

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 Monday, December 15, 2008.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere Trustee Evans Trustee Gorham Trustee Greco Jacobs Trustee Speranza Trustee Stris	Trustee DiSibio	Superintendent Lison Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch School District Attorney Ferrugiari District Clerk Michels Building Principal Capozzoli Building Principal Gruen Building Principal Huplosky Building Principal Zerillo Approximately 8 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. by President Stris.

CONVENING

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss personnel of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:05 p.m. by President Stris.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

Resolution: To approve the minutes of the November 25 and December 6, 2008 meetings.

MINUTES OF 11/25 & 12/6/08  
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

- Letter from Governor David Paterson concerning State Aid reduction
- Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs making a donation to the District
- Thank you Letter from Principal Frank Huplosky for the scroll presented to Howell Road School

CORRESPONDENCE

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**  
Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent Lison reported that this is the last meeting in 2008 and wished everyone a happy holiday and new year. Students are busy practicing for the upcoming holiday concerts; and the Dever Band performed at the Malverne Tree Lighting and Dever and Howell performed at the Valley Stream Tree Lighting. Students are involved with other activities throughout the District supporting needy families. Governor Paterson will report on state aide on December 16 so school districts can plan their 2009-2010 budgets accordingly.

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Elizabeth McMahon as a Classroom Aide assigned to James A. Dever School effective December 16, 2008, and unless sooner terminated on Step 1 (\$15,243).

E. MCMAHON EMPLOYED AS A  
CLASSROOM AIDE

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Mary Jane Luca as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to James A. Dever School effective December 16, 2008, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour)

M. LUCA EMPLOYED AS A  
NOONHOUR AIDE

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

Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide

To add Julie Hammel as a substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide.

J. HAMMEL ADDED AS A  
SUBSTITUTE NHA/CRA

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

Noon Hour/Classroom Aide & Bus Monitor Substitute

L. LUCENTE ADDED AS A

To add Louis Lucente as a substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide & Bus Monitor. SUBSTITUTE NHA/CRA/BUS MONITOR  
Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Speranza and carried unanimously.

**EDUCATION** (F. Chiachiere, T. Speranza)

Gate Advancements GATE ADVANCEMENTS

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the Gate Advancements in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract for the following teachers:

- Maria Francaviglia from Step 9 to Step 10 effective March 16, 2009
- Barbara Farrell from Step 14 to Step 15 effective January 15, 2009
- Diane Gorman from Step 14 to Step 15 effective February 1, 2009

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

Resignation of a Special Education Teacher M. BASTIAO RESIGNATION ACCEPTED  
To accept the resignation of Mary Lou Bastiao, Special Education Teacher at Willow Road School, effective December 31, 2008.

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

Abolish Position of ESL Coordinator ESL COORDINATOR POSITION ABOLISHED  
To abolish the position of ESL Coordinator effective June 30, 2009.

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

Child Care Leave of Absence – First Year D. BUEHRE 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR CCL  
To approve a first year child care leave of absence for Donna Buehre, Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School, effective January 15, 2009 through June 30, 2009 in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract.

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

Employment of a Replacement Teacher E. MORGAN EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CRT  
To employ Erin Morgan as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, effective January 15, 2009 through June 30, 2009 and unless sooner terminated, on Step 2BA (\$55,731) in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

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

Employment of a Classroom Teacher D. VAN BLERCK EMPLOYED AS A CRT  
To employ Danielle Van Blerck as a Classroom Teacher assigned to Howell Road School effective January 5, 2009 on three years probation, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1BA (\$53,695) in accordance with the VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins.

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

Employment of a Special Education Teacher G. MOLINARO EMPLOYED AS A SP. ED. TEACHER  
To employ Greer Molinaro as a Special Education Teacher assigned to Willow Road Schools effective January 12, 2009 on three years probation, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 4MA (\$69,772) in accordance with the VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins.

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

Substitute Teacher List SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST UPDATED AND APPROVED  
To approve the updated Substitute Teacher list for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

**BUSINESS** [J. DiSibio, B. Gorham]

Mileage Reimbursement Rate MILEAGE RATE \$.550 1/1/09  
To adopt the IRS mileage reimbursement rate of \$.550 effective January 1, 2009.

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

OMNI Group 403(b) Retirement Plan Adoption Agreement OMNI GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN ADOPTION AGREEMENT TABLED UNTIL JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>  
To accept and approve the 403(b) Retirement Plan Adoption Agreement with the OMNI Group, and authorize the Board President to sign said agreement.

A motion to table this item until the January 27, 2009 Board of Education meeting was made by Trustee Gorham, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

**POLICY COMMITTEE** [D. Evans, J. Greco Jacobs]

Policies and Regulations for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

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

- 1100 Public Information Program
- 3230E Organizational Chart
- 8332R Staff Use of Cellular Phones regulations
- 2325/2325-R Joint Boards Meetings policy and regulations to be abolished

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President J. DiSibio]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 11/3, 11/14Wi, 11/14Wi, 11/20, 11/21, 11/24, 12/1, and 12/3/08.

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 12/4 and 12/8/08.

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

Parent Membership to Committee on Special Education and Pre-school Special Education

M. MARRA/L. TORRES ADDED AS PARENT MEMBERS FOR CSE CPSE COMMITTEES

To add Mary Marra and Lucy Torres as parent members of the Committee on Special Education and Pre-school Special Education.

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

Acceptance of a Donation

DONATION ACCEPTED

To accept a donation of children’s books for classroom libraries from Mr. & Mrs. James Jacobs with an approximate value of \$2000.

Moved by Trustee Speranza, seconded by Trustee Gorham and carried unanimously.

**Report of the Attorney**

Laura Ferrugiari

Laura Ferrugiari, Frazer & Feldman reported on the new FERPA (Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act of 1974) Regulations. In response to the shooting at Virginia Tech in 2007, the U.S. Department of Education revised the Regulations to give schools greater flexibility in deciding whether to release student information in emergencies. Other changes help ensure the privacy of student records in the school setting. Schools must record the significant threat that formed the basis for the disclosure and the parties to whom information was disclosed.

New Business

Trustees Gorham and Greco Jacobs attended the Malverne Tree Lighting. The James A. Dever Band performed.

President Stris advised that the VSCHSD Building Inspections are schedule for January 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:15 a.m. for breakfast at South H.S., then proceeding to North, Central and Memorial followed by lunch. A Board of Education Meeting will be held at 1:00 to discuss Capital Projects for 2009-2010 and budget considerations.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

*Denise Michels*

Denise Michels  
District Clerk