

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 Thursday, April 24, 2014.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere Trustee DiSibio Trustee Evans Trustee Greco Jacobs Trustee Pomerantz Trustee Stris	Trustee Douglas	Superintendent Robb-Fund Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch Coordinator of Curric. & Assessment Schozer Principal Capozzoli Principal Gruen Principal Huplosky Principal Steele School District Attorney Frazer, Perna District Clerk Michels Approximately 9 Visitors

Convening
The meeting was convened at 7:15 p.m. by Vice-President Evans.

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 on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendents and Attorney Perna were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Attorney Frazer arrived at 7:23 p.m.

Reconvening
The meeting was reconvened at 8:01 p.m. by Vice-President Evans.

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 March 25, April 9, and April 10, 2014 meetings.

MINUTES OF 3/25, 4/9, & 4/10 /14
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence
Frazer & Feldman

CORRESPONDENCE

- Placement of Students in Approved Out-of-State Residential Schools
- Student Elopement – Updated Guidance from SED

Guercio & Guercio

- 2014-2015 State Budget “Tax Freeze”
- 2014-2015 NYS Budget Legislation: Common Core Implementation Reform Act
- 2014-2015 NYS Budget Miscellaneous Provisions

BOCES – Election and Proposed Administrative Budget for 2014-2015

Morton Civic Association – Invitation to the April 29 meeting for the announcement of the Essay Contest Winners

Danielle Vitulli, President of the Valley Stream Thirteen Education Foundation re: Donation

Acknowledgements from Jean Lowery and Peggy Urick for Sympathy Cards sent

Vice President Evans announced that Trustee Chiachiere will be presented with the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association’s Distinguished Service Award at the Annual Dinner Meeting held on May 29th. This award is granted in recognition of outstanding leadership in effecting positive impact upon the scene of public education.

Vice President Evans announced that two trustees from Valley Stream UFSD #24 will receive the Silver Bullet Award, Anthony Iadevaio and Paul DePace. This award is presented to members with 24 or more years of board service.

The Board received an invitation to attend the Arbor Day Ceremony at Howell Road School tomorrow at 9:30 AM where they will plant a Colorado Spruce Tree.

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

Superintendent Robb-Fund reported on activities that took place throughout the district this month. The fourth grade students at the Willow Road School held its Cotillion demonstrating Ballroom Dancing; the Dever second graders held their Multi-cultural Play; Howell Road School celebrated Arbor Day and Earth Day; and Wheeler Avenue School’s Do Something Club collected used sporting equipment to donate to children in need through the Children’s Sports Connection. Our Board continues to

support our students by attending the Spelling Bee, parent meetings, and spring concerts. To date, Comp4Kids has donated over 700 laptop computers. Mr. DeLutri, a Willow Road parent and graduate, organized a group of parents to beautify and upgrade the Willow Road baseball fields. Dr. Robb-Fund thanked John DeLutri, Richard Rogers, Nicholas Naumov, Terrance Meaney, Christopher Manzi, and Michael Capolino for volunteering their time. Students completed the ELA state assessments and will begin the math assessments next week. The results of the winter NWEA have been posted on the parent portal and were sent home. The spring results will be posted on the parent portal unless a parent indicates they prefer the printed version. There will be a parent workshop on April 30 at 6:30 at Howell Road School that will focus on helping your children in grades K through two with math. Several summer programs are in place, Summer Recreation, Summer Music Lessons, Summer Academic Enrichment and Sports programs.

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Diane Gonzalez as a Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$16,498) effective April 11, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

D. GONZALEZ EMPLOYED AS A CLASSROOM AIDE

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

Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide

To add Rose Livingstone to the Noon Hour/Classroom Aide Substitute List.

R. LIVINGSTONE ADDED AS A NH/CRA SUBSTITUTE

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Adam Kalan as a Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1 (\$16,298) effective April 25, 2014 pending Civil Service Clearance, and unless sooner terminated.

A. KALAN EMPLOYED AS A CLASSROOM AIDE PENDING CIVIL SERVICE CLEARANCE

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Carmela Cirelli as a Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1 (\$16,298) effective April 25, 2014 pending Civil Service Clearance, and unless sooner terminated.

C. CIRELLI EMPLOYED AS A CLASSROOM AIDE PENDING CIVIL SERVICE CLEARANCE

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz]

Education Report

Assistant Superintendent Sells-Asch, Curriculum Coordinator Schozer, and Ms. Gervasi, a Howell Road Reading Teacher explained the Response to Intervention (RtI) Implementation.

Appointment from the Preferred Eligible List of a School Psychologist

There being a vacancy in the School Psychologist tenure area, pursuant to Education Law Section 2510, the Board of Education of Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen appoints Karen Jason from the Preferred Eligible List for the School Psychologist tenure area to said vacant School Psychologist Tenure position, effective September 1, 2014.

K. JASON APPOINTED AS A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST FROM THE PREFERRED ELIGIBLE LIST

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

Employment of a Replacement Music Teacher

To employ Kristan Lotito as a Replacement Music Teacher assigned to Willow Road School on Step 3BA (\$62,093) effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and unless sooner terminated.

K. LOTITO EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT MUSIC TEACHER

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

Business Report

Trustee DiSibio presented the Five-year Fiscal Forecast for the district, and he discussed various scenarios and projections. He explained the changes that have occurred over the last few years, namely the 2% Tax Cap Levy. He thanked Assistant Superintendent Brosnan for her assistance in establishing the fiscal forecast.

Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's Report this month.

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement – Clerk Typist

To accept the Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement for Karen Sarli, Clerk Typist at James A. Dever School in accordance with Article VIII, "Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement" of the VSTAEOP/Board Contract effective August 31, 2014.

K. SARLI'S RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT WAS ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously. The Board wished her the best.

Participation in a Cooperative Bid for Investigative Services for the 2014-2015 School Year

COOP BID FOR INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES FOR 2014-2015

WHEREAS, the Boards of Education of Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD, Island Park UFSD, Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen, Valley Stream UFSD Thirty, and West Hempstead UFSD desire to participate in a Cooperative Bid during the 2014-2015 school year as authorized by General Municipal Law Section 119-0, the Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD Board of Education through its Assistant Superintendent for Business, or designee, has assumed responsibility for drafting specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, and reporting the results for each of the respective bids to the participating Boards of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business or designee, on behalf of the Board of Education of Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen, be and hereby is authorized to participate in Cooperative bidding in conjunction with the Boards of Education of Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD, Island Park UFSD, Valley Stream UFSD Thirty, and West Hempstead UFSD for the Cooperative Bid for Investigative Services. Any award of any contact pursuant to this Cooperative Bid will be made by the respective Board of Education in cooperation with the participating Districts.

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

Rescind Resolution for Proposition #2, High School Budget

RESCIND RESOLUTION FOR HS BUDGET PROPOSITION #2

To rescind the resolution made at the March 25, 2014 Board of Education Meeting approving Proposition #2, High School Budget.

Moved by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously. On the question: Trustee DiSibio explained that the original proposed budget would have pierced the 2% tax cap, the High School Board reviewed the original proposed budget and revised it to bring it within the tax cap.

Approval of the Revised Proposition #2, High School Budget

APPROVAL OF THE REVISED HS BUDGET PROPOSITION #2

Resolved, 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 revised amount of \$108,025,843 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.

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

Transportation Contract 2013 -2014

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT W/ELMONT SD - EVERGREEN CHARTER SCHOOL

To approve the following unanticipated transportation contract with the Elmont UFSD for two new students beginning April 14, 2014.

Elmont UFSD District

Evergreen Charter School 2 students \$300 p/p/mo.

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

Approval of Cooperative Service Agreement with Nassau BOCES for Copy Machines

BOCES COOP SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR COPIERS

To approve the Cooperative Service Agreement LOI#420435 with the Nassau County Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the purchase of hardware and software for copy machines, not to exceed \$219,527.82.

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

Budget Transfer

BUDGET TRANSFERS APPROVED

To approve the following budget transfer effective April 25, 2014:

From:
A2110.120-01 Salaries-Teachers-Grades 1 to 3 \$15,487.00
To:
A2110.473-01 Payments to Charter Schools \$15,487.00

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

Employment of a Summer Recreation Secretary

J. LYNCH EMPLOYED AS THE SUMMER RECREATION SECRETRY

To appoint Joanna Lynch as the secretary for the Summer Recreation Program effective June 27 through August 1, 2014 at a salary of \$1,950.

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

Health & Welfare Contract

To approve the Health & Welfare Contract between Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen and the Floral Park-Bellerose School District for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$3,219.60.

HEALTH & WELFARE
CONTRACT APPROVED
W/FLORAL PK./BELLEROSE

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

Section 75 Charges - Adopt Findings of Guilt and Penalty

BE IT RESOLVED that upon a review of the findings of fact and recommendations of the duly appointed hearing officer in the Civil Service Law § 75 disciplinary proceeding against the employee named in Confidential Attachment "A", and upon a review of the record of the hearing, the hearing transcript, the exhibits submitted on behalf of the District and the employee, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream 13 Union Free School District hereby adopts the finding that the employee is guilty of the charges preferred against the employee, and upon such finding of guilt, adopts the penalty recommended by the Hearing Officer, namely termination of employment; and

SECTION 75 CHARGES - ADOPT
FINDINGS OF GUILT &
PENALTY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED such penalty shall be effective April 25, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution and the entire record of the hearing to the Nassau County Civil Service Commission for filing.

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

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

Trustee Stris explained the changes made to the policies below:

Policies for 1st Reading

- 1120 School District Records, Regulations & Exhibits
- 6650 Claims Auditor (NEW)
- 6660 Independent/External Audits (NEW)
- 6680 Internal Auditor (only the our number changed from 6650)
- 7360 Construction Contracts, Bidding and Awards
- 7365 Construction Safety
- 8111 Reporting of Hazards
- 8134 Emergency Closings
- 8211 Access to Buildings
- 9240.1 Conditional Appointment & Emergency Conditional Appointment Student Safety
- 9700 Staff Development

Trustee Stris explained the changes made to the policies that are being adopted as listed below:

Policies for 2nd Reading & Adoption

To adopt the following policies after a 2nd 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)
- 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

A motion to hold policy 4321.13, Precautions Regarding Student Elopement, from adoption since new guidelines were received after the first reading in March.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President D. Evans]

Trustee Chiachiere was asked to chair the Committee of the Whole since Vice President Evans was acting President in the absence of President Douglas.

Trustee Chiachiere thanked Assistant Superintendent Sells Asch, Curriculum Coordinator Schozer, and Reading Teacher Gervasi for a clear, concise and approachable report on Response to Intervention (RtI), held earlier in the meeting.

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 3/18, 3/21, 3/24, 3/25H, 3/25 H, 3/27, 3/31D, 3/31Wh, and 4/3/14.

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Review

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Education Review dated 3/5/14.

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

SCOPE Education Services for Before and After School Child Care Program

SCOPE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAM APPROVED FOR 2014-2015

To approve the SCOPE Education Services for the Before and After School Child Care Program for the 2014-2015 school year and authorize the Board President to sign the contract.

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

Special Education Contracts for 2013-2014

SP. ED. CONTRACTS APPROVED

To approve the Special Education Contracts for the 2013-2014 school year with Zycron Industries, LLC and Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-four.

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

Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2014-2015

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2014-2015 APPROVED

To approve the following Board of Education Meeting dates for the 2014-2015 school year as listed below:

July 7, 2014	1 st Monday	Reorganization Meeting for 2014-2015 (approved with 2013-2014 dates)
August 19, 2014	3 rd Tuesday	(approved with 2013-2014 dates)
September 23	4 th Tuesday	
October 29*	4 th Wednesday	
November 24*	4 th Monday	
December 16*	3 rd Tuesday	
January 27, 2015	4 th Tuesday	
February 24	4 th Tuesday	
March 24	4 th Tuesday	
April 28	4 th Tuesday	
May 26*	4 th Tuesday	
June 16*	3 rd Tuesday	
July 1, 2015	1 st Wednesday	2015-2016 Reorganization Meeting
August 18, 2015	3 rd Tuesday	

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September 16	3 rd Tuesday	
October 21	3 rd Tuesday	
November 18	3 rd Tuesday	
December 10*	2 nd Wednesday	(only if needed)
January 20, 2015	3 rd Tuesday	
February 11*	2 nd Wednesday	
March 17	3 rd Tuesday	
April 20 or 21	3 rd Monday or 3 rd Tuesday	(tentative BOCES VOTE per T. Scaturro)
May 19	3 rd Tuesday	Annual Election
June 10*	2 nd Wednesday	

Other Important Dates for the 2014-2015 school year

Educational Planning	Saturday, November 15, 2014	8:00 a.m.
Building Inspections	Saturday, December 6, 2014	8:00 a.m.
Budget Meeting	Wednesday, February 11, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Deadline for Filing Petitions for Trustee	Monday, April 20, 2015	5:00 p.m.
Budget Hearing (w/VSCHSD @ 8 p.m.)	Wednesday, May 6, 2015	7:30 p.m.
Registration (Last day before election)	Tuesday, May 12, 2015	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Meet the Candidates (if needed)	Wednesday, May 13, 2015	7:00 p.m.
Registration Books open for inspection	Saturday, May 16, 2015	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election	Tuesday, May 19, 2015	6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

BOCES Tentative Administrative Budget for 2014-2015

BOCES BUDGET VOTE APPROVED FOR 2014-15

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (BOCES) has proposed and presented its proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2014-2015 school year (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of nineteen million, eight hundred ninety-three thousand, nine hundred fifty-five dollars (\$19,893,955) be, and hereby is approved by this Board.

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

Election of Board Members to BOCES Board of Education

Three BOCES board seats must be voted upon. Three full-term seats will expire on June 30, 2014. Each Board may cast one vote for each vacancy to be filled, a total of three votes.

BOCES ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER - W. P. STRIS

Resolution - To authorize the District Clerk to complete the Ballot and Clerk's Certificate indicating for whom the District Thirteen Board of Education has cast its vote, namely William P. Stris.

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

Impartial Hearing Officer List

To remove Joseph Wooley and Janice Orland from the Impartial Hearing Officer List.

IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER LIST UPDATED

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

Donation

To approve a donation from Comp4Kids of NY, Inc. of 100 HP nc6400 Laptops with power cords with an approximate value of \$10,000.

DONATION APPROVED

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

Donation

To approve a donation from the Hameed Family of 150 gently used books for use at the James A. Dever School with an approximate value of \$150.

DONATION APPROVED

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

Donation

To approve a donation from the Willow Road School PTA of a new school sign located at the entrance of the school with a cost of \$2,475.

DONATION APPROVED

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

Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List

To remove Joseph Quinn from the Impartial Rotational List.

IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER LIST UPDATED

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

Letter of Agreement - Invent Now for Camp Invention

To approve the letter of agreement and addendum with Invent Now for Camp Invention, a summer program to be held at the James A. Dever School from August 4 through August 8, 2014.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT APPROVED W/CAMP INVENTION

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

High School Report
Joseph DiSibio

The High School Board of Education met on April 1st. They recognized student athletes from the fall sports season. Over twenty athletes were recognized by the state and the county for their athletic achievements. The Board revisited the budget passed at the March meeting since the High School received additional state aide. While the original budget attempted to pierce the tax cap to restore many programs and services, the additional state funding, along with the tax credit offered to taxpayers by the state for those municipalities and school districts that stay within the tax cap, the board decided to reconsider the budget. They were able to restore many programs and services without piercing the tax cap. At a special meeting held on April 8, the board passed the resolution approving the revised budget.

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on Student Elopement defined as "A student intentionally leaving an assigned area without permission from or knowledge of staff, often to escape and/or avoid a school-related situation or task." (1) When a teacher or other school personnel learn of a concern about a child's behavior that may impact his/her safety, this information should immediately be reported to the supervisory staff as well as other staff working with the student; (2) Administration must ensure that staff assigned to safety in the building where the student attends can respond appropriately and that a plan to ensure the safety of the student is developed and implemented; (3) When a behavioral concern is raised that was not considered by the CSE, the teacher or other staff should use appropriate discretion to request a meeting of the CSE to review and, if appropriate, revise the student's IEP. Parents should be educated about the importance of students having photo ID cards on them at all times.

Old Business

Trustees Stris, Chiachiere, and Pomerantz attended the Ballroom Dancing Cotillion at Willow Road School this afternoon. Trustee Stris thanked the PTA for funding this event.

New Business

Trustees Stris and Pomerantz attended the Student Achievement Institute. Topics of discussion were: Common Core, Common Core Implementation, and the Challenges, Successes and Communication Plans for the future. They attended the LI School Safety Conference which addressed the importance of school safety, DASA, and Cyberbullying.

Visitors

Tara Casucci – regarding an article in Newsday indicating that the State’s contract with inBloom Contract was severed

Adjournment

At 9:55 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT