

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Board Room of the James A. Dever School on Tuesday, November 25, 2014.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Trustee Chiachiere
Trustee DiSibio
Trustee Douglas*
Trustee Farrell
Trustee Greco Jacobs*
Trustee Stris

Trustee Pomerantz

OTHERS PRESENT

Superintendent Robb-Fund
Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Interim Asst. Supt. for CAT Martin
Interim Asst. Supt. for Business Groveman
Principal Capozzoli
Principal Gruen
Principal Huplosky
Principal Steele
School District Attorney Frazer*

Approximately 18 Visitors

Convening

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

CONVENING

Quorum

Four members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

At 7:20 p.m. a motion for an Executive Session was made to discuss the personnel history of a particular person and negotiations on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously. The Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendents were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*7:25 p.m. Trustee Greco Jacobs arrived

*7:30 p.m. Attorney Frazer arrived

*7:45 Trustee Douglas arrived

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:04 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 the October 28, November 5, and November 18, 2014 meetings.

MINUTES OF 10/28, 11/5 &
11/18/14 MEETINGS
APPROVED

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

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund**

Teachers participated in a variety of professional development programs on Superintendent's Conference Day, including Common Core ELA and Math, Differentiation, and Junior Great Books. Special area teachers attended professional development programs in their subject area. Forty-nine students were selected to participate in the All-County Music Festival. The Nassau County PTA recognized Rainer DeLalio, a Wheeler student whose musical composition won the National PTA Reflections Prize. This week is American Education Week, and families have been visiting classrooms to observe their children learning.

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Constancia Robinson as a Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 \$16,498 effective October 30, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

C. ROBINSON EMPLOYED AS
A CRA

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Michelle Miano as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) effective October 30, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

M. MIANO EMPLOYED AS A
NHA

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

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide

To add Maria Luisi and Tyrell Coon as substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides.

M. LUISI, T. COON ADDED AS
SUB CRA/NHA

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [T. Pomerantz, F. Chiachiere]

Tenure Recommendation – Speech Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Christie Taveira, Speech Teacher assigned to James A. Dever School, be granted tenure effective January 5, 2015.

C. TAVEIRA GRANTED TENURE

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

Gate Advancement

To approve the Gate Advancement for the following teachers in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract:

GATE ADVANCEMENTS

<u>Teacher/School</u>	<u>Step 14-Step 15</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Laura Greene (H)		December 16, 2014
Deborah Hastings (WAS)		December 1, 2014
Carrie Lundgren (JAD)		November 1, 2014
	<u>Step 19-Step 20</u>	
Lisa Ellis (H)		November 16, 2014
Lisa Smaldon (WAS)		January 16, 2015

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Supervisor

To employ Michael Kilgannon as a Noon Hour Supervisor assigned to James A. Dever School at \$40 per hour, for two and one-half hours per day, effective November 7, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

M. KILGANNON EMPLOYED AS A NH SUPERVISOR

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

Employment of a Registered Nurse

To employ Janice Nolan as a Registered Nurse assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 (\$43,276) effective December 1, 2014 in accordance with the VSTA-RN contract in effect on the date of employment, and unless sooner terminated.

J. NOLAN EMPLOYED AS A RN

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

Change in Start Date for Part Time Music Teacher

To change the start date for Johanna Paez, part time (.04) Music Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, to October 1, 2014.

J. PAEZ START DATE 10/1/14

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

Establish the Salary for Assistant Superintendent for Business

To establish the 2014-2015 salary at \$185,602 for Meredith Brosnan, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

M. BROSNAN SALARY ESTABLISHED FOR 2014-15

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs.

A “no” vote being heard, the board was polled:

Trustee Stris	No	Trustee Douglas	Yes
Trustee Chiachiere	Yes	Trustee Farrell	No
Trustee Jacobs	Yes	Trustee DiSibio	Yes

The vote is 4 Yes and 2 No, motion carries.

In accordance with Policy 2360 Trustee Stris submitted the following statement:

“My no vote is a reflection of the fact that this percentage increase is more than all previous, recent settlements; it is on a higher base and sets a dangerous precedent. This might also be perceived as a golden parachute. I cannot vote for this \$3,639 increase in one year which also includes benefits. See also my no vote on purchasing five vacations days in the board minutes dated 9/22/09, 7/5/11, and 12/17/13.”

Establish the Salary for Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

To establish the 2014-2015 salary at \$176,361 for Lisa Sells-Asch, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services.

L. SELLS-ASCH SALARY ESTABLISHED FOR 2014-15

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs.

A “no” vote being heard, the board was polled:

Trustee Stris	No	Trustee Douglas	Yes
Trustee Chiachiere	Yes	Trustee Farrell	No
Trustee Jacobs	Yes	Trustee DiSibio	Yes

The vote is 4 yes and 2 no, the motion carries.

In accordance with Policy 2360 Trustee Stris submitted the following statement:
 “My no vote is a reflection of the fact that this percentage increase is more than all previous, recent settlements; it is on a higher base and sets a dangerous precedent. I cannot vote for this \$3,458 increase in one year which also includes benefits. See also my no vote on purchasing five vacation days, in the board minutes dated 9/22/09, 7/5/11, and 12/17/13.”

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2014-2015 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST
 UPDATED AND APPROVED

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

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

Treasurer’s Report

To accept the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending October 31, 2014.

TREASURER’S REPORT
 ACCEPTED

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

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective November 26, 2014:

BUDGET TRANSFERS
 APPROVED

From:

A1910.401-01	Comp Gen’l Liab & Auto Insurance	\$21,153
A2110.414-01	Test Scoring-Contractual	2,500
A9760.700-01	TAN-Interest	30,000

To:

A1430.400-01	Personnel-Contractual	\$15,600
A2110.473-01	Payments to Charter Schools	27,948
A2110.501-01	Standardized Testing	2,500
A2250.200-01	Special Ed-Equipment	4,000
A9010.800-01	State Employees’ Retirement	3,605

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

Establish Petty Cash Fund for 2014-15

To establish the Petty Cash Fund for Dr. Alan Groveman of \$100.

PETTY CASH ESTABLISHED
 FOR INTERIM ASST. SUPT.
 FOR BUSINESS GROVEMAN

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

Appointment of a Records Access/Management Officer for 2014-15

To appoint Dr. Alan Groveman as the Records Access/Management Officer for the 2014-15 school year.

A. GROVEMAN APPOINTED
 RECORDS ACCESS/MGMNT.
 OFFICER

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

Capital Project Bid Recommendation

To award the following capital project to the lowest responsible bidder from the sealed bids opened on November 20, 2014:

CAPITAL PROJECT BID
 RECOMMENDATION
 DOOR REPLACEMENTS

Miscellaneous Door Replacements at the James A. Dever, Howell Road and Wheeler Avenue Schools:

- SED #280213-02-0-001-030
- SED #280213-02-0-002-019
- SED #280213-02-0-003-021

Contractor: Renu Contracting Restoration of Copiague, New York
 Amount: \$82,835.00

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, S. Douglas]

Policies for a 2nd Reading and Adoption

To adopt the following policies after a 2nd reading:

- 2120.1 Board Member Qualifications, Candidates and Campaigning
- 5500-E.1 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice Re: Access to Student Records & Information
- 5550 Student Privacy (New)

POLICIES ADOPTED

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President T. Pomerantz]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 10/24, 10/27, 10/28, 10/31, 11/6H, 11/6D, 11/7, 11/12, 11/13, 11/17, and 11/18/14.

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 Education Reviews dated 10/21 and 10/31/14.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Home Tutoring

To approve home tutoring for a student effective November 10, 2014 and not to exceed 8 weeks. The tutor will be Debra Zuccherio; plus OT services for one hour per week, the tutor will be Sherely Fils-Aime.

HOME TUTORING

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

Special Education Contracts

To approve the following contracts for special education evaluations and/or services as needed during the 2014-2015 school year:

SE CONTRACTS APPROVED

- Developmental Disabilities Institute, Inc.
- Valley Stream UFSD #24

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

HIV/Aids Committee Members

To add the following to the HIV/Aids committee for the 2014-2015 school year:

HIV/AIDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS ADDED

Carolann Jaffe (Registered Nurse) Megan Lupo (Teacher) Sharon Marrison (Teacher/Alternate)

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

Impartial Hearing Officers

To remove Howard Jacob and Deborah Berger from the Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List; and to add Jeffrey Silverson to the Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List.

IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICERS REMOVED/ADDED

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

Nassau Suffolk Autism Society of America's Grant

To accept a grant received by Christie Taveira, Speech Teacher at James A. Dever School, through the NSASA 2014-2015 grant program for an iPad mini.

GRANT APPROVED FROM NSASA

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

Donation

To approve a donation from Target of \$156.65 for use at the James A. Dever School

DONATION APPROVED

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

Informational

- Strategic Planning Presentation (J. DiSibio, A. Robb-Fund)
- Report on the Superintendent's Search (J. DiSibio)

Adjournment

At 8:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Farrell

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Acting District Clerk