

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 Tuesday, September 23, 2014.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere		Superintendent Robb-Fund
Trustee DiSibio		Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Douglas		Asst. Supt. for Spec. Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Farrell		Principal Capozzoli
Trustee Greco Jacobs		Principal Gruen
Trustee Pomerantz		Principal Huplosky
Trustee Stris		Principal Steele
		School District Attorney Frazer
		District Clerk Michels
		Approximately 25 Visitors

Convening CONVENING
The meeting was convened at 7:15p.m. by President DiSibio.

Quorum QUORUM
Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

Executive Session EXECUTIVE SESSION
An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss the personnel history of a particular person and negotiations on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendents and the Attorney were invited to attend.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum QUORUM
Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

Approval of the Minutes MINUTES OF 8/19 &
To approve the Minutes of the August 19 and September 16, 2014 meetings. 9/16/14 MEETINGS
APPROVED

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

Correspondence CORRESPONDENCE

Each Board Member received a response to letters sent to Senator Dean Skelos regarding the use of lever voting machines. Trustee Stris advised that the law for use of lever voting machines was extended for another year.

Frazer & Feldman

- Months in Review – a Monthly Synopsis of Salient Cases in Special Education

Guercio & Guercio

- New Legislation Regarding Mandated Reporters of Suspected Child Abuse

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

Superintendent Robb-Fund introduced Dr. Shirley Martin, the Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment and Technology. Two teachers participated in a National Science Foundation Grant through Hofstra University. They learned how to teach computer coding and will have a coding club for sixth graders at Dever and Howell. Willow and Wheeler will have STEM related clubs for their six graders. The District received a Teaching is the Core Grant from NYSED through a consortium with Nassau BOCES. This grant is designed to review and streamline assessments. The focus will be on vocabulary development throughout the year. Parent resources for math have been posted on the Parent Resources section of the website, and our first parent workshops on writing reports and using data bases are scheduled for October. The Wheeler Avenue School Choir was selected to perform at the New York State School Boards Annual Convention in New York City in October. The Nassau County Police Department implemented a mobile speed camera on Rockaway Avenue to promote safety at Wheeler Avenue School. During arrival and dismissal time at Wheeler, no right turns are permitted onto Wheeler Avenue from Rockaway Avenue. We are implementing Virtual Backpacks on our website. The principals will send out reminders on Thursdays informing parents to check the virtual backpack for notices, and the notices will remain on the website.

Resignation of Part-time Classroom Aide L. CASON RESIGNED
To accept the resignation of Lourdes Cason, Part-time Classroom Aide AS A PT CRA
effective August 27, 2014.

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

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Adam Kalan, Classroom Aide effective September 1, 2014.

A. KALAN RESIGNED AS A CRA

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

Change in Employment Status

- a) To change the employment status from part time to full time for Elizabeth McMahon, Classroom Aide assigned to Wheeler Avenue School.
- b) To change the employment status from part time to full time for Barbara Kennedy, Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School.

CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR E. MCMAHON, B. KENNEDY

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Catherine Rainis as a Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School effective September 8, 2014 on Step 1 (\$16,498).

C. RAINIS EMPLOYED AS A CRA

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Kristina Badome as a Classroom Aide on Step 1 (\$16,498) assigned to Howell Road School effective September 15, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

K. BADOME EMPLOYED 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 Dawn Vivinetti as a Noon Hour Aide at Wheeler Avenue School effective September 3, 2014.

D. VIVINETTI RESIGNED AS A NHA

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Shelha Nadeem as a Noon Hour Aide on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School, effective September 24, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

S. NADEEM EMPLOYED AS A NHA

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

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide

To add Dawn Vivinetti to the Classroom/Noon Hour Aide substitute list.

D. VIVINETTI ADDED TO CRA/NHA SUB LIST

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [T. Pomerantz, F. Chiachiere]

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the Education Committee will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 11 AM in the Board Room with the following exceptions: Nov. 12, Mar. 17 and Apr. 15, 2015. The meetings in April through June will be held at 10 AM. The committee determined the presentation schedule for reports that will be given at future Board of Education Meetings.

Education Report

Assistant Superintendent for Business Brosnan reported on the Summer Building Projects; Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Sells-Asch gave an Overview of the Special Services offered in the district.

Authorization to Execute Agreements with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreements with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019 dated September 8, 2014, and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the collective bargaining agreements.

VSTA AGREEMENT APPROVED

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

Lead Evaluator

To certify Shirley Martin, Ed.D. Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment and Technology as a qualified Lead Evaluator for the 2014-2015 school year in accordance with the provisions of NYS Education Law 3012-c and subpart 30-2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

S. MARTIN CERTIFIED AS A LEAD EVALUATOR

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

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1st Year

To approve a first-year Child Care Leave of Absence for Janis Boremski, Art Teacher assigned to the James A. Dever School, effective October 8, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

1ST YEAR CCL
APPROVED J.
BOREMSKI

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

Rescind Resolution

To rescind the resolution approved at the July 7, 2014 Board of Education Meeting to employ Stephanie Lotito as a Replacement Classroom Teacher.

RESCIND
RESOLUTION FOR
S. LOTITO AS A
REPLACEMENT
TEACHER

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

Employment of a Probationary Teacher

To employ Stephanie Lotito as a Probationary Classroom Teacher effective September 15, 2014 on Step 1.5 MA (\$68,784) on two years' probation, and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

S. LOTITO EMPLOYED
AS A CRT

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

Employment of a Replacement Speech Teacher

To employ Erica DeVito as a Replacement Speech Teacher effective September 2, 2014 through June 30, 2015, unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 MA (\$67,656) in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

E. DEVITO EMPLOYED
AS A REPLACEMENT
SPEECH TEACHER

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

Employment of a Replacement Teacher

To employ Pamela Crepeau as a Replacement Classroom Teacher effective September 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015, unless sooner terminated on Step 1 MA (\$67,656) in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

P. CREPEAU EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CRT

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

Employment of a Replacement Art Teacher

To employ Frances Cuneen-Sullivan as a Replacement Art Teacher effective October 9, 2014 through June 30, 2015, unless sooner terminated on Step 1 MA (\$67,656) in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

F. CUNEEN-SULLIVAN
EMPLOYED AS A
REPLACEMENT ART
TEACHER

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

Employment of a Part-time Librarian

To employ Michelle Castروفilippo as a part-time (.04) Librarian on Step 1 MA (\$67,656 pro-rated for the number of hours worked) effective September 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and unless sooner terminated.

M. CASTROFILIPPO
EMPLOYED AS A PT
LIBRARIAN

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

Employment of a Part-time Physical Education Teacher

To employ James DiLeonardo as a part-time (.08) Physical Education Teacher on Step 1 MA (\$67,656 pro-rated for the number of hours worked) effective September 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and unless sooner terminated.

J. DILEONARDO
EMPLOYED AS A PT
PE TEACHER

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

Employment of Mentor Teachers

To employ the following as mentor teachers effective September 24, 2014 through June 15, 2015 at a rate of \$52.23 per hour for no more than 15 hours:

Johanna Land (JAD/HRS) Joan Seidl (JAD)
Victoria Mitchell (WRS) Maria Teh-Bradley (HRS)

MENTOR TEACHERS
EMPLOYED

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

Resignation of a Teaching Assistant

To accept the resignation of Victoria Shencup, Teaching Assistant effective September 5, 2014.

V. SHENCUP RESIGNED AS A TA

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

Employment of a Teaching Assistant A. CORTES EMPLOYED AS A TA
To employ Alison Cortes as a Teaching Assistant at an annual salary of \$27,321 effective September 22, 2014 on three years' probation and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the VSTA-TA/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

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

Employment of an Occupational Therapist C. DEL GAIS EMPLOYED AS AN OT
To employ Christina Del Gais as an Occupational Therapist at an annual salary of \$67,086 effective September 2, 2014, and unless sooner terminated.

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

Substitute Teacher List SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST APPROVED
To approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [J. Greco Jacobs, P. Farrell]

Treasurer's Reports TREASURER'S REPORTS ACCEPTED
To accept the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending July 31, 2014 and August 31, 2014.

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

Employment of a School Nurse C. MONTALBANO EMPLOYED AS A SCHOOL RN
To employ Caroline Montalbano as a School Nurse assigned to Howell Road School on Step 2 (\$43,851) effective September 2, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

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

Employment of a School Nurse S. FULCHER EMPLOYED AS A SCHOOL RN
To employ Sky Fulcher as a School Nurse assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 (\$42,926) effective September 2, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

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

Resignation of a School Nurse S. FULCHER RESIGNED AS A SCHOOL RN
To accept the resignation of Sky Fulcher, School Nurse effective Monday, September 22, 2014.

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

Approve Payment for New Nurse Training PAYMENT FOR RN TRAINING APPROVED
To approve payment for Diane Byrnes for new nurse training at \$150 per day effective September 2-5, 2014.

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

Authorization to Add Funds to the Reserve for Retirement Contributions effective June 30, 2014 RESERVE FOR RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION FUNDS AUTHORIZED
To add \$169,562 to the Reserve for Retirement Contributions (A827) from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance. The recommended level of funding for the ERS Reserve is a maximum of five years of expense, currently \$3,245,290. The Reserve is currently funded at \$2,012,563.19.

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

Internal Audit Reports INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT APPROVED
To approve the Internal Audit Reports ending June 30, 2014 as submitted by Nawrocki Smith, LLP.

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.
On the question: President DiSibio advised that this is one of several audits the district goes through. The Internal process is to ensure that the District assets are properly maintained. The Board reviewed the report at the committee meeting.

Approval of Settlement Agreement APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream 13 Union Free School District approve the terms of a Settlement Agreement dated August 20, 2014, between the Board of Education, the Valley Stream 13 Union Free School District, and the employee named in Confidential Attachment "A" relating to charges brought pursuant to Section 75 of the Civil Service Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to execute said Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

Change Order – Fasco Asphalt Paving SED # 280213-02-002-019

Resolved, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves Change Order #1: Fasco Asphalt Paving SED #280213-02-002-019 in the amount of \$1,500 (increase in the original contract amount) in connection with the contract with Fasco Asphalt Paving, Inc. for the Howell Paving Project.

CHANGE ORDER
APPROVED FASCO
ASPHALT PAVING

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, S. Douglas]

The Policy Committee met and reviewed the 14 annual policies. Next month the committee will review policies received from NYSSBA. The next two Policy Committee Meetings will be on October 7 and November 4, 2014 at 5 p.m. in the Board Room.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President T. Pomerantz]

Committee on Special Education Review

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Review dated 8/18/14.

CSE REVIEW
ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 8/18 and 9/09/14.

CPSE REVIEWS
ADOPTED

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

Administrator Liability

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 hereby adopts and extends the coverage provided by Section 18 of the New York State Public Officers Law to Shirley E. Martin, Ed.D., Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment and Technology. The adoption of this provision is intended to supplement the protection available to such individual by virtue of already existing statutory provisions or other sources. The Superintendent or her designee shall take steps necessary to obtain insurance protection against the potential liability to the District arising out of the adoption of this provision.

ADMINISTRATOR
LIABILITY FOR S.
MARTIN

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

CSE/CPSE Membership

To add the following as members of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Committees for 2014-2015:

Nurses:	Caroline Montalbano
OT:	Christina Del Gais
Speech:	Erica DeVito; Irene Pilavas

CSE/CPSE MEMBER-
SHIP UPDATED

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

Donations

To accept a donation from Patricia and Stephen Adamo of three violas with an approximate value of \$525 for use in the district music department.

DONATIONS
ACCEPTED

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

To accept a donation from Eleanor Kase of a piano for use at the James A. Dever School with an approximate value of \$1,000.

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

To accept a gift from DonorsChoose.org of \$763 for a grant submission by Johanna Land (James A. Dever Music Teacher) entitled, "iPads Make Our Hearts Sing."

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

Special Education Contract

To approve the contract between the Board of Education and Gayle E. Kligman Therapeutic Resources for special education evaluations and/or services as needed during the 2014-2015 school year.

SE CONTRACT WITH
G. KLIGMAN APPROV-
ED

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

High School Report

Jeanne Greco Jacobs

The next meeting of the High School Board is October 4; and the next Residency meeting will be held on Monday, November 24 at 8:30 AM in the High School Board Room.

Report of the Attorney

Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). She explained the three types of leaves, maternity/adoption, medical leave for the employee and medical leave for the employee to care for an immediate member of the family, i.e. child, spouse or parent. Thirty days advance notice is required or notice as is practicable. Medical certification is required. The superintendent advised that the district FMLA Policy was recently revised to incorporate new legislation.

Old Business

Trustee Stris requested that a committee be formed to review televising district events. He would like to see the BOCES Advisory Committee interview candidates for participation on this committee.

New Business

President DiSibio advised that the Monday, November 24 Board of Education Meeting will be moved to Tuesday, November 25 since the PTA-President Dinner is November 24, and a district student is being honored. He requested that this notice be posted on the District Website.

On October 1 at 6:30 p.m., the Board will hold a special meeting to develop the process of a long-term strategic plan with a consultant. Once developed, the planning stages will be posted on the district website.

Visitors

Two visitors asked to address the Board:

Maribel Padin-Canestro inquired about the Smart School Bond Act.

Tara Casucci commented on the traffic situation at Wheeler Avenue School.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:17 p.m. a motion for an Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the Superintendent's evaluation was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously. The Attorney was invited to attend.

*Attorney Frazer left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened by President DiSibio at 10 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Michels

Denise Michels
District Clerk