

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Auditorium of the James A. Dever School Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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**OTHERS PRESENT**

Trustee Chiachiere  
Trustee Douglas  
Trustee Farrell  
Trustee Pandit  
Trustee Pomerantz  
Trustee Stris  
Trustee Vicente

Superintendent Evelyn  
Asst. Supt. for Sp. Services Sells-Asch  
Asst. Supt. for Bus. & HR Antoine  
Asst. Supt. for Curr. LaRocca  
Principal Ambrosio  
Principal Gruen  
Principal Huplosky  
Principal Steele  
Director of Tech. Farsaci  
School District Attorney Sheahan  
Attorney Assistant  
District Clerk Rosamilia

Approximately 11 Visitors

Convening

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

CONVENING

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

The Board immediately moved into Executive Session on a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously to discuss the personnel of a particular person and legal matters. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business & HR, School District Attorney and Attorney Assistant were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:04 p.m. by President Stris.

RECONVENING

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Approval of the Minutes – no minutes for approval

Correspondence – no correspondence

CORRESPONDENCE

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

Constance D. Evelyn

Principal Huplosky presented a powerpoint on Howell Road School’s mid-year review and goals for the 2016-2017 school year.

Principal Ambrosio presented a powerpoint on Willow Road School’s mid-year review and goals for the 2016-2017 school year.

Assistant Superintendent LaRocca presented a powerpoint on Valley Stream Thirteen’s participation with Community Partnerships, which include Crossroads Farm, Molloy College STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math), NY Agriculture in the Classroom, Cold Spring Harbor DNA Lab, Intergenerational Reading Partners. Additional partnerships include the Valley Stream 13 Educational Foundation, PTA/Interschool PTA, PARP, North Shore LIJ - Heart Healthy Month, Bidawee – Reading to Dogs for ELL Students and Franklin Hospital Center.

**Committee Reports**

**A. EDUCATION**

[F. Chiachiere, S. Douglas]

Resource Room Services

To approve Valerie Valinoti, Special Education Teacher, to perform additional resource room services for 3 hours per week at her hourly rate of pay ( \$57.83 p/hr.), effective April 17 through June 21, 2017.

V. VALINOTI ADD’L HOURS  
APPROVED

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

Appointment of the Director of Technology

A. DIMANGO APPOINTED  
DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

RESOLVED, the Board hereby accepts the resignation of Andrea DiMango from the position of Classroom Teacher effective June 30, 2017, and it is further

RESOLVED, the Board hereby appoints Andrea DiMango to the position of Director of Technology with a probationary period not to exceed four (4) years, effective July 1, 2017, and it is further

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the attached employment agreement with Andrea DiMango and hereby authorized the Board President to execute same.

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Douglas.

A “No” vote being heard, the Clerk was asked to poll the board:

Trustee Chiachiere	Yes	Trustee Pandit	No
Trustee Douglas	Yes	Trustee Vicente	No
Trustee Pomerantz	No	Trustee Stris	Yes
Trustee Farrell	Yes		

In accordance with Policy 2360, Trustee Pomerantz made the following statement: I regrettably have to vote No. It is a reflection of how I perceive the position of Director of Technology for District 13 as expected in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in education including, but not exclusive to, reaching out to the community. The expectation of the position was that of a technical expert. The selection of this candidate, in my opinion, is not representative of the Board’s vision. I was disappointed in the process but, as always, I will give my full support to the candidate and the district’s Technology Department.

In accordance with Policy 2360, Trustee Stris made the following statement: I agree with Trustee Pomerantz’s assessment of how the process was handled for Director of Technology. With that said, I vote Yes, since I believe it is too late to re-open the search.

The vote being 4-3 in favor, the motion carries.

Summer School Principal

D. DEMEO APPOINTED  
SUMMER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To appoint Denise DeMeo as the Summer School Principal effective June 26 through August 11, 2017 with a stipend of \$7,500.

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

Date Change – Director of Technology

D. FARSACI RESIGNATION  
DATE CHANGE APPROVED

To approve the date change for resignation of Dan Farsaci, Director of Technology to May 12, 2017.

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

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE** [P. Farrell, V. Pandit]

Treasurer’s Report

TREASURER’S REPORT ENDING  
3/31/17 ACCEPTED

To accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending March 31, 2017.

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Vicente and carried unanimously.

Health & Welfare Contracts

HEALTH & WELFARE  
CONTRACTS APPROVED

To approve Health and Welfare expenses for those Valley Stream UFSD #13 students attending schools in the following school districts during the 016-2017 school year:

East Rockaway UFSD	\$1,082.53 per student
Floral Park-Bellerose UFSD	827.59 per student
Mineola UFSD	770.00 per student
North Merrick UFSD	1,161.00 per student

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Pandit and carried unanimously.

Budget Transfer

BUDGET TRANSFERS  
EFF. 4/26/17 APPROVED

To approve the following transfers effective April 26, 2017:

From:

A1310.402-01	TAN Expenses	\$ 624
A1621.440-01	Building Renovations	3,300
A2630.420-01	Computer Assist Instruct-Software	4,270
A2630.500-01	Computer Supplies-District	4,656
A2630.420-01	Computer Assist Instruct-Software	13,489
A2630.460-01	State Aided Computer Software	6,632
A2630.500-01	Computer Supplies-District	15,000
A2630.450-01	Micro Computer Repair	3,500
A2630.220-01	State Aided Computer Hardware	10,000

To:		
A1621.440-07	Architect/Engineer Consultant	\$3,300
A2110.510.01	Commencement Supplies	624
A2630.490-01	Comp Assist Instruct-BOCES	57,547

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

Establish Summer Custodian Rate of Pay

To establish the summer custodian rate of pay in accordance with the NY State Minimum wage at \$10 per hour.

SUMMER CUSTODIAN RATE OF PAY ESTABLISHED

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Pandit and carried unanimously.

**POLICY COMMITTEE** [T. Pomerantz, M. Vicente]

The next meeting of the Policy Committee is Tuesday, May 23, 2017.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President V. Pandit]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 2/15, 2/27, 3/1, 3/23, 3/24, 3/27, 3/27Wh, 3/31, 3/31H, 3/31Wi, 3/31D, 4/3, 4/6, 4/7/2107.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews dated 3/10, 3/10Variety, 3/22/2017.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Special Services Contract

To approve the Special Services Contract with Malverne Center for Play and Development and authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

MALVERNE CENTER FOR PLAY AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Vicente and carried unanimously.

KnowledgePoint Agreement involving Lightsail

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between KnowledgePoint (Baker & Taylor, LLC) and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen in connection with certain other agreements involving Lightsail and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

KNOWLEDGEPOINT AGREEMENT (LIGHTSAIL) APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Rules & Regulations

To approve the Rules & Regulations for the May 16, 2017 Annual Election.

RULES AND REGULATIONS 5/16/17 ELECTION APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Rescind Resolution

To rescind the March 28, 2017 resolution approving the meeting dates for the 2017-2018 school year.

MEETING DATES 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR RESCINDED

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Revised Board of Education Meeting Dates

To approve the revised meeting dates for the 2017-2018 school year as listed below:

REVISED MEETING DATES 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

September 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
October 17	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
November 21	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
December 11*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
January 16, 2018	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
February 12*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
March 20	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
April 17*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
May 15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
June 11*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday

\*High School District has meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

**BOCES Vote is held this month and this date may change Annual Election**

**BOARD MEETINGS**

July 5, 2017*	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	
August 22, 2017*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
September 26	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	(Supt. Fall Conf. is 9/24-26/17)
October 24	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
November 28	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
December 19*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
January 23, 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
February 27	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
March 27	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
April 24	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
May 22	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
June 19*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
July 5, 2018*	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	<b>2018-2019</b> Reorganization Meeting (VSCHSD is July 10, 2018)
August 21*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	

\*Other than the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday for Committee & BOE Meetings.

Other Important Dates for the 2017-2018 school year

Building Inspections	Saturday, December 2, 2017	8:00 a.m.
Budget Meeting*	Saturday, March 24, 2018	9:00 a.m.
Deadline for Filing Petitions for Trustee	Monday, April 16, 2018	5:00 p.m.
Budget Hearing (w/VSCHSD @ 8 p.m.)	Wednesday, May 2, 2018	7:30 p.m.
Registration (Last day before election)	Tuesday, May 8, 2018	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Meet the Candidates (if needed)	Wednesday, May 9, 2018	7:00 p.m.
Registration Books open for inspection	Saturday, May 12, 2018	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election	Tuesday, May 15, 2018	6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Agreement – Nassau County Board of Elections

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Nassau County Board of Elections and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MOA APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Vicente and carried unanimously.

Rescind Resolution

To rescind the March 28, 2017 resolution approving Proposition #2, Valley Stream Central HS Proposed Budget in the amount of \$113,429,222.

PROPOSITION #2 VSCHSD PROPOSED BUDGET RESCINDED

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Valley Stream Central HS Proposed Budget

To approve the revised amount of Proposition #2, Valley Stream Central HS Proposed Budget in the amount of \$113,429,221.

REVISED PROPOSITION #2 VSCHSD PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Donation

To approve a donation to the Wheeler Avenue School from Anthony Fetta of a Kohler & Campbell piano with an approximate value of \$1,500.

DONATION ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

**Important Information**

The June 20, 2017 Board of Education meeting **will be changed** to Wednesday, June 14, 2017, and the Committee Meeting is rescheduled for Monday, June 5, 2017.

**Report of the Attorney**

School District Attorney John Sheahan reported on a recent victory before the Commissioner of Education where the firm successfully defended a school district in a matter involving preferred eligibility rights of teachers after excessing positions.

**High School Report**

Trustee Pomerantz gave the following High School report:

- Lights on for Education will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.
- The next High School Committee meeting will be held May 2, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.
- The next Business Meeting will be held May 9, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.
- The Residency Committee will meet on May 30, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

**Old Business**

There will be a Joint Boards Meeting at Memorial Junior High School in Cafeteria B on May 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

**New Business**

On April 22, 2017, volunteers planted trees in the Wheeler garden for Earth Day.

Executive Session

At 8:55 p.m. Trustee Chiachiere made a motion for Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously to discuss the personnel of a particular person and legal matters. The Superintendent and Asst. Supt. for Business & HR were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 10:10 p.m. by President Stris.

RECONVENING

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

*MaryAnn Rosamilia*

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District Clerk