

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 27, 2012.

**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 Special Services Sells-Asch  
Coordinator of Curric. & Assessment Schozer  
School District Attorneys Frazer, Perna  
Principal Capozzoli  
Principal Gruen  
Principal Huplosky  
Principal Steele  
District Clerk Michels  
Approximately 55 Visitors

**Convening**

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

CONVENING

**Quorum**

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

**Executive Session**

An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss legal issues on a motion made by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously. The Superintendent and the attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Reconvening**

The meeting was reconvened at 8:12 p.m. by President Greco Jacobs.

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 23 and November 20, 2012 meetings.

MINUTES OF 10/23 & 11/20/12  
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

**Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received:  
Frazer & Feldman

CORRESPONDENCE

- Registration of Homeless Students
- Amendment to Section 100.5 Compensatory Score Option – Regents
- School Calendar & Minimum Session Requirements
- Homeless Students with Disabilities
- Tax Certiorari Seminar
- Appellate Division Decision on Student Discipline Decision on Student Discipline & 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Rights

Guercio & Guercio – Letter received regarding the School Calendar  
Donald Clavin, Jr. – Letter received acknowledging the Property Tax Extension  
NYSSBA – Letter received thanking VS #13 for their continued membership and support

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

Superintendent Robb-Fund welcomed everyone in attendance and explained the functions of the Board of Education. Dr. Robb-Fund thanked Jim Daly, Supervisor of Buildings & Operations, and the custodial staff for preparing the buildings for Hurricane Sandy and the nor'easter, as well as the cleanup of the school grounds afterwards. November 17 was the Educational Planning meeting, and a copy of the report is on our website.

**Termination of a Classroom Aide**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the services of Camille Schacca, Classroom Aide, be terminated pursuant to Civil Service Law Section 73, effective November 27, 2012.

C. SCHACCA TERMINATED AS  
A CRA UNDER SECTION 73 OF  
CIVIL SERVICE LAW

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

**Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION**    [F. Chiachiere, S. Douglas]

Education Report

ACE Update: Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund, Superintendent, gave an update on ACE (Academics, Communication, and Emotional Learning). Under communication: the district held a series of parent workshops, and workshops will be held in January. The One Call system and e-mail notification system provided the community with information about school closings and plans during the storms. The district is looking into text messaging as another means of communication. Parents received monthly letters indicating vocabulary and learning strategies of the month, which are posted on the district website. Under Emotional Learning: Events such as PBIS, Fill-a-Bucket, Red Ribbon Week, coat drives, and collections teaches students the importance of helping others and making good choices.

NWEA Results: Caroline Schozer, Coordinator of Curriculum & Assessment, explained the NWEA Assessments and gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the results.

Wheeler Art Show: Students were recognized for their artwork being selected for the 2012-2013 VS #13 School Calendar and student artwork that was selected to be displayed at the NYSSBA Convention in Rochester.

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2012-2013 school year

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST  
UPDATED AND APPROVED

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

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1<sup>st</sup> Year

To approve a 1<sup>st</sup> Year Child Care Leave of Absence for Stephanie Fleischer, Reading Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, effective December 7, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR CCL APPROVED  
FOR S. FLEISCHER

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

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE** [J. Gartner, J. DiSibio]

Treasurers' Reports

To accept the Treasurers' Reports for the periods ending September 30 and October 31, 2012.

TREASURERS' REPORTS  
ACCEPTED

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

Disposal of Obsolete, Unusable Telephone Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen hereby declares the telephone equipment to be obsolete and unusable, and hereby directs the Superintendent to sell said property for market value and to otherwise dispose of any remaining unsold property in an appropriate manner. (See attached list of equipment)

TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT  
DECLARED OBSOLETE &  
UNUSABLE

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

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective November 27, 2012:

From:

A9060.800.01 Health Insurance-Active Employees \$ 70,000  
A9760.700.01 TAN Expenses \$ 30,000

BUDGET TRANSFER  
APPROVED

To:

A2250.470.01 Special Ed-Tuition \$100,000

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE** [W. Stris, D. Evans]

Informational: Policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

9120.1 Conflict of Interest  
2350 Board Meeting Procedures

POLICIES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

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

To adopt the following policies:

1900-E.1 Parent Involvement (School-Parent Compact)  
3220 Administrative Councils, Cabinets, Committees  
3230-E Organization Chart  
4200 Curriculum Development  
4720 Testing Programs  
5300.25 Code of Conduct – Prohibited Student Conduct  
5300.60 Code of Conduct – Public Conduct on School Property  
5420-R Student Health Services Regulation  
5440 Drug and Alcohol Abuse

POLICIES APPROVED FOR  
ADOPTION

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President S. Douglas]

Committee on Special Education Reviews  
To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 10/24, 10/25, 10/26, 11/7/12.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Acceptance of a Donation  
To accept a donation from Comp4Kids of NY of 60 IBM R52 Laptops/Power Cords with an approximate value of \$4800 for use throughout the District.

DONATION ACCEPTED

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

Special Services Contracts  
To approve the Special Services Contract for UCP for the 2012-2013 School year and authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

UCP CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL SERVICES APPROVED

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

Home Tutoring  
To approve home tutoring for a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student effective through December 2012. Tutor: Kelly Logan.

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

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

License Agreement with SCOPE  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a License Agreement by and between the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen (“Board”) and SCOPE Education Services (“SCOPE”), with respect to SCOPE’s use of certain District facilities not currently needed or used for school district purposes for the provision of enrichment services to District students, for the period January 26, 2013 through March 9, 2013, upon the terms and conditions set forth therein; and

SCOPE LICENSE AGREEMENT SATURDAY ENRICHMENT APPROVED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President be and hereby is authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

Conference Attendance  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board approves the attendance of Trustee Frank Chiachiere to attend the Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington, D.C. as the Area Liaison representing the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association and to lobby on behalf of the District and the Association with elected representatives and federal education officials; and authorizes the payment of reasonable and necessary travel expenses of Dr. Chiachiere, in accordance with District policy.

FEDERAL RELATIONS NETWORK CONFERENCE APPROVED FOR ATTENDANCE

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

Tutoring Services  
To approve tutoring services for a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student provided by Education, Inc. at \$40 per hour, five hours per week, effective November 24, 2012 through November 30, 2012.

TUTORING SERVICES

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

**Report of the Attorney**  
Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on a case whereby a custodian was terminated for misconduct off school premises. The custodian brought Article 78 proceeding challenging his termination since the misconduct didn’t occur during his workday and it didn’t occur on school property. However, the Hearing Officer found that the termination was legal since the custodian admitted to his drug addiction in writing. Petitioner’s possession and use of crack cocaine, along with his misconduct and arrests over several years, proved ample justification for the decision to be terminated.

**Old Business**

Trustee Stris attended the NYSSBA Convention in Rochester in October. Our attorney, Florence Frazer, gave a workshop entitled “Employee Discipline Update. Trustee Chiachiere and Dr. Ed Fale, Superintendent of VS #24, gave a workshop entitled “Superintendent Evaluation for High-Quality Leadership.” Trustee Stris attended a Residency Committee Meeting on November 26 where topics of discussion included legal updates on the Commissioner’s Decision on Residency, the Impact of Hurricane Sandy, and homeless students. The residency Hot Line number is 872-5677, if you suspect someone attends school in our districts, but doesn’t reside within the district.

**New Business**

Amendment to the November 20, 2012 Minutes

To amend the November 20, 2012 Minutes to include Trustee Douglas as in attendance.

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE  
NOVEMBER 20 MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

*Denise Michels*

Denise Michels  
District Clerk