

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the auditorium of the Howell Road School on Tuesday, November 23, 2010.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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 50 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

CONVENING

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held immediately for collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law and the employment history of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Stris, 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 8:05p.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 November 16, 2010 meeting.

MINUTES OF 11/16/10
MEETING APPROVED

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

Correspondence

From our attorney, Frazer & Feldman

- Duration of SHS Athletic Competition
- Simultaneous Accrual of Admin. & Teaching Tenure & Seniority
- LI Intergovernmental Relations Purchasing Council
- Amendments to Special Ed Regs.

CORRESPONDENCE

From Timothy Kremer, Executive Director of NYSSA:

- Letter stating Programs & Services provided to School District Members

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent's Conference Day was November 2nd. Teachers were involved in professional learning activities conducted by experts in the field, as well as their colleagues. Educational Planning was held on Saturday, November 13th and the Superintendent reported to the Board and Community members on the district's educational vision. This report is available in the office of the District Clerk. Building Inspections will take place on Saturday December 11th beginning at Willow, then Howell, Wheeler and ending at James A. Dever. The community is invited to attend. President Chiachiere and Superintendent Lison attended the Nassau Region PTA President's & Principal's Dinner at the Crest Hollow Country Club and thanked Marlana Romano, Interschool PTA President.

Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide

To employ Michelle Burke as a substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide effective November 24, 2010.

M. BURKE ADDED AS A
SUBSTITUTE NHA/CRA

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [J. Gartner]

Education Report Primary Reading: Reader's Theatre
 Frank Huplosky, Principal of Howell Road gave an overview of the Reader's Theatre Program, with Cindy Gervasi, Howell Reading Teacher. Several 1st and 2nd graders Demonstrated the technique.

Employment of a Classroom Teacher, Math AIS
 To employ Andrea DiMango as a Classroom Teacher (Math AIS) assigned to James A. Dever School on Step 1MA (\$64,632) on three years probation, effective November 29, 2010 and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

A. DIMANGO EMPLOYED AS
 A CRT (MATH AIS)

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

Gate Advancement
 To approve a Gate Advancement for Madeline Roblin from Step 19 to Step 20 effective December 15, 2010.

GATE ADVANCEMENT FOR
 M. ROBLIN

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

Salary Change
 To approve a salary change for Edelma Y. Devine to Step 1MA+30 (\$69,075) effective November 15, 2010.

SALARY CHANGE FOR
 E. DEVINE TO 1MA+30

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

Leave of Absence
 To approve a Leave of Absence for Amy McVetty, Special Education teacher at Wheeler Avenue School, in accordance with the VSTA/Board contract section 5.11.2.6 effective November 10, 2010 through June 30, 2011 subject to an earlier return date with appropriate medical clearance.

A. MCVETTY LOA
 APPROVED

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

Substitute Teacher List
 To approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2010-2011 school year.

SUBSTITUTE LIST UPDATED
 AND APPROVED

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

BUSINESS [J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

Treasurer's Report
 To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT
 APPROVED

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

Standard Work Day and Reporting
 BE IT RESOLVED, that Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

STANDARD WORK DAY
 AND REPORTING ESTABLISHED

Title	Standard Work Day	Term	Participates in Time Keeping	Days/ Month
Treasurer	7 hours	7/1/10-6/30/11	No	3

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

Budget Transfer
 To approve the following transfer effective November 24, 2010

BUDGET TRANSFER APPROVED

<i>From:</i>			
A9030.800.01	Social Security		\$141,733
A9760.700.01	TAN-Interest		\$ 50,000
<i>To:</i>			
A9010.800.01	State Employees' Retirement		\$191,733

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

Transportation Contract 2010-2011

To approve the following new transportation contract with Nassau BOCES effective September 8, 2010:

BOCES – Eagle Avenue School 1 student @ \$558.20 per pupil per month

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

BOCES TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT APPROVED

Resignation of Supervisor of Buildings and Operations

To approve the resignation of Michael Palotta, Supervisor of Buildings and Operations, effective November 30, 2010.

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

Superintendent Lison thanked Michael Palotta for 30 years of dedicated service in District Thirteen and he was wished well in the future.

M. PALOTTA'S RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Leave of Absence Without Pay

To approve a Leave of Absence Without Pay for Nancy Mott, Clerk Typist at Wheeler Avenue School, effective November 12, 2010 through January 31, 2011.

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

N. MOTT LOA/WOP APPROVED

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, J. Greco Jacobs]

No report this month.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President J. Gartner]

Committee Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 10/13H, 10/13D, 10/14, 10/20, 11/4, 11/10, 11/10Wi, and 11/15/10.

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

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Education Reviews dated 11/10 and 11/12/10.

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

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Approval of a Request for Proposal for Superintendent Search

To approve the firm of School Leadership, LLC to perform the Superintendent Search in an amount not to exceed \$15,600.

Moved by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Stris. President Chiachiere asked the District Clerk to poll the board:

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP
APPROVED TO PERFORM
SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

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

Trustee Chiachiere has recused himself from the selection process for a recruiting firm and is recusing himself from the vote for School Leadership, LLP since he has worked as a casual consultant with this organization.

The motion is carried.

Home Tutoring

To approve Home Tutoring for a first grade student effective November 29 through December 6, 2010. The tutor will be Madeline Roblin.

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

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

Removal - Impartial Hearing Officer

To remove Eugene Kaufman from the Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List.

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

E. KAUFMAN, IHO REMOVED

**Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer**

No report from the attorney this month

New Business

On November 16, Trustee Stris, Superintendent Lison and Assistant Superintendent for Business Brosnan attended a Dedication Ceremony honoring Arline Strumeyer, a former District Thirteen Trustee.

Trustee Stris read the following statement: BOCES dedicated a library in her honor. Former Trustee, Harris Dinkoff, and former District Thirteen Superintendent, Dr. Thomas Lee, were also present. Arline Strumeyer served on the executive boards of the James A. Dever PTA and was President from 1967-1970 and Chairperson of the Interschool Committee from 1979 – 1970; Valley Stream North High School PTSA, and the Valley Stream Council of PTAs. She served as the Assistant Director of the Nassau District PTA from 1970-1974; and was a recipient of the PTAs Honorary Life Membership in 1968 and National in 1996. She was elected to the District Thirteen Board of Education in 1973 and served until 1996. She was President of the Board for six terms: 1975-1977, 1981-1982, 1987-1988, 1990-1991 and 1994-1995. She served as Vice President for two terms: 1974-1975 and 1980-1981. In 1975 she was appointed to the High School Board of Education where she served as President from 1977-1978 and 1983-1984 and Vice President for two terms from 1978-1979 and 1984-1985. She served on the High School Board until 1996. In 1998 Mrs. Strumeyer was elected to the BOCES Board where she served until her passing in 2007.

Trustee Stris stated “It is more than fitting that a library was named in her honor.”

Executive Session

At 8:45 p.m. Trustee DiSibio made a motion for Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent’s contract, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels

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District Clerk