

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Gym of the Howell Road School on Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

<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 Stris	Trustee Gartner	Superintendent Robb-Fund Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch School District Attorneys Frazer, Perna Principal Capozzoli Principal Gruen Principal Huplosky Principal Zerillo Approximately 100 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:00 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 employment history of a particular person and negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (Taylor Law) on a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and the attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:07 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 July 5, September 27, and October 18, 2011 meetings.

MINUTES OF 7/5, 9/27, 10/18/11
MEETINGS

A motion was made by Trustee DiSibio to approve the Minutes of July 5, 2011 as amended to include the statements by Trustees Chiachiere, DiSibio, Greco Jacobs and Stris pursuant to Policy #2360; and the Minutes of September 27 and October 18, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

President Chiachiere apologized for the delay in posting the July 5, 2011 Minutes on our website in a timely manner.

Correspondence

Correspondence received from Frazer & Feldman:

- Student Misconduct & "Sexting"
- Prep for 2012 Annual Election & Budget Vote

The Board received an invitation from CCSI for a workshop to review the components of the Tax Levy Limit Legislation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

President Chiachiere requested that the Audit Report be made at this time and he introduced Chip Clark, CPA from D'Arcangelo & Company, who gave the approval of the financial statement of the district for the period ending June 30, 2011. He stated that this was a "clean audit."

Independent Audit Report

To accept the Independent Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2011 provided by D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
ACCEPTED

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

Superintendent Robb-Fund reported that tonight we honor the Board of Education during School Board Recognition Month and thank the Board for their community service. The District presented the Board Members with "flash lights" in keeping with Lights on for Learning. This was a busy month for the district; Wheeler held its Multicultural Fair, Willow had its Fall Festival, Howell began the Reading Garden, and Dever began the Intergenerational Reading Program. October is Internet Safety Month and Fire Prevention Month, and our students participated in programs for each. District faculty have been busy with new initiatives regarding the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR), Professional Performance Review, the Dignity for All Students Act and the Common Core Learning Standards. The Superintendent invited everyone to

attend the Educational Planning meeting that will take place on Saturday, November 19th at 8:00 AM at the James A. Dever School. The next Board of Education Meeting will be on November 22nd at 8:00 PM at the Wheeler Avenue School.

Board Recognition

Howell Road School Welcome (Frank Huplosky, Principal)

Under the direction of Noele Villa and Jackie Schimmenti, students presented the Board Members with passports, boarding passes, and suitcases filled with books and artifacts from Howell Road School and invited the Board Members to visit throughout the school year and have their passports stamped.

In the absence of the PTA Interschool, Mini Grants will be awarded at the November 22 meeting.

Student Recognition

Students were recognized for providing artwork for the 2011-2012 School District Calendar as well as those students whose artwork will be on display at the New York State School Boards Convention in Buffalo from October 26 – 30, 2011. Each student received a “Certificate of Recognition.”

After a 5-minutes recess, the board reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

Change in Status for a Classroom Aide

To change Lisa Abruzzino from a .5 Classroom Aide to a full-time Classroom Aide on Step 1(\$16,254) assigned to Howell Road School effective October 18, 2011.

L. ABRUZZINO CHANGED TO FULL TIME CRA

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

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides

To add Robin Gibbons and Rose-Hardy Cajuste as substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides.

R. GIBBONS & R. HARDY CAJUSTE ADDED AS CRA/NHA SUBS

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

Employment of an Hourly Classroom Aide

To employ Solflor Lopez-Lijo as an hourly Classroom Aide on Step 1 (\$16,254 pro-rated) not to exceed 8.5 hours per week assigned to Willow Road School effective October 26, 2011, and unless sooner terminated.

S. LOPEZ-LIJO HOURLY CRA

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

Salary Step Advancement – Classroom Aides

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Building Principal for the salary step advancement from Step 5 to Step 6 for the following Classroom Aides, in accordance with the VSTA Teacher & Media Aide/Board Contract in effect:

CRA GATE ADVANCEMENTS

Howell Road School

Donna Greco effective September 1, 2011

Nadine Murray effective November 1, 2011

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [S. Douglas, J. Greco Jacobs]

Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Greer Molinaro, Special Education Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective January 12, 2012.

G. MOLINAR GRANTED TENURE

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

Rescind Employment of a Replacement Teacher

To rescind the resolution made at the September 27, 2011 Board of Education Meeting appointing Andrea DiMango as a replacement teacher.

RESCIND EMPLOYMENT OF A. DIMANGO AS A REPLACEMENT CRT

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

Appointment from the Preferred Eligibility List

To establish a classroom position in the elementary tenure area; and to appoint Andrea DiMango as the senior person on the Preferred Eligibility List on Step 1MA (\$66,258) effective October 17, 2011.

A. DIMANGO RE-CALLED AS A CLASSROOM TEACHER

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

Change in the Date of Employment of a Replacement Teacher

To change the date of employment for Erin Morgan as a Replacement Classroom Teacher on Step 1MA (\$66,258) effective November 16, 2011 through June 30, 2012, unless sooner terminated, and in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract.

E. MORGAN DATE OF EMPLOYMENT CHANGED TO 11/16/11

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

Employment of a Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Megan Ross as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to the Howell Road School on Step 1 MA (\$66,258) effective December 7, 2011 through June 30, 2012, unless sooner terminated, and in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract.

M. ROSS EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CRT

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

Change in Status for the .04 Librarian

To increase the time for Michelle Castrolipppo by .04 as the Librarian assigned to the Howell Road School making her position a .08 Librarian, on Step 1MA (\$66,258), pro-rated for the number of hours worked, effective October 19, 2011 through June 30, 2012, and unless sooner terminated.

M. CASTROFILIPPO EMPLOYED FOR ADDITIONAL .04 LIBRARIAN (TOTAL .08)

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignations for the purpose of retirement in accordance with Section 5.9 "Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement" and Section 5.40 "Retirement Incentive" of the VSTA/Board Contract effective July 1, 2011 for the following classroom teachers:

RESIGNATION FOR PURPOSE OF RETIREMENTS ACCEPTED

- Richard Faso Willow Road
- Carole Hawkins James A. Dever
- Corinne Lavin Wheeler Avenue
- Susan McKenna Willow Road
- Lois Waxman Wheeler Avenue

Moved by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Stris with regrets and carried unanimously.

President Chiachiere congratulated all the retirees and wished them well.

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2011-2012 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST UPDATED AND APPROVED

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

BUSINESS [D. Evans, J. DiSibio]

Treasurer's Report

To approve the Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2011.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Employment Agreement for the Supervisor of Buildings and Operations

To approve the Employment Agreement dated October 25, 2011 for James Daly, Supervisor of Buildings and Operations, effective January 26, 2011 and authorize the Board President to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board.

J. DALY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED

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

Internal Audit Report

To accept the Internal Audit Report (Annual Risk Assessment, Payroll Payout, and Revenue and Case Management) for the year ending June 30, 2011 provided by Nawrocki Smith, LLP.

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT ACCEPTED

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

GASB 45 Report

To accept the Actuarial Valuation for Post-retirement Benefits Report (GASB 45) as of July 1, 2010 with Disclosures for the year ended June 30, 2011 provided by Questar III BOCES.

GASB 45 REPORT ACCEPTED

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

Budget Transfer

BUDGET TRANSFER APPROVED

To approve the following transfers effective October 26, 2011:

<i>From:</i>		
A1240.150.01 Chief Admin Salary		\$26,974.00
<i>To:</i>		
A2010.490.01 BOCES Curriculum		15,683.50
A2110.414.01 Test Scoring		11,290.50

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

Budget Transfer

BUDGET TRANSFER APPROVED

To approve the following transfers effective October 26, 2011:

<i>From:</i>		
A2630.491.01 ISDN-BOCES		\$11,025
A9760.700.01 TAN-Interest		15,487
<i>To:</i>		
A2610.491.01 Online Access-BOCES		\$11,025
A2110.473.01 Payments to Charter School		15,487

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, J. Gartner]

Policies for 1st Reading

POLICIES FOR 1ST READING

1500	Public Use of School Facilities
6150	Budget Transfers

Trustee Stris reported that the Policy Committee met on October 5th and reviewed the 19 annual policies.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President J. Gartner]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 10/6 and 10/14/11.

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Education Reviews dated 9/27 and 10/14/11.

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

Impartial Hearing Officers

UPDATE IHO LISTING

To add the following Impartial Hearing Officers to the rotational selection list:

Susan Barbour	Steve Haken	Israel Wahrman
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Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously.

Special Services Contracts for 2011-2012

SPECIAL SERVICES CONTRACTS APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD No. 13 has solicited bids for Special Education Related Services for the 2011-12 school year, and has determined that the following providers best meet the requirements for those services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts and awards the following service provider agreements and authorizes the Board President to execute said agreements on behalf of the Board:

- Alex Zavlunova
- Marion K. Salomon
- UCP

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

Approval of the Special Education Plan

SPECIAL ED PLAN APPROVED

To approve the Special Education Plan for the Period 2011 through 2013.

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

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a donation of \$202.11 to the Howell Road School from Target Corporation to be used to purchase supplies for the school.

TARGET DONATION TO HRS
ACCEPTED

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

**Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer**

Parents were denied reimbursement of tuition when they sent their child to a school in Utah because they didn't feel the placement that the CSE recommended was the best program for their child. The court found that the school district prepared an appropriate IEP and a residential placement was not required.

New Business

Trustee Stris advised that there will be a Residency Advisory Committee on November 7th at 8:30 a.m. in the Board room at Memorial JHS.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels

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District Clerk