

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, March 25, 2014.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee DiSibio	Superintendent Robb-Fund
Trustee Douglas		Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Evans		Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Greco Jacobs		Coordinator of Curric. & Assessment Schozer
Trustee Pomerantz		Principal Capozzoli
Trustee Stris		Principal Huplosky
		Principal Steele
		School District Attorney Frazer
		District Clerk Michels
		Approximately 18 Visitors

Convening
The meeting was convened at 7:01 p.m. by President Douglas.

CONVENING

Quorum
Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening
The meeting was reconvened at 8:07 p.m. by President Douglas.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum
Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes
To approve the Minutes of the February 25 and March 18, 2014 meetings.

MINUTES OF 2/25 & 3/18/14
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence
Frazer & Feldman

CORRESPONDENCE

- Legal Presentation on FMLA & ADA AA
- SRO Decision – Requests for Independent Educational Evaluations
- Article in Legal Leaders

Guercio & Guercio

- Real Property Tax Law
- Opt-out Update
- Affordable Care Act

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

Superintendent Robb-Fund attended the spring concerts at Dever, Howell and Wheeler, and plans to attend the Willow concert next week. A second parent workshop was held at Howell Road School to help parents understand math in grades 3, 4 and 5. Schools were closed for a half-day for Parent-teacher Conferences on March 19 and 20. Parents are encouraged to register on the eSchool parent portal to access student reports. On March 26, students from North HS will conduct peer wellness programs with our second grader students. State testing begins next week and we are encouraging students to take the assessments. Students, whose parents decided to opt-out of testing, will be allowed to read, and if space and staff are available, students will be assigned to a different classroom. The Budget Ambassadors are keeping the community informed about the budget process. The next meeting will be held in the Dever cafeteria on April 4 at 9 AM. The District 13 budget is at the tax levy limit and maintains the current programs.

Resignation of a Classroom Aide
To accept the resignation of Francine Taliercio, a Classroom Aide at Howell Road School effective March 14, 2014.

F. TALIERCIO RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Anthony Inguanta as a Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$16,498) effective March 26, 2014, pending civil service clearance, and unless sooner terminated.

A. INGUANTA EMPLOYED AS A
CRA

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

Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aides

To add Rabia Bano and Fanela Jean as substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aides.

R. BANO AND F. JEAN ADDED
AS SUBSTITUTE CRA/NHA

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz]

Education Report

Coordinator of Curriculum and Assessment Schozer gave an overview of the Common Core Implementation. She explained the ELA and Math Modules for each grade level.

Trustee Chiachiere reported that the Education Committee met and participated in a visitation of the classes at James A. Dever and Willow Road Schools to view the Common Core at work in the classrooms. The next meeting of the Education Committee will take place on April 2 in the Board Room at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

Resignation of a Music Teacher for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, in accordance with Section 5.9 of the VSTA Agreement, for Mary Ann Cali, music teacher assigned to the James A. Dever and Howell Road Schools effective July 1, 2014.

M. CALI RESIGNATION FOR
RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Resignation of a Classroom Teacher for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, in accordance with Section 5.9 of the VSTA Agreement, for Rosemary Dellapina, classroom teacher assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School effective July 1, 2014.

R. DELLAPINA RESIGNATION
FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Resignation of a Classroom Teacher for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, in accordance with Section 5.9 of the VSTA Agreement, for Madeline Roblin, classroom teacher assigned to the James A. Dever School effective July 1, 2014.

M. ROBLIN RESIGNATION FOR
RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Resignation of a Classroom Teacher for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, in accordance with Section 5.9 of the VSTA Agreement, for Joseph Pitts, classroom teacher assigned to the Howell Road School effective July 1, 2014.

J. PITTS RESIGNATION FOR
RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Resignation of a Classroom Teacher for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, in accordance with Section 5.9 of the VSTA Agreement, for Alba Verambeck, classroom teacher assigned to the Howell Road School effective July 1, 2014.

A. VERAMBECK RESIGNATION
FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Resignation of a Classroom Teacher for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, in accordance with Section 5.9 of the VSTA Agreement, for Elizabeth Silz, classroom teacher assigned to the Willow Road School effective July 1, 2014.

E. SILZ RESIGNATION FOR
RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Salary Gates

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for gate increases effective on the dates listed according to the Board/VSTA contract:

SALARY GATES APPROVED

Step 9 to Step 10

Catherine Ricchiuti (H) eff. 6/1/14

Step 14 to Step 15

Paula Barnick (H) eff. 4/16/14
Michelle DiScala (D) eff. 5/16/14
Melissa Gresser (H) eff. 4/16/14
Andrea Hildenbrand (H) eff. 2/1/14
Kathleen Ianuale (Wh) eff. 5/1/14

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

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1st Year

To accept a 1st year Child Care Leave of Absence for Elizabeth Abballe, a reading teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, effective March 21, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

E. ABBALLE 1ST YEAR CCL
ACCEPTED

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

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1st Year

To accept a 1st year Child Care Leave of Absence for Janet Hoffner, a music teacher assigned to Willow Road School, effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

J. HOFFNER 1ST YEAR CCL
ACCEPTED

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

Child Care Leave of Absence – 2nd Year

To accept a 2nd year Child Care Leave of Absence for Jennifer Frances, a Classroom Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

J. FRANCES 2ND YEAR CCL
ACCEPTED

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

Employment of a Replacement Reading Teacher

To employ Angelique Scarpinato as a replacement reading teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School effective March 24, 2014 through June 30, 2014 on Step1MA+15 (\$69,771).

A. SCARPINATO EMPLOYED
AS A REPLACEMENT READING
TEACHER

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

Home Tutoring

To appoint Guy Jacob as a home tutor, not to exceed 5 hours per week, effective March 10, 2014 through June 30, 2014

G. JACOB APPOINTED FOR
HOME TUTORING

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

Summer School Principal

To appoint Denise DeMeo as the 2014 Summer School Principal with a salary of \$7,000.

D. DEMEO APPOINTED THE
SUMMER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2013-2014 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST
UPDATED AND APPROVED

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

Home Tutoring

To appoint Alison Sanella as a home tutor effective February 24, 2014 through April 7, 2014, not to exceed 5 hours per week.

A. SANELLA APPOINTED FOR
HOME TUTORING

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

[J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

Trustee Evans gave an overview of the Five-Year Fiscal Projection. The District is currently running in the black. Trustee DiSibio will give a complete report at the April Board of Education Meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

To approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending February 28, 2014.

TREASURER’S REPORT
APPROVED

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

Property Tax Report Card

To approve the Property Tax Report Card for the 2014-2015 Annual Meeting.

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD
APPROVED

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

2014-2015 Proposed Budget (Proposition #1)

2014-2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

That the Board of Education adopts the 2014-2015 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$45,811,975 and that the budget be presented to the voters in our District; and that the District Clerk be directed to place this budget, in the above amount, on the ballot in accordance with previous instructions.

PROPOSITION #1

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

2014-2015 Proposed Budget Valley Stream Central High School District (Proposition #2)

VSCHSD PROPOSED BUDGET PROPOSITION #2

That the proposed budget of expenditures of Valley Stream Central High School District, Nassau County, New York for the year 2014-2015 be approved in the amount of \$108,447,470 and that the sum be raised through a levy upon the taxable property in the Valley Stream High School District, after first deducting the monies from state aid and other sources, as provided by law. Adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase of 1.49% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of .047% for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent of the qualified voters present and voting.

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

Budget Transfers

BUDGET TRANSFERS APPROVED

To approve the following Budget Transfers effective March 26, 2014:

From A1980.400.01 Refund of Taxes \$45,000

To A5540.401.01 Contract Buses \$20,000
A5540.404.01 Contract Buses Special Education \$25,000

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

Approval of an Engagement Letter

ENGAGEMENT LETTER APPROVED W/BOOKSMART ACCOUNTING

To approve an Engagement letter with BookSmart Accounting to provide a Senior Consultant at \$135 per hour as needed.

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

Health & Welfare Contracts

HEALTH & WELFARE CONTRACTS APPROVED

To approve the Health & Welfare Contracts for the 2013-2014 school year for those Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen students attending schools in the following school districts:

- Garden City UFSD at a rate of \$847.64 per student; total cost for 36 students is \$30,515.04.
- Lynbrook UFSD at a rate of \$955.60; total cost for 16 students is \$15,289.60.
- Uniondale UFSD at a rate of \$611.40 per student; total cost for 7 students is \$4,279.80.
- Valley Stream UFSD 24 at a rate of \$1,154.64; total cost for 36 students is \$41,567.04.

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

Amendment to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement

AMENDMENT TO THE NYCLASS MUNICIPAL COOP. AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o empowers municipal corporations, including school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns, and villages, to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves, or one for the other, of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (“Board”) of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen (“District”) has heretofore approved and authorized the District’s participation in, and the investment of certain of its available investments funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to, a Municipal Cooperation Agreement dated as of October 20, 1999 (“Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Agreement, the Governing Board has approved and given notice of an Amended and Restated NYCLASS Municipal Cooperative Agreement (the “Amended Agreement”), effective January 13, 2014, which amends the current Agreement to accommodate and conform to certain changes in New York State Law regarding cooperative investments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board approves the proposed amendments and authorizes the Board President to execute the Amended Agreement on behalf of the District; and further directs the District Clerk to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Governing Board or its designee.

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

Authorization of Additional Expenditures to Correct Non-conforming Conditions

AUTHORIZATION OF
ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, pursuant to an inspection of District facilities by the District’s architect, which had revealed certain non-conforming conditions requiring immediate correction, the Board heretofore authorized corrective work, by resolution dated February 26, 2013, to address such non-conforming conditions (“Projects”) as an ordinary contingent expense in order to protect the health and safety of students and staff and to preserve District property; and

WHEREAS, the resulting bids for said Projects exceeded the amount of the Board’s prior authorization; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the District’s architect, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 13 hereby authorizes the expenditure of additional funds for said Projects, as follows:

- (1) An additional expenditure not to exceed \$ 87,000 for correction of smoke doors
- (2) between elementary school and District office wing; alterations to ventilation system
- (3) in business office (James A. Dever School, SED Project # 28-02-13-02-0-001-028),
- (4) for a total cost not to exceed \$132,000; and
- (5) The foregoing expenditures to be financed by appropriations from the District’s
- (6) General Fund’s unassigned fund balance up to said amounts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and all officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps reasonably necessary or appropriate to carry out the Projects in accordance with this resolution, including the solicitation and award of bids for such work in accordance with the District’s purchasing policy and regulations, and that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute any and all contracts for public work or the purchase of supplies, material or equipment in connection therewith, upon review and approval of such contracts as to form by the District’s legal counsel.

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

Change Orders – Total Construction

CHANGE ORDERS APPROVED

Resolved that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves Change Order #1 in the amount of \$9,000 (increase in the original contract amount) in connection with the contract with Total Construction for the Wheeler Avenue School Auditorium Windows Project.

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

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

Trustee Stris gave an overview of each policy listed below noting the changes made to existing policies, and he explained why the District is adding new policies. The next Policy Committee Meeting will be held on April 23 at 5 p.m. All are welcome.

Policies for 1st Reading:

POLICIES FOR 1ST READING

- 0330 Evaluation of Professional Staff (NYSSBA 9420)
- 1145 Dissemination of Materials Through the Schools (NEW)
- 1221 Relations with Parental Organizations
- 1530 Smoking on School Premises
- 1910 Volunteers in the Schools (NEW)
- 2230 Appointed Board Officers
- 2710 Communication Among Individual Board Members (NEW)
- 4321 Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA and NY Ed Law Article 89
- 4321.1 Allocation of Space for Special Education (NYSSBA 4321.3)
- 4321.4 Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation (NYSSBA 4321.8)
- 4321.12 Programs & Services for Parentally-Placed Nonpublic School Students w/Disabilities (NYSSBA 4321.10)
- 4321.13 Precautions Regarding Student Elopement (NEW)
- 5420 Student Health Services
- 5500 Student Records (Replaces our 5500, 5500-R, and Exhibit 5500-E.1)
- 5500-R Student Records Regulations
- 5500-E.1 Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice Regarding Access to Student Records & Student Information

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

[Vice President D. Evans]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 2/3, 2/11D, 2/11Wi, 2/25, 2/26D, 2/26Wi, 2/27, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5, 3/10D, 3/10H, 3/10Wh, 3/11, 3/12, and 3/13/14.

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

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews (2) dated 2/28/14.

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

Change in Impartial Hearing Officer List

CHANGE IHO LIST
TINA MILLIMAN

To change the alphabetical listing of the Impartial Hearing Officers list for Tina Wasserman to Tina Milliman for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

SCOPE 2014 Summer Enrichment Program

SCOPE 2014 SUMMER
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
APPROVED

To approve the SCOPE 2014 Summer Enrichment Program and authorize the Board President to sign the License Agreement.

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

Syntax Letter of Intent

SYNTAX LETTER OF INTENT
APPROVED FOR 2014-2015

To approve the Letter of Intent from Syntax for the 2014-2015 school year.

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.
On the Question: Trustee Stris asked if the cost remains the same. Assistant Superintendent Brosnan advised that there will be an increase of 1.5% or \$382 over the current fee.

Special Education Contracts for 2013-2014

SPECIAL EDUCATION
CONTRACTS APPROVED

To approve the following Special Education Contracts for the 2013-2014 school year:

- a) Health Source Group
- b) Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
- c) Bellmore UFSD – revised contract

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

Additional Voter Registration

ADDITIONAL VOTER
REGISTRATION

To approve the following registrars to work the voter registration at the spring concerts on the following dates:

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| Howell Road on March 13 - Lillian Wade | James A. Dever on March 18 - Angelina Emmanuale |
| Wheeler Avenue on March 19 - Gil Deninger | Willow Road on March 27 - Marilyn Honstedt |

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

Acceptance of Donations

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

To accept the following donations:
Donation of 62 Dell Optiplex computers from Computer Recycling for Education and Technology Enhancement (CREATE) with an approximate value of \$18,000.

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

Donation of eleven (11) Disney, Warner Brothers and Jim Henson (Muppets) movie videos with an approximate value of \$55 from Mrs. Linda Betz.

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

Acceptance of a Donation

DONATION ACCEPTED

Donation to the James A. Dever School of musical instruments worth \$334 received in response to a grant submitted by Johanna DeJose entitled "Mallets for Musicians"

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

High School Report
Frank Chiachiere

Trustee Chiachiere reported that the District Clerk resigned to accept a full time position in the district. Resignation for the purpose of retirement was accepted for Jill Vogel, Director of Guidance. The 2014-2015 Proposed Budget will require a 60% majority vote. This budget will maintain the current programs and may bring back some of the academic electives. Bowling is on the table, but the rifle range is not because the lead clean-up is costly.

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on a case regarding Medicaid documentation: A Union alleged that a district improperly assigned duties, but the PERB Administrative Law Judge ruled in favor of the school district.

Old Business

Trustees Stris and Chiachiere, and Assistant Superintendent Sells-Asch attended a workshop on March 24 entitled CAPS 2014 Shades of Grey Seminar presented by President Douglas.

Visitors

T. Casucci regarding the Universal Pre-K Program
P. Sibblies regarding school bus safety

VISITORS

Executive Session

At 9:40 p.m. a motion was made for an Executive Session by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Evans for the purpose of personnel history of a particular person and legal matters. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business and the attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 9:58 p.m. by President Douglas.

RECONVENING

*Attorney Frazer left the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Executive Session

At 10:35 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Evans for the personnel history of a particular person. The Superintendent was invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Superintendent Robb-Fund left the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Reconvening

At 11 p.m. President Douglas reconvened the meeting.

RECONVENING

Adjournment

At 11 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Michels

Denise Michels
District Clerk