

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 24, 2015.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere		Superintendent Evelyn
Trustee DiSibio		Interim Asst. Supt. for CAT Martin
Trustee Douglas		Interim Asst. Supt. for Business Groveman
Trustee Farrell		Asst. Supt. for Spec. Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Pomerantz		Principal Capozzoli
Trustee Stris		Principal Gruen
		Principal Huplosky
		Principal Steele
		School District Attorney Blanton
		District Clerk Brewington
		Approximately 20 Visitors

Convening CONVENING
The special meeting was convened at 6:04p.m. by President Pomerantz.

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

Executive Session EXECUTIVE SESSION
An Executive Session was held immediately at 6:04p.m to discuss the employment of a possible candidate on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. The Superintendent and Attorney Blanton were invited to attend.

Reconvening RECONVENING
The meeting was reconvened at 8:15p.m. by President Pomerantz.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Minutes MINUTES OF 10/21 & 10/27 MEETINGS APPROVED
To approve the Minutes of the October 21 and October 27 meetings.
Moved by Trustee Stris and seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously.

Correspondence CORRESPONDENCE
Memorandums from the Law offices of Guercio & Guercio

- Individualized Education Program (IEP) Facilitation PILOT Program
- Revised school Receivership Regulation – New Resolution Procedures
- Affordable Care Act Update

Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Constance Evelyn

Superintendent Evelyn reported on the following items.

1. Valley Stream UFSD 13 Board Retreat on November 7, 2015, Theme: “A Collaborative Endeavor”. The following were discussed
 - Beliefs
 - New Vision Statement
 - Revised Mission Statement
 - District Wide Goals
 - Curriculum & Instruction
 - Leadership & Innovation
 - Systems Thinking
2. The Strategic Planning meeting held on November 12, 2015 was also very productive. Below are the three sub-committees and the goals that were areas were developed.
 - **Goal Area #1 – Facilities** – chaired by Interim Asst. Supt. for Business, Dr. Alan Groveman
 - a. Bringing the district’s facilities (indoor and outdoor), including provisions for security, up to 21st century standards.
 - b. Examining reasoning options for the use of facilities to permit each school to offer the attendance area a comprehensive program.
 - c. Evaluate security staffing and procedures to ensure student and staff safety
 - **Goal Area #2– Special Education** – chaired by Asst. Supt. for Special Services, Lisa Sells-Asch
 - a. Enhancing increasing programs and services in the area of Special Education
 - **Goal Area #3– Instruction** – chaired by Interim Asst. Supt. of Curriculum, Dr. Shirley Martin

- a. Enhancing curriculum and instructional practices in the areas of STEM, Social Studies, and Technology
- b. Enhancing the staffing and curricular offerings in SEL (Social and Emotional Learning)

The sub-committee meetings are scheduled for December 8 at 4pm. The next Strategic Planning meeting will be held in the James A. Dever library on Tuesday, February 23 from 5:30-6:45 pm.

Report of the Interim Asst. Superintendent of Business

Dr. Alan Groveman

Interim Asst. Superintendent Groveman discussed the details of the bond referendum plans for work on the A and B list in Dever and Willow Schools. Jim Daley reported on the list of projects for both Dever and Willow Schools. It will take about 4 years to complete all projects. Smaller projects will start first, then larger items. Items will be done on a timely and cost effective fashion.

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [S. Douglas, W. Stris]

Change in Probationary Status

Upon review of Deanna Cappello’s APPR Scores for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years and confirmation of her having been granted tenure by the New York City School District, the probationary term of Ms. Cappello, appointed as Classroom Teacher at the July 1, 2015 Board of Education Meeting, is modified to a three year probationary term effective September 1, 2015.

CHANGE IN
PROBATIONARY
STATUS

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

Readers Theatre Club

To change the sponsor for the Readers Theatre Club to Elizabeth Sweeney and remove Lisa Geary.

READERS THEATRE

School	Club	Type	15/16 Sponsor	Step	Amount
Howell Road	Readers' Theatre	C	Elizabeth Sweeney	1	1,241

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

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1st Year

To approve a 1st year Child Care Leave of Absence for Pamela Doodnauth, Speech Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, effective December 11, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

CHILD CARE LEAVE
OF ABSENCE

Moved by Trustee Douglas seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Employment of a Replacement Speech Teacher

To employ Erica DeVito as a Replacement Speech Teacher in accordance with the VSTA/Teacher Contract in effect on the date of employment on Step 1.5 MA (\$69,368) assigned to Willow Road School effective December 14, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and unless sooner terminated.

EMPLOYMENT OF A
REPLACEMENT
SPEECH TEACHER

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher list for the 2015-2016 school year.

SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERLIST

Moved by Trustee Douglas seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Appointment of an Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 hereby appoints Michael Cipriani to a four year probationary term as Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources (tenure area: Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources), effective January 4, 2016, on the terms and conditions set forth in an employment agreement dated November 24, 2015; and

APPOINTMENT OF
M. CIPRIANI FOR
ASST.SUPT. OF
BUSINESS AND
HUMANRESOURCES

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board be authorized to execute said employment agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

President Pomerantz declared a recess at 9:03pm to welcome Mr. Cipriani in the lunchroom.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [F. Chiachiere]

Treasurer's Reports

To accept the Treasurer's Reports for the months ending September 30 and October 31, 2015.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

Rules and Regulations

To approve the Rules and Regulations for the Special District Election on December 8, 2015.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

Conference Approval

To approve reimbursement for Sean Douglas and any other Board Members who wish to attend a visitation at the Rockville Centre School District on December 3, 2015.

CONFERENCE APPROVAL

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

Trustee Stris asked what is the purpose of the visitation? Trustee Douglas replied to see if our district can adopt some of their educational plans.

Transportation Contracts 2015 -2016

To approve the following contract extensions and new transportation contract bids at June CPI of 0% as bid on May 21, 2015 by the Southwest Quadrant.

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS

BOCES

Outdoor Ed (Wheelchair Van) 1 van \$1258.77 per van per trip

WE Transport

Mill Neck Road School	1 student	1800.00 per pupil per month
Cambria Center for the Gifted	1 student	481.25 per pupil per month
Linden SDA	1 student	515.00 per pupil per month
St. Joseph	1 student	454.64 per pupil per month

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [J. DiSibio, P. Farrell]

Met on Monday, November 16 to review three policies and table the transportation policy. These policies are still in review.

No motions on the table.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President P. Farrell]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 10/9, 10/23Wi, 10/23Wi, and 11/13Wh, 11/13/15MNM.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION REVIEWS

Moved by Trustee Farrell seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 9/29, 10/22, and 11/5, 11/10/15.

COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION REVIEWS

Moved by Trustee Farrell seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a \$50 donation from Target for purchasing supplies at the Wheeler Avenue School.

ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION

Moved by Trustee Farrell seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously.

Informational

The Building Tours scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2015 have been cancelled.

INFORMATIONAL

Report of the Attorney

Drew Blanton (associate with Frazier & Feldman)

Attorney Blanton is an associate from Frazier & Feldman who stood in for Attorney Florence Frazier. He spoke about a case on the Matter of Mazzella vs. the Bedford Central School District whereby the court found the hearing officer's decision to terminate a teacher for an incompetence rating was supported by adequate evidence in the record and the petition was denied.

High School Report

Trustee J. DiSibio

Trustee DiSibio reported that the last meeting of the HS was on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

After an extensive search and interview process the district appointed Dr. William J. Bushman as the new director of special services. (replacing Patrice Dobies).

The district's external auditors D'Archangelo, co-presented the audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2015. The district received an unqualified opinion as to the state of the district's financial statements. This means, that the financial statements were presented fairly and accurately in all material aspects. In terms of financial strength, the high school district was given high marks for its fiscal management.

As it was school board recognition week, the board was treated to several presentations from all of our schools. The board was presented with several gifts from our school which included framed pictures to hang in the board room, certificates presented to each board member, a musical cd of student performances and other items. These gifts were delightful to behold and very appreciated by the board members.

The board approved a series of appointments and resignations, approved the financial reports for the month and approved a series of special education service contracts and policy revisions(policy 1900 parent involvement and policy 6640 procedures for accounting for fixed assets).

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Trustee Bill Stris

Trustee Stris gave the Residency Committee Report. On Monday, November 23, 2015 at 8:30am, districts 13, 24 and the High School Residency Advisory Committee met in the HS board room. Trustee Stris and Pomerantz represented district 13 and Trustees Stris and Iadevaio represented the HS district. Trustee Iadevaio also represented Valley Stream district 24.

HS attorney John Sheehan gave a legal report and answered many questions from the public. There were approximately 12 members from the public in attendance. The following residency statistics were reported:

- 338 residents appeared for registration
- 326 were approved
- 2 held for further investigation
- 210 own their residence
- 85 rent
- 10 were denied

The residency advisory committee decided to have one more meeting near the end of the school year.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Patricia Brewington

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District Clerk