the Modules, and Response to Intervention. On September 4th the students returned, and everyone got off to a good start. On September 11th, students and teachers participated in programs to remember the heroes of that day in age-appropriate events in each building. September 17th was Constitution Day, and there were classroom discussions about our founding fathers and the importance of our country's democratic ideals. ACE (Academics, Communication, and Emotional Learning) will continue to be the district theme. Parent workshops will continue throughout the school year. Students are completing the NWEA Assessments, and they will be discussed during parent/teacher conferences. Parent reports for the state ELA and math assessments were mailed from BOCES today. These scores represent a starting point for future assessments.

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Michelle Burke as a part-time Classroom Aide at Howell Road School effective August 20, 2013.

M. BURKE RESIGNED AS CRA

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Christine Taylor as a Noon Hour Aide at Howell Road School effective September 4, 2013.

C. TAYLOR RESIGNED AS NHA

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

Employment of a Media Aide

To employ Chelsea Gorski Halpern as a Media Aide assigned to James A. Dever School on Step 1 (\$16,498) effective September 3, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

C. GORSKI HALPERN
EMPLOYED AS A MEDIA
AIDE

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Christine Taylor as a Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1 (\$16,498) effective September 4, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

C. TAYLOR EMPLOYED AS A
CLASSROOM AIDE

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Jessica Aumuller as a Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$16,498) effective September 25, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

J. AUMULLER EMPLOYED AS A
CLASSROOM AIDE

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

Employment of a Part-time Classroom Aide

To employ Lourdes Cason as a Part-time (.8) Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$16,498 pro-rated for the number of hours worked) effective September 25, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

L. CASON EMPLOYED AS A PT
CLASSROOM AIDE

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

Employment of a Part-time Classroom Aide

To employ Barbara Kennedy as a Part-time (.5) Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1 (\$16,498 pro-rated for the number of hours worked) effective September 25, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

B. KENNEDY EMPLOYED AS A
PT CLASSROOM AIDE

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Josephine LoRe as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) effective September 19, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

J. LORE EMPLOYED AS A
NOON HOUR AIDE

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Tara Casucci as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to James A. Dever School on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) effective September 25, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

T. CASUCCI EMPLOYED AS A
NOON HOUR AIDE

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

Employment of a Bus Monitor

To employ Josephine LoRe as a Bus Monitor at \$10.50 per hour effective September 25, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

J. LORE EMPLOYED AS A
BUS MONITOR

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

Employment of a Bus Monitor

To employ Raquel Serrano as a Bus Monitor at \$10.50 per hour effective September 9, 2013 and unless sooner terminated; and to add her as a substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide.

R. SERRANO EMPLOYED AS A
BUS MONITOR & ADDED AS A
CRA/NHA

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

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides

SUBSTITUTE CRA/NHA ADDED

To add the following as Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides:

- Lorraine Denimarck
- Maria Massimiano
- Laleta Muneshwar
- Susan Parisi

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz]

Education Reports

Summer School Principal DeMeo reported on the summer programs. This year the program began at North HS for the first week due to construction. All programs were held at Howell Road School for the remainder of the summer, and everything went according to schedule. Ms. DeMeo presented a photo story of the summer recreation program which showed the students engaged in different activities.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Brosnan reported on the projects that were completed during the summer. They included:

- Additional surveillance cameras
- Parking lot repaved at Wheeler
- Partial Roof Replacement at Wheeler
- Handball court repaved at Howell

Energy Performance Contract Work included:

- Removal of old boilers
- Installation of gas lines
- Installation of new boilers
- Weatherization of all windows and Doors
- Lighting upgrades (to be completed in the fall)

Superintendent Robb-Fund spoke about the ELA and Math State Assessments. She explained that these scores represent a new starting point for the future. They cannot be compared to previous tests.

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Andrea DiMango, Classroom Teacher assigned to James A. Dever School, be granted tenure effective November 29, 2013.

A. DIMANGO GRANTED
TENURE

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>
Annemarie Gershowitz (Wh)	7MA+45	7MA+60
Kim Spinner (D)	10MA+30	10MA+45

Note: In accordance with the VSTA Contract, the step movement is delayed 1/2 year.

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Supervisor and Part-time Physical Education Teacher

To accept the resignation of Elyssa Pascarella as a Noon Hour Supervisor at Wheeler Avenue School and a Part-time Physical Education Teacher assigned to Wheeler and Howell Road Schools, effective September 13, 2013.

E. PASCARELLA RESIGNED AS
NH SUPERVISOR

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Supervisor

To employ James DiLeonardo as the Noon Hour Supervisor assigned to Wheeler Avenue School for 2 hours, 35 minutes at \$40 per hour effective September 16, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

J. DILEONARDO EMPLOYED
AS A NH SUPERVISOR

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

Employment of a Part-time (.16) Physical Education Teacher

To employ James DiLeonardo as the Part-time (.16) Physical Education Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue and Howell Road Schools on Step 1 MA (\$67,086 pro-rated for the number of hours worked) effective September 25, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

J. DELEONARDO EMPLOYED AS
A .16 PT PE TEACHER

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

Employment of a Part-time (.08) Art Teacher

To employ Jill Simens-Cole as a .08 Art Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue and Howell Road Schools on Step 1 MA (\$67,086 pro-rated for the number of hours worked) effective September 25, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

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

J. SIMENS-COLE EMPLOYED AS A .08 ART TEACHER

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST APPROVED

Side Letter to the VSTA Contract – Implementation Coach Position

To approve a Side Letter to the Agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers’ Association and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education to establish an APPR Implementation Coach position for APPR related Professional Development; and that the Board President is authorized to execute the said Side Letter to the VSTA Contract.

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

IMPLEMENTATION COACH FOR APPR POSITION – VSTA SIDE LETTER APPROVED

Appointment of an APPR Implementation Coach

To appoint Matthew Stashin as the Implementation Coach for APPR effective September 25, 2013 through June 26, 2014 at \$51.79 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours.

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

M. STASHIN APPOINTED AS THE IMPLEMENTATION COACH FOR APPR

Appointment of an Interim Technology Facilitator

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, subject to approval by the Commissioner of Education of a waiver pursuant to Section 211 of the Retirement and Social Security Law, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen appoints Ms. Sandra Sommer as Interim Technology Facilitator, on the terms and conditions set forth in an employment agreement dated September 24, 2013

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

APPOINTMENT OF S. SOMMER AS AN INTERIM TECHNOLOGY FACILITATOR

Employment of a Noon Hour Supervisor

To employ Kristina DePalma as the Noon Hour Supervisor assigned to James A. Dever School for 2 hours, 30 minutes at \$40 per hour effective September 25, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

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

K. DEPALMA EMPLOYED AS A NH SUPERVISOR

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

Informational: The Business Committee met on September 9 to develop a five-year fiscal project. The Business Committee meets monthly, and the dates are listed on the District Website.

Treasurer’s Reports

To accept the Treasurer’s Reports for the period ending July 31 and August 31, 2013.

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

TREASURER’S REPORTS ACCEPTED

Transportation Contracts 2013 -2014

To approve the following contract extension bid at June CPI of 1.4% and as bid on June 7, 2013 by the Southwest Quadrant:

BOCES Transportation

Rosemary Kennedy	1 student	\$546.30 per pupil per month
	1 matron	\$2550.00 per matron per month

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

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT APPROVED – BOCES RMK

Internal Audit Report

To approve the Internal Audit Report for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2012-2013 APPROVED

Authorization to Disburse Funds from the Employees' Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve (EBLAR) Effective June 30, 2013
To disburse \$411,057 from the Employees' Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve (EBLAR) for paid compensated absences during the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS
AUTHORIZED

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

Authorization to Add Funds to the Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund Effective June 30, 2013
To add \$71,959.59 to the Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADD
FUNDS TO THE
UNEMPLOYMENT INS.
RESERVE FUND

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

Authorization to Add Funds to the Reserve for Retirement Contributions Effective June 30, 2013
To add \$300,000 to the Reserve for Retirement Contributions from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADD
FUNDS TO THE RESERVE FOR
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Change Orders – Araz Construction
BE IT HEREBY Resolved that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves Change Orders # 1 and # 2 in the amount of \$7,720 and \$4,000, respectively (increase in the original contract amount) in connection with the contract with Araz Industries, for the Wheeler Avenue School Parking Lot Project.

CHANGE ORDERS 1 & 2
APPROVED

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

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

Trustee Stris reported that the Policy Committee will be reviewing the entire Policy Manual this year. The meetings will be held every other month, and the Policy Committee Meetings are listed on the District Website. The District Clerk will update the website to align with the manual.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President D. Evans]

Committee on Special Education Reviews
To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 8/14, 8/28, 9/4, and 9/18/13.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews
To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 8/14 and 8/28/13.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Academic Intervention Services Plan
To approve the Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Plan for the 2013-2014 school year.

AIS PLAN APPROVED FOR
2013-2014

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

Special Education Services Contracts
To approve the following Special Education Services Contracts for the 2013-2014 school year:

SE SERVICES CONTRACTS
APPROVED

- Gayle E. Kligman
- East Rockaway UFSD
- Home Care Therapies, LLC (Horizon Healthcare Staffing)
- Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc.
- Rockville Centre UFSD
- United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)

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

Acceptance of a Donation
To accept a donation from Target from their "Take Charge of Education" Program for the Wheeler Avenue School in the amount of \$154.07 to purchase general school supplies.

DONATION ACCEPTED FROM
TARGET

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

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept the donation of four (4) computer monitors from H & A America with an approximate value of \$100 for the Howell Road School.

DONATION ACCEPTED FROM
H & A AMERICA

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

Special Education Services Contract

To approve the Special Education Services Contract for the 2013-2014 school year with Brookville Center for Children’s Services.

SE SERVICES CONTRACT
APPROVED

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

High School Report
Joseph DiSibio

The High School Board met on September 10. Superintendent Heidenreich reported that they had a very successful opening day. There were a few minor transportation scheduling problems with departure and arrival times; however, the use of central pick-up points for the private school students was successful. A per diem assistant principal was hired at Central High School while a search for a full time hire is conducted. Stipends were approved for fall athletic and adult education assignments.

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

The report will be submitted to the Board of Education in writing from the attorney.

New Business

Trustee Pomerantz reported on her attendance at the Public Hearing on September 17th.

The Senate Standing Committee on Education, chaired by Sen. John J. Flanagan, held the first of four hearings at Suffolk Community College. The topics were Common Core Learning Strategies and the new APPR. Some of the people who testified: Regent Roger Tilles, NYSED Ken Wagner, Superintendents Dr. Donald James - Commack, Dr. Tom Rogers-Nassau BOCES, and John Hogan-W. Hempstead. Several Long Island parents and Board of Education Members testified. All written testimonies can be obtained by contacting Senator James J. Flanagan at NYSenate.gov.com.

On September 24, Trustee Pomerantz attended a Roundtable with Commissioner of Education John B. King from NYSED. The topic of discussion was related to the public release of all teacher evaluations. At this time, a parent can request their child’s teacher evaluation. Board Members can be provided with APPR information during Executive Session only if there is a legitimate business reason for doing so.

Trustee Stris received an alto horn that was used in the first music program in Valley Stream. Mr. & Mrs. Berkenblit received it from Charles P. Zipperlen, a music teacher who taught in Valley Stream Thirteen from 1958-1996. Mr. Zipperlan wanted to donate it to the district with papers from his musical choral group “The Keynoter Chorale” which disbanded after over 60 years of musical service to the Valley Stream Community. The Keynote programs and photos were donated to the LI Studies Institute at Hofstra University.

Trustee Stris made a motion to accept the alto horn, with gratitude, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously.

President Douglas requested that the list of Board Sub-Committee Meetings be included herewith and encourages the community to attend these sub-committee meetings. This list was also included on our District Website and was sent home via e-mail and with students.

Sub-Committee Meetings 2013-2014

Month	Date/Meeting/Members
September	9 Business Committee Meeting (J. DiSibio, D. Evans)
October	2 Education Committee Meeting (F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz) 7 Business Committee Meeting (J. DiSibio, D. Evans) 16 Policy Committee Meeting (W. Stris, J. Greco Jacobs)
November	4 Business Committee Meeting (J. DiSibio, D. Evans) 6 Education Committee Meeting (F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz) 16 Educational Planning (Saturday)
December	2 Business Committee Meeting (J. DiSibio, D. Evans) 4 Education Committee Meeting (F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz) 7 Building Inspections (Saturday) 11 Policy Committee Meeting (W. Stris, J. Greco Jacobs)
January 2014	6 Business Committee Meeting (J. DiSibio, D. Evans) 8 Education Committee Meeting (F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz)
February	3 Business Committee Meeting (J. DiSibio, D. Evans) 5 Education Committee Meeting (F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz) 26 Policy Committee Meeting (W. Stris, J. Greco Jacobs)
March	3 Business Committee Meeting (J. DiSibio, D. Evans) 12 Education Committee Meeting (F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz)
April	2 Education Committee Meeting (F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz) 7 Business Committee Meeting (J. DiSibio, D. Evans) 23 Policy Committee Meeting (W. Stris, J. Greco Jacobs)

May	5 Business Committee Meeting (J. DiSibio, D. Evans) 7 Education Committee Meeting (F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz) 7 Budget Hearing 7:30 PM
June	2 Business Committee Meeting (J. DiSibio, D. Evans) 18 Policy Committee Meeting (W. Stris, J. Greco Jacobs) 30 Business Committee Meeting (J. DiSibio, D. Evans)

Business Committee Meetings (5 PM – Business Office) J. DiSibio, Chair; D. Evans
Education Committee Meetings (10-11 AM – Superintendent’s Office) F. Chiachiere, Chair; T. Pomerantz
Policy Committee Meetings (5-6 PM – Superintendent’s Office) W. Stris, Chair; J. Greco Jacobs

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:35 p.m. a motion for an Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously, to discuss the evaluations of the principals. The Superintendent and Attorneys were invited to attend.

At 10:00 p.m. the Attorneys left the meeting.
At 10:10 p.m. Trustee Greco Jacobs and the Superintendent left the meeting.

Reconvening

RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 10:40 p.m. by President Douglas.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously.

Denise Michels

Denise Michels
District Clerk