

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, November 22, 2011.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**   **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Trustee Chiachiere  
Trustee DiSibio  
Trustee Douglas  
Trustee Evans  
Trustee Gartner  
Trustee Greco Jacobs  
Trustee Stris

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Superintendent Robb-Fund  
Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan  
Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth  
Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch  
School District Attorney Perna  
Principal Capozzoli  
Principal Gruen  
Principal Huplosky  
Principal Zerillo  
Approximately 40 Visitors

**Convening**

The meeting was convened at 7:45 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

CONVENING

**Quorum**

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

**Executive Session**

An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss negotiations on a motion made by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee DiSibio 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 Chiachiere.

RECONVENING

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome**

**Quorum**

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

**Approval of the Minutes**

To approve the Minutes of the October 25, and November 15, 2011 meetings.

MINUTES OF 10/25 & 11/15/11  
MEETINGS

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

**Correspondence**

Correspondence received from Frazer & Feldman:

- Updated APPR Guidance
- Presentations by Florence Frazer & Jack Feldman at the Annual NYSSBA Convention

Letter received from Nassau BOCES requesting the liaisons to the BOCES Budget Advisory Committee & the District Clerk responded.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from NYS School Boards Assn. thanking the Valley Stream Board of Education for their continued membership & support.

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

Dr. Robb-Fund thanked everyone for attending. Superintendent's Conference Day was held on November 8 and the teachers, staff and administrators attended workshops regarding the new Common Core Learning Standards. Educational Planning was held on November 19 and approximately 25 people attended. The PowerPoint and report are posted on our website. We celebrated American Education Week this week so the parents with students in the High School District can also visit their elementary students. She thanked everyone and wished all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

**Employment of a Part-time (.5) Classroom Aide**

To employ Christina Picarella as a part-time (.5) Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1 (\$16,254 pro-rated) effective November 9, 2011 and unless sooner terminated.

C. PICARELLA EMPLOYED AS A  
PART-TIME CRA

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

**Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide**

To accept the resignation of Ursula Cappuccio-Boccia as a Noon Hour Aide at Wheeler Avenue School effective November 15, 2011.

U. CAPPUCCIO-BOCCIA  
RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

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

**Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide**

To accept the resignation of Ann Marie DiSibio as a Noon Hour Aide at

A. DISIBIO RESIGNATION  
ACCEPTED

Wheeler Avenue School effective November 18, 2011.

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Dawn Tripaldo as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) effective November 23, 2011 and unless sooner terminated.

D. TRIPALDO EMPLOYED AS A NHA

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Rose-Hardy Cajuste as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) effective November 23, 2011 and unless sooner terminated.

R-HARDY CAJUSTE EMPLOYED AS A NHA

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

VSTA Educational Office Personnel Memorandum of Agreement

To approve the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the VSTA Educational Office Personnel (VSTAEOP) and the Board of Education for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30 2014; and that the President of the Board be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

VSTAEOP MOA APPROVED

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

**Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION** [S. Douglas, J. Greco Jacobs]

Education Report

Christine Zerillo, Principal of Wheeler Avenue School, welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of the Common Core Standards for ELA followed by a PowerPoint presentation of the students learning, using the Common Core Standards for ELA.

Christina Picarella, President PTA Interschool President, presented the following mini grants:

- Janis Boremski, James A. Dever School, for "Dignity for all Weaving"
- Reading Teachers, Howell Road School, for "Read Me a Story"
- Craig Caputo, Wheeler Avenue School, for "The Window Farm Project"
- Cynthia Richards, Willow Road School, for "Kindness to the Earth"

Change in the Date of Employment of a Replacement Teacher

To change the date of employment for Erin Morgan as a Replacement Classroom Teacher effective November 3, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

E. MORGAN EMPLOYED EFFECTIVE 11/3/11-6/30/12

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

Employment of a Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Mary Danna as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to the Howell Road School on Step 1 MA (\$66,258) effective November 16, 2011 through June 30, 2012, unless sooner terminated, and in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract.

M. DANNA EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT TEACHER

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

Resignation of the .04 Art Teacher

To accept the resignation for Valerie Ferrandino, .04 Art Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, effective November 1, 2011.

V. FERRANDINO RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

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

Employment of a .04 Art Teacher

To employ Jordanna Gatoff as a .04 Art Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, on Step 1 MA (\$66,258 pro-rated) effective November 14, 2011 through June 30, 2012 and unless sooner terminated.

J. GATOFF EMPLOYED AS A .04 ART TEACHER

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

Resignation of a School Nurse

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement for Carol Ignaciuk, school nurse at Wheeler Avenue School, effective January 20, 2012.

C. IGNACIUK RESIGNATION  
FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously. President Chiachiere thanked Mrs. Ignaciuk for many years of service to the district and wished her a happy, healthy, and peaceful retirement.

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 Gartner and carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS** [D. Evans, J. DiSibio]

Treasurer's Report

To approve the Treasurer's Report dated October 31, 2011.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
ACCEPTED

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

Request for Proposal for Vehicle Inspection and Repair

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen solicited proposals for vehicle inspection and repair services pursuant to a request for proposals ("RFP") and has determined that Sun Island Service Station best meets the requirements for those services;

RFP VEHICLE INSPECTION &  
REPAIR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby accepts Sun Island Service Station's proposal and awards to it the service contract for vehicle inspection and repair as described in the RFP for the 2011-12 school year.

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

Disposal of Obsolete, Surplus or Unusable District Property

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 hereby declares the articles of property listed on attachment "A" to be obsolete, surplus or unusable property whose market value is indeterminate, and hereby directs the Superintendent to sell said property for market value at a public sale, if possible, and to otherwise dispose of any remaining unsold property in an appropriate manner.

DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE,  
SURPLUS OR UNUSABLE  
DISTRICT PROPERTY

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

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective November 23, 2011:

BUDGET TRANSFER

*From:*  
A9040.800.01 Workers Comp Insurance \$15,014

*To:*  
A9010.800.01 State Employee Retire System \$15,014

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

Request for Proposal for Consolidation Study

The Board authorizes the Board President to sign a Request for Proposal (RFP) to obtain prices for a consolidation study along with Valley Stream Central High School District and Valley Stream UFSD Thirty.

CONSOLIDATION STUDY

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

President Chiachiere explained that this RFP is a request for prices only. He explained that the Governor is looking at Long Island School Districts, and this is a pro-active approach to the possibility of a consolidation study.

**POLICY COMMITTEE** [W. Stris, J. Gartner]

Policies for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption

To adopt the following policies:

1500 Public Use of School Facilities  
6150 Budget Transfers

POLICIES 1500 AND 6150  
ADOPTED

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

[Vice President J. Gartner]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 10/19D, 10/19Wi, 10/20D, 10/20Wh, 10/24, 10/26D, 10/26, 10/26D, 11/7Wi, and 11/7/11.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Moved by Trustee Gartner, 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 10/18 and 11/1/11.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Special Services Contracts for 2011-2012

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;

SPECIAL SERVICES CONTRACTS APPROVED

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:

- Mike Marroquin, Consultant
- Carina Ameritano-Hamel, M.A.
- Michelle Gay, Consultant

Moved by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously. Mr. Toma, Norwood Park Civic Association, asked for cost of the above contracts. Dr. Robb-Fund didn't have the information, but she would contact him.

Tuition Placement Contracts

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 13 is authorized under the Education Law to contract with other public school districts within the State of New York for the instruction of students with disabilities where appropriate, as determined by the District's committee on special education;

TUITION PLACEMENT CONTRACTS APPROVED

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the special education services contract between the District and Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four for the 2011-12 school year.

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

Home Tutoring

To approve intermittent Home Tutoring for a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student at Howell Road School for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

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

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a donation of \$289.22 to the James A. Dever School from Target Corporation to be used to purchase supplies for the school.

TARGET DONATION ACCEPTED

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

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a donation of a binder and supplies from Fidelis Care New York with an approximate value of \$2,672.

BINDER & SUPPLIES DONATION ACCEPTED

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

**Report of the Attorney**  
Michael Perna

Attorney Perna reported on the case of Brown v. NYC Board of Education regarding APPR evaluations and the termination of a non-tenured teacher. A copy of the case was submitted to the Board of Education.

**Old Business**

Trustee Stris attended the New York State School Boards Convention in Buffalo and was the voting delegate for District Thirteen. He attended several workshops.

Trustee Douglas attended the NYSSBA Convention as well, and he and Dr. Robb-Fund attended the performance of "The Lion King" since a student from Howell Road School had the lead in the presentation.

**Visitors**

Vincent Toma, Norwood Park Civic Assn., asked if the Board of Education would consider broadcasting the Board meetings, and he asked if they could hold a forum whereby community members who are unable to attend the meetings can participate via podcast.

President Chiachiere wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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