

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, May 27, 2014.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee Stris	Superintendent Robb-Fund
Trustee DiSibio		Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Douglas		Asst. Supt. for Spec. Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Evans		Principal Gruen
Trustee Greco Jacobs		Principal Huplosky
Trustee Pomerantz		Principal Steele
		School District Attorney Frazer, Perna
		District Clerk Michels
		Approximately 25 Visitors

Convening CONVENING
 The meeting was convened at 7:11 p.m. by President Douglas.

Quorum QUORUM
 Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

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

At 7:30 p.m. the Board met with the Attorneys.

Reconvening RECONVENING
 The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 p.m. by President Douglas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum QUORUM
 Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

Approval of the Minutes MINUTES OF 4/24/14 MEETING APPROVED
 To approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting.

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

- Correspondence CORRESPONDENCE
- Frazer & Feldman
- Consent for the Initial Provision of Extended School Year Services
 - 2014-2015 State Budget Amendments & Education-Related Reforms
 - Budget Re-vote Information
- Guercio & Guercio
- Common Core Implementation Reform Act – New & Revised Regulations
 - New Mandatory Reporting Requirements and Testing Misconduct

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

Superintendent Robb-Fund thanked the community for their support of the school budget. The budget passed with the largest percentage of “yes” votes in recent history. The Superintendent invited the community to become involved in the preparation of the 2015-2016 budget by attending the Educational Planning Meeting in November and the Building Tours in December. Students completed the state ELA and Math Assessments, and NWEA Assessments are underway. All results will be posted on the parent portal unless families indicate they wish to have paper copies. Parents can contact their school for information about the parent portal. Dr. Robb-Fund attended the Memorial Day Parade where the district’s Marching Band performed. Several performing groups are preparing for a competition as part of Music in the Parks. The Wheeler Chorale recently received a rating of Level 5 Gold at the NYSSMA Adjudication, which is a high school performing level. The district is piloting a Science, Technology and Engineering Program in one fifth and one sixth grade class in each building, as well as a one-to-one computer initiative in one class per school. On Saturday, May 31, three sixth graders will be presenting at a Science and Technology event at Hofstra. These students were selected to be a part of a special Saturday STEM Program offered free to only fifty LI students in grades 6-12. On Friday, May 30 several young athletes and their buddies will participate in the Empire Games for the Physically Challenged. Check our website for information on the summer programs.

Students who won the “Mind Your Meds” Poster Contest were recognized. Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, Sells-Asch, distributed Certificates of Recognition to students in attendance. The posters were on display at Lights on for Education.

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Betinna Castelluzzo as a Noon Hour Aide at Wheeler Avenue School effective April 28, 2014.

B. CASTELLUZZO
RESIGNED AS NHA

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

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Anthony Inguanta as a Classroom Aide at Willow Road School effective May 16, 2014.

A. INGUANTA
RESIGNED AS A CRA

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz]

Education Committee Report – F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz

The Education Committee met on May 7 and reviewed the fall NWEA and artifact used in Teacher Evaluations. The Committee visited the Wheeler Avenue and Howell Road Schools to observe the instructional programs at work.

Education Report: Technology Overview (F. Huplosky, M. O’Geary)

Frank Huplosky, Principal at Howell Road School, and Melissa O’Geary, District Technology Teacher, and reviewed the status of the District’s technology program.

Salary Gate Advancement

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for a salary gate advancement for Stacey LoBello from Step 14 to Step 15 effective June 1, 2014 in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract.

S. LOBELLO SALARY
GATE

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

Home Tutoring

To appoint Guy Jacob as a home tutor, not to exceed 5 hours per week, effective May 21, 2014 for approximately six weeks.

HOME TUTORING

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

Substitute Teacher List

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

SUBSTITUTE LIST
UPDATED

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

Business Committee Report – J. DiSibio

The Business Committee met on May 5. They reviewed the charges handed down by the President and discussed the next step, since the main charge was to create a five-year financial projection. This was presented to the public at the April 24 Board Meeting. They decided to focus on the development of accounting procedures and fixed asset management. Two charges will be reviewed next year, namely, the development of a Business Operating Procedures Manual and the review of the District’s Technology Plan.

Treasurer’s Reports

To accept the Treasurer’s Reports for the months ending March 31, 2014 and April 30, 2014.

TREASURER’S
REPORTS ACCEPTED

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement – Clerk Typist

To accept the Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement for Pamela Sue Gagas, Clerk Typist at Wheeler Avenue School in accordance with Article VIII, “Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement” of the VSTAEOP/Board Contract effective August 31, 2014.

P. GAGAS
RETIREMENT
ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously. Trustee Chiachiere wished Ms. Gagas well, and she will be missed.

Textbook Distribution Services

To approve the agreement with Textbook Central for centralized textbook distribution services for the 2014-2015 school year for students attending non-public schools.

TEXTBOOK CENTRAL AGREEMENT

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

Budget Transfer

To approve the following budget transfer effective May 28, 2014:

BUDGET TRANSFER

From:	A2250.490.01	Special Ed-BOCES Tuition	\$25,000
To:	A2250.470.01	Special Ed-Tuition	\$25,000

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

Health and Welfare Contract

To approve the Health and Welfare Contract with North Merrick UFSD in the amount of \$4,256 for the 2013-2014 school year.

HEALTH & WELFARE

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

CBIZ Agreement - Fixed Asset Reporting

To approve the agreement with CBIZ to conduct the fixed asset reporting and property insurance updating.

CBIZ AGREEMENT
FIXED ASSET REPORT

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

Transportation Consultant Contract

To award the Transportation Consultant Contract, in cooperation with the Nassau County Southwest Transportation Cooperative, to Nancy Nunziata for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$3750; and authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

TRANSPORTATION
CONSULTANT
AWARDED TO N.
NUNZIATA

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

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

Policy Committee Report – J. Greco Jacobs

The policy book has been updated and revised. Several new policies were added in accordance with NYS School Boards Association’s Policy Department. The Policy Committee will be meeting on June 18 at 5 p.m. in the Board Room. The public is invited to attend.

Policies for 2nd Reading and Adoption

To adopt the following policies after a 2nd reading:

POLICIES ADOPTED
AFTER A 2ND READING

- 1120 School District Records, Regulations & Exhibits
- 4321.13 Precautions Regarding Student Elopement (NEW)
- 6650 Claims Auditor (NEW)
- 6660 Independent/External Audits (NEW)
- 6680 Internal Auditor (only the 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

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

[Vice President D. Evans]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 3/17, 3/31, 4/7D, 4/7BOCES, 4/8, 4/9, 4/10D, 4/10D, 4/10Wi, 4/22D, 4/22Brookville, 4/24, 4/25, 4/28, 4/29, 5/2, 5/6, 5/9, and 5/16/14.

CSE REVIEWS
ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 3/21, 3/28H, 3/28B Brookville, 4/8(2), 4/10, 4/23(2), and 5/12/14.

CPSE REVIEWS
ADOPTED

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

St. Joseph's College

To approve the Extension of Contract with St. Joseph's College for the 2014-2015 school year.

ST. JOSEPH'S
COLLEGE CONTRACT
EXTENDED

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

Donation

To approve a donation from Comp4Kids of NY, Inc. of 90 HP nc6400 Laptops with power cords with an approximate value of \$9,000.

DONATION

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

Donation

To approve a donation from CREATE of 22 Dell CPU's with an approximate value of \$320.

DONATION

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

Donation

To approve a donation from Mindy Berlin of a violin with a case and two bows with an approximate value of \$450 and a piano valued at approximately \$2,000 for use in the district.

DONATION

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

Donation

To acknowledge a donation from Bazini Engineering, PC of the rental of a tent (approximate cost - \$600) for use at the Empire Games at Mitchell Field on May 30, 2014.

DONATION

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

High School Report

Joseph DiSibio

The High School Board met on May 13. The Board recognized two Board Members who will be receiving recognition at the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Annual Dinner Meeting. Anthony Iadevaio will be receiving the Silver Bullet Award, and Dr. Frank Chiachiere will be receiving the Distinguished Service Award. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes those who serve as a role model for effective school board service. Tenure was granted to six administrative staff members and eleven teachers. Two scholarships were approved; the Kristopher Kazenberger Scholarship was awarded to a North High Senior, and the Natalie Granna Memorial Scholarship was awarded to a South High Senior.

Report of the Attorney

Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on a case whereby a special needs student with an IEP was injured while waiting for the school bus. The family tried to sue the school district, but it was determined that since the child went into the road, it was pedestrian error, and not the fault of the district.

Old Business

Trustees Chiachiere, DiSibio, Douglas, Evans and Superintendent Robb-Fund attended the Memorial Day Parade, and Trustee Chiachiere complimented the students on their performance. He thanked the music teachers and the parents for working with the students to produce such fine musicians.

Trustee Pomerantz attended Exploration's Day, Trustees Pomerantz, Stris, and Chiachiere attended the Art Show at Howell with President Douglas, and Trustee Pomerantz attended Howell's Got Talent.

New Business

President Douglas acknowledged Patricia Farrell who will be sworn in as a Board Member at the Reorganization Meeting on July 7, 2014.

Executive Session

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Chiachiere for the purpose of the employment history of a particular person, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously. The Superintendent and the attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:40 the Superintendent left Executive Session.

Adjournment

At 9:50 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Michels

Denise Michels