

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Auditorium of the Wheeler Avenue School on Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Trustee Chiachiere Trustee DiSibio Trustee Gorham Trustee Greco Jacobs Trustee Speranza Trustee Stris	Trustee Evans	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 75 Visitors

Convening

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

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 Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Gorham and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and the Attorney 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

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the minutes of the September 23 and October 20 meetings.

MINUTES OF 9/24 & 10/20/08
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

- Letter received from Newcomb Central SD requesting affirmative support of Resolution #5 at the NYSSBA Convention Re: International Students Attending Public Schools
- Letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement received from Maria Mirabile, Secretary at Willow Road School
- Acknowledgement card from Martha Go Strealy for a sympathy card sent

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent Lison gave the following report: The Audit Report was presented to the Board and the district is in compliance. Thank you to Assistant Superintendent Brosnan and the Business Office staff for their careful accounting and for maintaining internal control as required by the State. Friday, October 24th the 6th graders participated in the Fantastic 4 Basketball Tournament sponsored by Assemblymen Alfano and Barra, and Senator Skelos attended the games. Governor Patterson declared the week of October 20 – 24th to be School Board Recognition Week. The proclamation from the Governor was read. Dr. Lison thanked the members of the Board of Education for the time, dedication, and untiring efforts given to the district.

Christine Zerillo, Principal of Wheeler Avenue School, welcomed all in attendance. The Board Members were presented with xylophones and were part of a musical ensemble lead by music teacher, Greg Hart. The Wheeler Avenue Choir performed for the Board as well.

PTA Interscholar President, Ray Mohamed, awarded the Mini Grants as follows:

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| James A. Dever School: | J. Boremski - Mosaic Tree Hugging |
| Howell Road School: | P. Hopkins, K. Martorana, D. Chappell, V. Kelly, M. Bradley and M. Stashin
A Snapshot in Time – A 6 th Grade Perspective of Howell Road |
| Wheeler Avenue School: | L. Waxman – A Photo is Worth a Thousand Words |
| Willow Road School: | C. Gravert, K. Higgins, S. Marrison, and R. Palazzolo – Book Characters Count! |

Rescind Employment Resolution

To rescind the resolution for employment of Astrid Florent, a noon hour aide approved at the September 23, 2008 Board of Education meeting.

RESCIND EMPLOYMENT OF
A. FLORENT

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement of a Clerk Typist

M. MIRABILE'S RESIGNATION

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Maria Mirabile, Clerk Typist assigned to Willow Road School, effective December 26, 2008.

FOR PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Debora McDougall as Noon Hour Aide assigned to Willow Road School effective October 27, 2008.

D. MCDOUGALL RESIGNED AS A NHA

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Debora McDougall as a Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School effective October 28, 2008, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$15,243).

D. MCDOUGALL EMPLOYED AS A CRA

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

Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide

To add Ursula Boccia as a substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide.

U. BOCCIA ADDED AS SUB NHA/CRA

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

EDUCATION (F. Chiachiere, T. Speranza)

Education Report Community Outreach

Christine Zerillo, Principal of Wheeler Avenue School, presented a slide show of the various ways the district involves the community. Listed below are a few highlights of the presentation: Math Program Parent Night, Open School Nights, Principal Forums, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Board of Education Meetings, American Education Week, Intergenerational Reading, and Saturday Excursions.

Trustee Chiachiere and President Stris commended C. Zerillo, G. Hart and the performing students on a job well done.

Recess

At 8:45 p.m. President Stris called for a 15-minute recess.

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Catherine Ricchiutti, Classroom Teacher, assigned to Howell Road School, be granted tenure effective December 5, 2008.

C. RICCHIUTTI GRANTED TENURE

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

Salary Increments

To approve the Salary Increments effective September 1, 2008 as listed:

SALARY INCREMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Mairead Dorry	12MA+45	12MA+60
Jennifer Frances	11MA+30	11MA+45

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

Employment of Teachers for Before and After School ELA Program

To employ the following teachers for the Before and After School ELA Program effective October 28, 2008 through January 8, 2009 for two days per week, one hour per day, at their hourly rates of pay:

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL ELA

- Dever: J. Weiner, N. Rogers, A. Gunn, Z. Hauser, M. Urick
- Howell: D. DiBona, P. Hopkins, L. Sweeny, M. Stashin, J. Schimmenti, M. TehBradley, B. Farrell
- Wheeler: C. Lavin, E. Sheid, K. Mundy, P. Aronowitz, J. Rocholl, M. Vella, A. McVetty, M. Dorsi, R. Dellapina
- Willow: M. VanEron, D. Quartuccio, R. Faso, M. Dorry, E. Bagge, L. Gimbel, M. Culella-Sun, M. Bianculli, M. Costantino, F. Achtziger

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

Employment of Teachers for ESL Before and After School Program

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL ESL

To employ the following teachers for the Before and After School ESL Program effective October 27, 2008 through April 30, 2009 for one hour per week at their hourly rates of pay:

Dever:	Josette Noto
Howell:	Terry Sales, Paula Barnick
Wheeler:	Jennifer Cymbler
Willow:	Aida Ricci

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

BUSINESS [J. DiSibio, B. Gorham]

Audit Report for 2007-2008

AUDIT REPORT APPROVED

To accept the Auditor’s Report for the 2007-2008 school year.

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

Treasurer’s Report

TREASURER’S REPORT
ACCEPTED

To accept the Treasurer’s Report for the months ending September 30, 2008.

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

Transportation Contracts for 2008-2009

FALL TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTS APPROVED

To approve the 2008 -2009 Transportation Contracts contract extensions at May CPI of 4% and new transportation contracts as bid on June 6, 2008 and August 22, 2008 by the Southwest Quadrant for the fall 2008:

Acme Transportation

Flushing Christian	1 student	1234 per pupil per month
*Hamza School	3 students	1480.57 per pupil per month
		117.73 per add’l pupil per month
Henry Viscardi	1 student	1279.20 per pupil per month
	Matron	1918 per month
Long Island Lutheran	1 student	1190 per pupil per month
Maria Montessori	2 students	1191.16 per pupil per month
*Waldorf School	2 students	Price of Van/by # Students in SW Quad
		6 Hr Van – 4413.45 per month

DDI Transportation

DDI Residential	1 student	173.78 per pupil per day
	Matron	

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

*Lawrence/Woodmere	2 students	1891.44 per pupil per month
		252.19 per add’l pupil per month
St. Raymond’s	3 students	639.60 per pupil per month
		213.20 per add’l pupil per month
UCP	1 student	4035.06 per van per month
	Matron	1968.33 per month

Suburban Bus

Blessed Sacrament	Van	3729.30 per van per month
BOCES Jerusalem Ave. School	3 students	418.93 per pupil per month
	Matron	1772.93 per month
Bowling Green	Van	3729.30 per van per month
	Matron	1834.68 per month
Crescent School	2 students	1348.88 per pupil 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	8 Students	950.66 per pupil per month
		341.47 per add’l pupil per month
Summit Lane	1 Student	1915.61 per pupil per month
	Matron	1918.80 per month
St Anne’s	Van	3729.30 per van per month
St. Catherine’s	2 Vans	3729.30 per van per month
Whispering Pines	1 Van	3729.30 per van per month
Willow Rd Van	5 Vans	3371.34 per van per month
	5 Matrons	1750.06 per matron per month

Veterans

Growing Life Christian Academy	1 student	359.08 per pupil per month
Jamaica Muslim	1 student	2134 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

Covert	1 student	882.67 per pupil per month
	Matron	1954.48 per matron per month
Grace Lutheran	1 student	617.87 per pupil per month
Notre Dame	1 student	1260.48 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
St. Joseph	1 student	604.56 per pupil per month
St. Mary's	1 student	1000 per pupil per month

**Price to be determined based upon the number of students on the route within the Quadrant*

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

Capital Project Bid Recommendation (EXCEL Projects)

**CAPITAL PROJECT BIDS
AWARDED**

To award the following capital projects to the lowest responsible bidder from the sealed bids held on July 9, 2008:

Electrical Reconstruction at the Wheeler Avenue School
 SED # 280213-02-0-003-016
 Contractor: Palace Electrical Contractors of Wantagh, New York
 Amount: \$73,000

Electrical Reconstruction at the Willow Road School
 SED # 280213-02-0-004-011
 Contractor: Palace Electrical Contractors of Wantagh, New York
 Amount: \$16,000

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [D. Evans, J. Greco Jacobs]

No report this month – The committee will meet shortly to review policies.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President J. DiSibio]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 9/19, 9/26Wh, 9/26Wh, and 10/6/08.

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Review

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Education Review dated 10/2/08.

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

Report of the Attorney

Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on two cases. The Commissioner of Education overturned an election of a Board Member because the three candidates were listed vertically on the ballot and voters were instructed to pull the lever located beneath the name of the candidate for whom they wished to vote. However, approximately 30% of the votes were cast using the lever either above the first candidate's name or to the side of the last candidate's name. After this confusion was noticed by the election inspectors, the inspectors began referring to the vote as compromised in front of voters who had not yet cast their ballot.

In another case, six days after a special meeting to vote on a district public library budget as well as nine trustees, a petition asking the board to approve a re-vote to provide for municipal funding was requested. The board refused the re-vote since the petition did not contain proper language for a proposition. According to the Commissioner, once a matter has been properly presented to the voters and voted on, a board is not compelled to entertain a petition to resubmit the same or essentially similar proposition to the electorate for a re-vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Rescind Resolution Appointing Deputy Treasurers

**RESCIND RESOLUTION
APPOINTING DEPUTY
TREASURERS**

To rescind the resolution made at the July 2, 2008 Reorganization meeting appointing Trustee Frank Chiachiere and President William P. Stris as Deputy Treasurers.

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

Authorization to Sign Checks

**TRUSTEES CHIACHIERE &
STRIS AUTHORIZED TO
SIGN CHECKS**

To authorize Trustee Frank Chiachiere and President William P. Stris to sign District Checks in the absence, or inability, of the District Treasurer.

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

Attorney Frazer advised that the above resolutions are in accordance with NYS Law.

President Stris advised that a residency meeting will be held on Monday, November 3rd in the Board Room at Valley Stream Central HSD. Trustee Speranza is the district representative and will attend this meeting.

Executive Session

At 9:25 a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee DiSibio to discuss personnel of a particular person, seconded by Trustee Speranza and carried unanimously. The Attorney was invited to attend.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 9:45 p.m. by President Stris.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Speranza and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels
District Clerk