

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 28, 2016.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Farrell	Trustee Chiachiere	Superintendent Evelyn
Trustee Pandit	Trustee Douglas	Asst. Supt. for Sp. Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Pomerantz		Asst. Supt. for Bus. & HR Antoine
Trustee Stris		Asst. Supt. for Curr. LaRocca
Trustee Vicente		Dir. of Tech. Farsaci
		School District Attorney Shishko
		Attorney Assistant
		District Clerk Rosamilia
		Approximately 20 Visitors

Convening

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

CONVENING

Quorum

Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

The Board immediately moved into Executive Session on a motion made by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously to discuss the personnel of a particular person, Teacher Aide negotiations, APPR, PILOT's and legal matters. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business & HR, School District Attorney and Attorney Assistant were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

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

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum

Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the August 16, 2016 Board of Education meeting.

MINUTES OF 8/16/16  
BOE MTG. APPROVED

Correspondence

Correspondence from Chelsea Gorski-Halpern indicating her resignation effective 9/30/16.

Correspondence from Guercio & Guercio regarding APPR, AIS Regulation Update and Mandatory Lead Testing of School Drinking Water.

CORRESPONDENCE  
C. GORSKI-HALPERN  
GUERCIO & GUERCIO

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

Constance D. Evelyn

Superintendent Evelyn welcomed everyone to a new and exciting school year. Superintendent Evelyn spoke about our High Quality Curriculum Instruction, Leadership and Innovations, Systems Thinking, the reorganization of our Technology Dept., and the Bond Capital Project work.

Denise DeMeo thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to speak about the summer program and the fun filled academics and recreational activities that the students were engaged in. Ms. DeMeo presented an overview of the 2016 Summer Programs which included Special Education, Summer ESL, Kindergarten Readiness and the Summer Recreation Program.

Assistant Superintendent LaRocca presented an update on the mathematics program. She spoke about the NY State Learning Standards for Mathematics, which includes Standards for Mathematical Content, Fluency requirements and Standards for Mathematical Practice. Assistant Superintendent LaRocca also spoke about the full implementation of the Math in Focus program in grades K-6 for the 2016-2017 school year and the supporting classroom instruction. Instructional Coach DiMango presented the Program Components and how students learn to investigate, discover, explore and apply their knowledge. Third grade students spoke about their experiences with the Math in Focus Program. President Stris congratulated the young speakers on their presentation.

President Stris presented former President of the Board of Education, Mrs. Toni Pomerantz, with a plaque, which read 'In appreciation of your Dedication and Service as Trustee 2013-2016, BOE President 2015-2016, We hope you enjoyed the ride. President Stris stated it was presented as a token of appreciation from his colleagues and the community at large.

**Committee Reports**

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

Employment Agreement

To accept the employment agreement between Kristan Nordquist and the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education for the 2016-2017 school year.

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

K. NORDQUIST EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT ACCEPTED

Employment Agreement – Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

To approve the Employment Agreement with Lisa Sells-Asch, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

L. SELLS-ASCH EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED

Employment of a Replacement Music Teacher

To employ Amanda Agosta as a Replacement Music Teacher assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1BA (\$59,666) effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date of employment.

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

A. AGOSTA EMPLOYED REPL. MUSIC TEACHER WRS

Change in Probationary Period

To change the probationary period from four years (9/1/2020) to three years (9/1/2019) for John Frias, appointed as a classroom teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School at the July 6, 2016 Board of Education meeting, effective September 1, 2016

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

J. FRIAS CHANGE IN PROBATIONARY PERIOD APPROVED

Credit for Advanced Study

To approve the credit for advanced study effective September 1, 2016, as listed in accordance with the VSTA/Board Agreement:

CREDIT FOR ADVANCED STUDY APPROVED  
R. JEAN-CLAUDE

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Rachel Jean-Claude (HRS)	1MA	1MA+15

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Music Stipends for Clubs

In accordance with Section 5.6 of the VSTA Contract, listed below are the music teacher assignments for extra pay for extra services for the 2016-2017 school year:

STIPENDS FOR CLUBS APPROVED

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School / Group</u>	<u>Club / Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Joanne Paez*	Dever Junior Chorus	B – Step I	\$2,773
Joanne Paez*	Dever Senior Chorus	B – Step I	\$2,773
Glenn Guidone	Dever Band	B – Step III	\$3,449
Matthew Spinks	Dever Orchestra	B – Step Ia	\$2,942
Matthew Spinks	Howell Orchestra	B – Step Ia	\$2,942
Nicole Boyle	Howell Band & Full Orchestra	B – Step I	\$2,773
Christie Holub	Howell Junior Chorus	B – Step I	\$2,773
Christie Holub	Howell Senior Chorus	B – Step I	\$2,773
William Shelley	Wheeler Band & Full Orchestra	B – Step I	\$2,773
Greg Hart	Wheeler Junior Chorus	B – Step III	\$3,449
Greg Hart	Wheeler Senior Chorus	B – Step III	\$3,449
Mary Frances Scott	Wheeler Orchestra	B – Step III	\$3,449
Cynthia Shannon	Willow Band	B – Step III	\$3,449
Cynthia Shannon	Willow Orchestra	B – Step III	\$3,449
Amanda Agosta	Willow Chorus	B – Step I	\$2,773

*\*Through October 20, 2016*

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Music Coordinator Stipend

To approve an increase in the stipend for the Music Coordinator from \$4,000 to \$5,000 for the 2016-2017 school year.

INCREASE IN MUSIC COOR. STIPEND APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Resignation of a Part-time Art Teacher

To accept the resignation of Sarah St. John as the .04 Art Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School effective September 6, 2016.

S. ST. JOHN RESIGNATION  
ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Employment of a Part-time Art Teacher

To employ Brendan O'Connor as a part-time (.04) Art Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 BA (\$59,666 pro-rated for the number of hours worked) effective October 5, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and unless sooner terminated.

B. O'CONNOR EMPLOYED  
P-T ART TEACHER-WAS

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Employment of Mentor Teachers

To employ the following as mentor teachers effective September 29, 2016 at a rate of \$53.58 per hour for no more than 30 hours:

EMPLOYMENT OF MENTOR  
TEACHERS APPROVED

- Johanna Land for Amanda Agosta (effective Oct. 20, 2016)
- Maureen Byrnes for Michelle Kiernan
- Karen Higgins for Erica Nemzer
- Gail Shaw for Katherine Pulvidente
- Andrea DiMango for Valerie Valinoti

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Art Coordinator

To appoint Karen Martorana as the Art Coordinator for the 2016-2017 school year at \$2,500.

K. MARTORANA APPOINTED  
ART COOR. 2016-17 SY

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Appointment of a Permanent Substitute Teacher

To employ Lynette McDaniels as a Permanent Substitute Teacher at the Howell Road School, at \$125 per day, effective October 5, 2016 through May 30, 2017 and unless sooner terminated.

L. MCDANIELS EMPLOYED  
PERM. SUB-HRS

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Declaration of Impasse

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to declare Impasse pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law in connection with Valley Stream Teachers' Association negotiations as to Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) as required by Education Law Section 3012-d.

DECLARATION OF IMPASSE  
APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Resignation of a Teaching Assistant

To accept the resignation of Tamika Grubb as a Teaching Assistant at Willow Road School effective September 6, 2016.

T. GRUBB RESIGNATION  
ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Resignation of Classroom Aides

To accept the resignations of the following Classroom Aides as follows:

- a. Jessica Aumuller, Willow Road School – effective September 6, 2016
- b. Deanna Gisonda, Howell Road School – effective September 30, 2016

RESIGNATION OF C/A  
ACCEPTED – J. AUMULLER,  
DEANNA GISONDA

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Employment of a Teaching Assistant

To employ Deanna Gisonda as a Teaching Assistant assigned to Willow Road School at \$28,147 effective October 1, 2016 on four years probation, in accordance with the VSTA-Teaching Assistant Contract in effect on the date of employment.

D. GISONDA EMPLOYED  
TEACHING ASST.-WRS

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Resignation of a Media Aide

To accept the resignation of Chelsea Gorski Halpern as the Media Aide at James A. Dever School effective September 30, 2016.

C. GORSKI-HALPERN  
RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Employment of Classroom Aides

To employ the following Classroom Aides on Step 1 (\$16,745) effective September 7, 2016, unless otherwise noted, and unless sooner terminated:

- a. Stephanie Daniil, Howell Road School – effective October 3, 2016
- b. Gina Durand, Wheeler Avenue School – effective September 8, 2016
- c. Elias Gaston, Willow Road School
- d. Jill Graziano, Wheeler Avenue School – effective September 29, 2016 (pending Civil Service/FP clearance)
- e. Jennifer Somaroo, Willow Road School
- f. Amy Urso, Howell Road School - effective September 9, 2016

EMPLOYMENT OF CLASSROOM AIDES APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Gina Durand as a Classroom Aide assigned to Wheeler Avenue School effective September 9, 2016.

G. DURAND RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Resignation of Noon Hour Aides

To accept the resignations of the following Noon Hour Aides effective September 6, 2016:

- a. Louis Lucente, Willow Road School
- b. Nihab Sulliman, Howell Road School

RESIGNATION OF NOON HOUR AIDES ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Employment of Noon Hour Aides

To employ the following Noon Hour Aides at \$12.25 per hour effective September 7, 2016, unless otherwise noted:

- a. Sara Calle-Patino – Howell Road School
- b. Josephine Hafter – James A. Dever School effective September 19, 2016
- c. Janet Mason, Willow Road School effective September 26, 2016
- d. Fahreen Mohyuddin – Howell Road School effective September 19, 2016
- e. Joanne Pellegrino – Wheeler Avenue School
- f. Tatiana Rodriguez – Howell Road School effective September 8, 2016
- g. Kathy Vito – Howell Road School effective September 19, 2016

EMPLOYMENT OF NOON-HOUR AIDES APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Tatiana Rodriguez as a Noon Hour Aide at Howell Road School effective September 23, 2016.

T. RODRIGUEZ RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Salary for Bus Monitors

To approve the Salary Schedule for the Bus Monitors effective September 1, 2016 as listed below:

2016-2017	\$12.50
2017-2018	\$13.00
2018-2019	\$13.50
2019-2020	\$14.00

SALARY FOR BUS MONITORS APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE** [P. Farrell, V. Pandit]

Treasurer’s Reports

To accept the Treasurer’s Report for the months ending June 30 and July 31, and August 31, 2016.

TREASURER’S REPORT P/E 6/30 & 7/31 & 8/31/16 ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Internal Audit Reports

To approve the Internal Audit Reports ending June 30, 2016 as submitted by Nawrocki Smith, LLP.

NAWROCKI SMITH, LLP INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 6/30/16 APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Change Order # 1 – BBR Construction SED # 280213-02-004-017

Resolved, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Park East Construction (construction management firm) and BBS Architects (architect firm), hereby approves change order # 1 in the amount of \$13,398 (decrease in the original contract amount) in connection with the contract with BBR Construction for the Phase I Bond Funded Willow Roof Project.

BBR CONSTRUCTION  
CHANGE ORDER #1  
APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Vicente and carried unanimously.

Change Order # 2 – BBR Construction SED #s 280213-02-002-020 & 280213-02-004-017

Resolved, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Park East Construction (construction management firm) and BBS Architects (architect firm), hereby approves change order # 2 in the amount of \$7,500 (increase) in connection with the contract with BBR Construction for the Phase I Bond Funded Howell & Willow Roof Projects.

BBR CONSTRUCTION  
CHANGE ORDER #2  
APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective September 29, 2016:

BUDGET TRANSFERS  
APPROVED

*From:*

A2110.506-03	Math Supplies-Howell	\$ 4,500
A2250.470-01	Special Ed-Tuition	100,000
A2630.220-01	State Aided Computer Hardware	117,200
A1310.402-01	Business Admin-TAN Expenses	7,000
A1320.400-01	Auditing-Internal & Independent	5,000
A2630.460-01	State Aided Computer Software	10,000
A9760.700-01	TAN-Interest	10,385
A2010.401-01	Curriculum Dev-Staff Development	2,500

*To:*

A2110.506-02	Math Supplies-Dever	\$ 1,500
A2110.506-04	Math Supplies-Wheeler	1,500
A2110.506-05	Math Supplies-Willow	1,500
A2250.490-01	Special Ed-BOCES Tuition	100,000
A2630.490-01	Comp Assist Instruct-BOCES	127,200
A1310.400-01	Business Admin-Contractual	7,000
A1310.490-01	Business Admin-Travel	5,000
A1621.440-07	Architect/Engineer Consultant	10,385
A2010.500-01	Curriculum Dev-Supplies	2,500

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Vicente and carried unanimously.

Approval of the Budget Calendar for 2016-2017

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2017 Budget Vote and Election Calendar.

2016-17 BUDGET CALENDAR  
ADOPTED

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Approval of the Corrective Action Plan

In accordance with Section thirty-five of the General Municipal Law, the Board of Education hereby approves a written response and corrective action plan in response to the Report of Examination dated August 5, 2016 performed by the Office of the State Comptroller, and directs that such written response and corrective action plan be filed in the Office of the District Clerk as a public record for inspection by all interested persons.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Employment of a Maintainer

To employ Peter Maisch as a District Maintainer at \$53,900 effective October 3, 2016, and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the CSE-Custodial Contract in effect on the date of employment.

P. MAISCH EMPLOYED AS  
DISTRICT MAINTAINER

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

**POLICY COMMITTEE** [T. Pomerantz, M. Vicente]

Policies for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Adoption

To adopt the following policies after a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading:

- 6150.1 Capital Project Change Orders
- 7335 Construction Project Records and Report

POLICIES FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> READING  
ADOPTED

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President V. Pandit]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 8/10, 8/19, 8/30, and 9/19/16.

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews dated 8/3HRS, 8/3, 8/10Brookville, 8/10/Wi, 8/19, 8/30, and 9/6/16.

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Valley Stream Central High School District Special Election

VSCHSD SPECIAL ELECTION APPROVED

WHEREAS, Valley Stream Union Free School District # 13 (herein called the "District"), in the County of Nassau, New York has received a copy of a resolution adopted on September 13, 2016 (herein called the "Resolution") by the Board of Education of Valley Stream Central High School District (herein called "Valley Stream CHSD"), which resolution calls a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of Valley Stream CHSD to be held on December 6, 2016 (herein called the "Special District Meeting") for the purpose of voting on a Bond Proposition adopted by Valley Stream CHSD;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That receipt of the Resolution of Valley Stream CHSD is hereby acknowledged, which identifies the District as an election district of Valley Stream CHSD with voting to be held at the Wheeler Avenue School, James A. Dever School, Howell Road School and Willow Road School located in Valley Stream, New York, on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock A.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) for the purpose of voting on a Bond Proposition adopted by Valley Stream CHSD.
2. That the District Clerk shall be authorized to and shall implement the Resolution of Valley Stream CHSD in accordance with Education Law Section 1906 and the Legal Notice adopted by Valley Stream CHSD, and shall ensure the proceedings are the same as if the voting were held in one place, including, but not limited to, the registration of voters, preparation of registration books, rental and use of voting machines, appointment and payment of registration board members, election workers (including ballot clerks and poll watchers), and preparation, printing and distribution of absentee ballots.
3. All District costs relating to said Special District Meeting shall be borne by Valley Stream CHSD, and the District's business office is directed to maintain an account of such costs and to submit such costs to Valley Stream CHSD for payment and/or reimbursement.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Request for Proposal – Special Education Related Services

RFP-SP. ED RELATED SVCS. APPROVED

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby renews the following contracts for Special Education Related Services for the 2016-2017 school year, in accordance with the Cooperative Request for Proposal (RFP) between Valley Stream Union Free School District 13, Valley Stream Union Free School District 24, and Valley Stream Union Free School District 30 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same:

- a. Access 7
- b. Achieve Beyond
- c. Alternative Tutoring
- d. Carbone Clinic
- e. Dr. Caryl Oris
- f. Eden II Programs
- g. Gayle E. Kligman Therapeutic Resources
- h. Horizon Health Care
- i. NY Therapy
- j. Serene Home Nursing Agency

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Contract for Special Education Related Services

LITTLE PEOPLE P.C. CONTRACT APPROVED

To approve the contract between the Valley Stream UFSD 13 Board of Education and Little People P.C. to perform physical therapy services as needed during the 2016-2017 school year, and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Vicente and carried unanimously.

Contract Extension with Syntax, Inc.

SYNTAX CONTRACT EXT. APPROVED

To approve the Contract Extension between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and Syntax, Inc. to provide communication services through September 30, 2016, and authorize the Board President to sign said Contract Extension.

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Vicente and carried unanimously.

Contract for Communication Services

To approve the contract between Zimmerman/Edelson and the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education to provide communication services effective October 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018; and authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

THIS ITEM WAS PERMANENTLY REMOVED

Home Instruction

To approve home instruction for a student on an intermittent basis throughout the 2016-2017 school year. Tutor: Paula Shulman

HOME INSTRUC. APPROVED  
TUTOR: P. SHULMAN

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Donations

To accept a donation of two checks from the Target Corporation in the amounts of \$100 and \$73.56 for general school supplies at the James A. Dever School.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED  
TARGET

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a donation of 28 backpacks with school supplies from Senator Todd Kaminsky with an estimated value of \$300.

DONATION ACCEPTED  
SEN. TODD KAMINSKY

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Vicente and carried unanimously.

Rescind Resolution

To rescind the resolution appointing Zimmerman & Edelson for communication services effective October 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 that was approved at the August 16, 2016 Board Meeting.

RESCIND RESOLUTION  
ZIMMERMAN & EDELSON  
8/16/16 BOE MEETING

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept the donation from the Valley Stream District Thirteen Educational Foundation, Inc. of school supplies with an approximate value of \$100 for students in Valley Stream UFSD #13.

DONATION ACCEPTED  
VS 13 ED. FOUNDATION

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Vicente and carried unanimously

**Report of the Attorney**

Chris Mestecky

The Attorney gave a report regarding a case between a School District and the parents of a student claiming their child was emotionally bullied by the School District and retaliated against the student by reporting suspected abuse of the student to Child Protective Services. The court found no evidence of retaliation in the district making a mandated report of suspected child abuse and no evidence that the district or its staff engaged in conduct that was arbitrary, conscience –shocking, or oppressive. Accordingly, the court granted the school district’s motion for summary judgment and dismissed the parents’ federal and state law claims.

**High School Report**

Trustee Pomerantz

Trustee Pomerantz reported the resignation of Anthony Mignella, Principal, Memorial Junior High School effective 8/16/16 and the appointment of Bret Strauss as Principal of Memorial Junior High School effective 9/13/16.

**Old Business**

President Stris

President Stris reported on the James A. Dever kindergarten class planting flowers in front of the district’s electric sign. President Stris also reported on the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Resolution dinner that he attended on September 21<sup>st</sup>. At the dinner there was a workshop on “Child Abuse in an Educational Setting: Reporting Requirements for School Board Members”. On September 21<sup>st</sup> there was an official kick-off for the \$32 million bond. A ribbon cutting ceremony was attended by many members of the community.

**New Business**

President Stris reported on the residency meeting on September 20, 2016 with statistics. Future residency meetings will be held on November 21, 2016 @ 8:30 a.m. and March 13, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m. The residency hotline is 872-5627.

Visitors

Karlene Wilder questioned one of the previous items on the agenda. She questioned why funds were transferred from Howell math supplies. Asst. Supt. LaRocca explained that the transfer was made to rebalance funds.

Executive Session

On a motion made by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Vicente and carried unanimously, the Board moved into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss the personnel of a particular person, Teacher Aide negotiations, APPR, PILOT's and legal matters. The Superintendent, School District Attorney and Attorney Assistant were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 10:25 p.m. by President Stris.

RECONVENED

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Pandit and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

*MaryAnn Rosamilia*

MaryAnn Rosamilia  
District Clerk