

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 Wednesday, September 29, 2010.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere Trustee DiSibio Trustee Evans Trustee Gartner Trustee Greco Jacobs 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 District Clerk Michels Building Principal Capozzoli Building Principal Gruen Building Principal Huplosky Building Principal Zerillo Approximately 16 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:13 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

CONVENING

Quorum

Six 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 Stris, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously. The Superintendent was invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

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

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the minutes of the August 17 and September 21, 2010 meetings.

MINUTES OF 8/17 & 9/21
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

A congratulatory letter was sent from Stephen Witt, President of Nassau BOCES, to Dr. Frank Chiachiere on his election as President to the Board

CORRESPONDENCE

The board received the following invitations:

- BOCES Dedication Ceremony of the George Farber Administrative Center
- Nassau Suffolk School Boards Association Resolutions Dinner

From our attorney, Frazer & Feldman

- Training Requirements for Newly Elected Board Members
- Florence Frazer & Jack Feldman named "Top Legal Eagles" in 2010
- Use of Lever Voting Machines
- New Requirements for Evaluations of Teachers & Principals

Acknowledgements were received from Dr. Lison and the Guiding Eyes for the Blind in memory of her mother

A letter was received from Evelin Kadukara regarding an appeal to bus transportation

Letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement was received from Dr. Elizabeth Lison, Superintendent of Schools. President Chiachiere read the letter and stated "the children, parents, teachers, and Board of Education have been well served by Dr. Lison's leadership. She leaves Valley Stream District 13 a strong, child centered district where kids come first."

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

On September 8th school began for more than 2100 students with a smooth opening. Dr. Lison thanked the students, parents, teachers and administrators for working together to establish and follow procedures. Cut scores on the NYS ELA and Math assessments were changed so tests may better reflect student progress in meeting the NYS K-12 standards. Assistant Superintendent for C & I, Linda Roth, along with the principals, will explain what this means for students and the district at the September and October PTA meetings. Student progress remained strong and the district falls at the average range for Nassau

County districts. The next Board meeting will be held October 26th at James A. Dever School. The school board members will be recognized for their dedicated service.

Resignation of a Media Aide

To accept the resignation of Carla Croce, Media Aide at Wheeler Avenue School, effective October 8, 2010.

C. CROCE RESIGNED AS A MEDIA AIDE

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

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Christina Gatt, Classroom Aide at Wheeler Avenue School, effective August 28, 2010.

C. GATT RESIGNED AS A CRA

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Janice Buontempo, Noon Hour Aide at Willow Road School, effective September 7, 2010.

J. BUONTEMPO RESIGNED AS A NHA

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Janice Buontempo, Classroom Aide at Wheeler Avenue School, on Step 1 (\$15,700) effective September 30, 2010 and unless sooner terminated.

J. BUONTEMPO EMPLOYED AS A CRA

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Lillian Armocida, Noon Hour Aide at Willow Road School, on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) effective September 30, 2010, and unless sooner terminated.

L. ARMOCIDA EMPLOYED AS A NHA

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [J. Gartner]

Education Report

A photo story, prepared by Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, Lisa Sells-Asch; Assistant Superintendent for Business Meredith Brosnan; and Summer School Principal, Denise DeMeo; provided a look at students participating in all of the summer 2010 programs and activities as well as projects and improvements made throughout the district.

Salary Increments

To approve the salary increments as listed effective September 1, 2010:

SALARY INCREMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Melissa Bianculli	6MA	6MA+15
Maura Lachance	4MA	4MA+15
Monica Nedab	23MA+30	23MA+45

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

Testing Coordinator

To change the testing coordinator at James A. Dever School from Eileen Wallace to Annemarie Gunn for the 2010-2011 school year.

A. GUNN TESTING COORDINATOR

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

Science Coordinator

To change the science coordinator at Wheeler Avenue School from Corinne Lavin to Amy McVetty for the 2010-2011 school year.

A. MCVETTY SCIENCE COORDINATOR

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2010-2011 school year.

SUB LIST APPROVED

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

BUSINESS [J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the months ending July 31, 2010 and August 31, 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORTS
ACCEPTED

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

Employment of a Part-time Custodian

To employ Lorraine Regonini as a part-time (.5) Custodian at Willow Road School effective September 30, 2010 at an annual salary of \$23,930 in accordance with the contract.

L. REGONINI EMPLOYED AS
A .5 CUSTODIAN

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

Temporary Staffing Agreement – Courtesy Desk Monitors

To award a Staffing Service Agreement, pursuant to a request for proposals ("RFP"), to Ranstad General Partner (US), for the provision of temporary courtesy desk monitors on an as-needed basis for the 2010-2011 school year, in accordance with the terms and provisions contained in the RFP, and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement.

TEMP. STAFFING AGREEMENT
W/RANSTAD AWARDED

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

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

No report this month.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President J. Gartner]

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement – Superintendent of Schools

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Elizabeth Lison, Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2011.

E. LISON RETIREMENT
ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously. On behalf of the Board of Education, Trustee Stris wished Dr. Lison well.

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Education Reviews dated 9/3 and 9/9/10.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Home Tutoring

To approve home tutoring for a 5th grade student at James A. Dever School, intermittently as needed, during the 2010-2011 school year. Tutor: Mary Ellen Kefalogiannis

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

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

Impartial Hearing Officers List

To approve the updated Impartial Hearing Officers List for the 2010-2011 school year.

IHO LIST UPDATED AND
APPROVED

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

Parent Members for CSE/CPSE

To approve Doriann Maressa and Bouchea Layachi as parent members for the Special Education and Pre-school Special Education Committees.

PARENT MEMBERS FOR CSE/
CPSE APPROVED

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

Report of the Attorney

Florence Frazer

A child's IEP recommended that an autistic student be placed in a 12-1-1 setting. The parents decided to place their child in a private placement. The district reimbursed the parents for private school expenses, avoiding liability; however the parents appealed the case. The Federal Court established that since the tuition was paid by the school district and the parents were seeking reimbursement for legal fees, the case was denied.

New Business

President Chiachiere advised that the Valley Stream Wellness Committee is looking for members from the Valley Stream community and he asked Trustee Stris if he would represent the District Thirteen Board. Trustee Stris agreed and Dr. Lison advised that Lisa Sells-Asch and Darren Gruen will also represent the district.

Visitors

E. Kadukara appealed to the Board for transportation denied based on a measurement of less than 1/2 mile

D. Cornettea read a letter regarding the Valley Stream Educational Office Personnel contract negotiations

Executive Session

At 8:50 p.m. Trustee Stris made a motion for Executive Session for personnel of a particular person and litigation, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and the Attorney were invited to attend.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

VISITORS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels

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District Clerk