

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the gym at the Willow Road School on Tuesday, October 27, 2009.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee Evans	Superintendent Lison
Trustee DiSibio		Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Gartner		Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Trustee Greco Jacobs*		Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Speranza		School District Attorney Frazer
Trustee Stris		District Clerk Michels
		Building Principal Capozzoli
		Building Principal Gruen
		Building Principal Huplosky
		Building Principal Zerillo
		Approximately 100 Visitors

Convening  
The meeting was convened at 6:45 p.m. by President DiSibio.

CONVENING

Quorum  
Five 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 Chiachiere and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Attorney and Auditors were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

\*Trustee Greco Jacobs arrived at 7:00 PM

Reconvening  
The meeting was reconvened at 8:03 p.m. by President DiSibio.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum  
Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes  
To approve the minutes of September 22 and October 20, 2009.

MINUTES OF 9/22 & 10/20  
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

- Memorandum from Frazer & Feldman regarding Reporting Requirement for School Districts regarding legal services
- Thank you card from the James A. Dever PTA to the Board Members for their hard work and dedication to the students in our district

CORRESPONDENCE

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**  
Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Mark Semo, CPA and Managing Partner from D’Arcangelo & Co., LLP gave an overview of the district’s audit report. The District continues to meet all accounting standards and requirements.

Superintendent Lison advised that Governor Paterson set aside the month of October to recognize Board Members. She read the official proclamation from the Governor, and thanked all members of the Board for hours of devotion and dedication to the students of this district and the Valley Stream community.

Board Recognition  
Stephanie Capozzoli, Principal of Willow Road School, welcomed all in attendance and introduced the kindergarten students who performed for the Board of Education in recognition of Board Recognition month.

In honor of Board Members, Mini Grants were presented by Anne Marie DiSibio, Interschool PTA, as follows:

James A. Dever  
Richard Rosenfeld – Pinnacle Software

Howell Road  
Richard Rosenfeld – Historical Podcasting

Additional Grant from the James A. Dever PTA  
Roxanne Macdonald & Eileen Wallace – 2010 Charlotte Award Ballot

Willow Road

Nanci Brochhagen – One Giant Leap  
Shannon Kranz  
Carole Anne Gravert

Additional Grant from the Willow Road PTA  
Elena Bagge – Building Alphabet Knowledge  
Mairead Dorry  
Ilona Goldstein  
Kindergarten Teachers

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Colleen Manta, Classroom Aide at Wheeler Avenue School, effective October 23, 2009.

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Emanuela Barrio as a Classroom Aide assigned to Wheeler Avenue School effective October 28, 2009, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 4 (\$17,660).

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Susan Rossi as a Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School effective October 28, 2009, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$15,700).

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

Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aides

To add Christine Davi and Dawn Vivinetti-Tripaldi as substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aides.

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

Wheeler Avenue

Lois Waxman – Have You Filled A Bucket Today?

C. MANTA RESIGNED

E. BARRIO EMPLOYED AS A CLASSROOM AIDE

S. ROSSI EMPLOYED AS A CLASSROOM AIDE

C. DAVI/D. VIVINETTI-TRIPALDI ADDED AS SUB NHA/CRA

**Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION** [F. Chiachiere, J. Gartner]

Tenure Recommendation – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

The Superintendent recommends Linda Roth, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, be granted tenure effective November 1, 2009.

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

L. ROTH GRANTED TENURE

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1<sup>st</sup> Year

To approve a 1<sup>st</sup> year Child Care Leave of Absence for Janet Hoffner, Music Teacher at Willow Road School effective October 30, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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

J. HOFFNER 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR CCL APPROVED

Employment of a Replacement Speech Teacher

To employ Lindsay Basso as a Replacement Speech Teacher assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1MA (\$64,632) effective October 13, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

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

L. BASSO EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT SPEECH TEACHER

Employment of a Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Danielle Vitulli as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1MA (\$64,632) effective October 28, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

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

D. VITULLI EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CLASSROOM TEACHER

Employment of a Replacement Music Teacher

To employ Kristan Lotito as a Replacement Music Teacher assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1BA (\$55,574) effective October 30, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

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

K. LOTITO EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT MUSIC TEACHER

Salary Increment

To approve a salary increment for Linda Alesi from 15MA to 15MA+15 effective September 1, 2009.

L. ALESI SALARY INCREMENT  
APPROVED

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2009 –2010 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST  
UPDATED AND APPROVED

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

District Coordinator of Music and Fine Arts

To appoint Michael Soscia as the District Coordinator of Music and Fine Arts for a stipend of \$7,200 effective October 30, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

M. SOSCIA APPOINTED  
DISTRICT COORDINATOR OF  
MUSIC & FINE ARTS

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

**BUSINESS** [J. Greco Jacobs, D. Evans]

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
ACCEPTED

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

Transportation Contracts 2009 –2010

To approve the following contract extensions at June CPI of 0.0 and new transportation contracts as bid on May 29, 2009, June 24, 2009 and September 8, 2009 by the Southwest Quadrant for Fall 2009:

2009-2010 TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACTS APPROVED

**Acme Transportation**

Flushing Christian	1 student	\$1234 per pupil per month
Hamza School	1 student	\$1480.57 per pupil per month
Henry Viscardi	1 student	\$1279.20 per pupil per month
	1 matron	\$1918 per month
Jamaica Muslim	2 students	\$349 per pupil per month
Waldorf School*	2 students	Price of van / by # Students in SW Quad
		6 Hr Van – \$4413.45 per month
Westbury Friends	1 student	\$2745 per student per month

**First Student (Formerly Laidlaw)**

Holy Trinity Catholic	1 student	\$1425 per pupil per month
St. Martin De Porres	1 student	\$1050 per pupil per month

**Independent Coach**

St. Raymond's	3 students	\$639.60 per pupil per month
		\$213.20 per addt'l pupil per month

**Suburban Bus**

Blessed Sacrament	1 van	\$3729.30 per van per month
Jerusalem Ave School	2 students	\$418.93 per pupil per month
	1 matron	\$1772.93 per month
Bowling Green	1 van	\$894.00 per pupil per month
	1 matron	\$1834.68 per matron month
Crescent School	2 students	\$3729.30 per van per month
Dever Van	2 vans	\$3729.30 per van per month
	2 matrons	\$1834.68 per matron per month
Muslim Elementary School	1 van	\$3729.30 per van per month
Our Lady of Peace*	1 student	\$950.66 per pupil per month
	5 students	\$341.47 per addt'l pupil per month
Seaman's Neck MS	1 student	\$3729.30 per van per month
	1 matron	\$1918.80 per matron per month
Summit Lane	1 student	\$1915.61 per pupil per month
	1 matron	\$1918.80 per matron per month
St Anne's	1 van	\$729.30 per van per month
St. Catherine's	1 van	\$3729.30 per van per month
Willow Rd Van	4 vans	\$3371.34 per van per month
	4 matrons	\$1750.06 per matron per month

**Veterans**

Grace Christian Academy	1 student	\$988.00 per pupil per month
Growing Life	1 student	\$359.08 per pupil per month
St. Thomas	2 students	\$425.34 per pupil per month
In District Big Buses	14 buses	\$6080 per bus per month

**WE Transport**

AHRC	2 students	\$680.00 per pupil per month
	1 matron	\$2400 per matron per month
Covert	1 student	\$882.67 per pupil per month
	1 matron	\$1954.48 per matron per month
DDI	1 student	\$2222 per pupil per month
	1 matron	\$2022 per matron per month
Grace Lutheran	1 student	\$617.87 per pupil per month
Our Lady of the Snows	2 students	\$879.22 per pupil per month
St. Agnes	1 student	\$600 per pupil per month
St. Aidan	2 students	\$1234 per pupil per month

\* Final price determined by # of students on Quad route

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

**Audit Report for 2008-2009**

To accept the Auditor’s Report for the 2008-2009 school year.

2008-2009 AUDITOR’S REPORT  
ACCEPTED

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, T. Speranza]**

No report this month.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President F. Chiachiere]**

**Committee on Special Education Reviews**

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 9/3, 9/17, 9/28, 9/29, 9/30, 10/1, 10/5Wi, 10/5BOCES, 10/8, 10/9, 10/13, 10/14, 10/15D, 10/15Wi.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

**Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews**

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 9/15,10/9, 10/16/09.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

**Acceptance of a Donation**

To accept a Pediatric Trauma Kit, with an approximate value of \$1000, donated to the Willow Road School Nurse’s Office, from the Valley Stream Kiwanis Club.

DONATION ACCEPTED

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

**Report of the Attorney  
Florence Frazer**

Attorney Frazer advised a report will be forthcoming.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

*Denise Michels*

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District Clerk