

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 on Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere		Superintendent Robb-Fund
Trustee DiSibio		Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Douglas		Asst. Supt. for Spec. Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Evans		Principal Capozzoli
Trustee Greco Jacobs		Principal Gruen
Trustee Pomerantz		Principal Huplosky
Trustee Stris		Principal Steele
		School District Attorney Frazer
		District Clerk Michels
		Approximately 125 Visitors

Convening CONVENING
The meeting was convened at 6:31 p.m. by President Douglas.

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

Reconvening RECONVENING
The meeting was reconvened at 8:05 p.m. by President Douglas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

President Douglas invited newly elected Trustee, Patricia Farrell, to join them at the table.

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

Approval of the Minutes MINUTES OF 5/20,
6/9/14 MEETINGS
APPROVED
To approve the Minutes of the May 20 Special, May 20 Committee and June 9, 2014 meetings.

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

To approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2014 Meeting as amended. On page 90 remove Trustee Stris as attending the Memorial Day Parade. The attendees were Trustees Chiachiere, DiSibio, Douglas, and Evans. MINUTES OF 5/27/14
MEETING APPROVED AS
AMENDED

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

Correspondence CORRESPONDENCE
Frazer & Feldman

- New Legal Publication – Solutions to Five Common Problems Involving Unpaid Leaves of Absences
- Months in Review – a Monthly Synopsis of Salient Cases in Special Education

Guercio & Guercio

- Federal Guidance Materials Re: Equal Educational Opportunities, Immigration Status and Citizenship Status
- Amendment to Ed Law 4402 and Revised Procedural Safeguards for Children with Disabilities

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

Superintendent Robb-Fund explained the various celebrations for this evening and thanked the student athletes and buddies, student musicians, volunteers, and retirees. She introduced Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Sells-Asch who showed a slide presentation of the students and their buddies participating in various events at the Nassau County Empire State Victory Games. The student athletes were presented medals and certificates for their participation on May 30, 2014. The Music Department received Superior ratings and First Place awards in several areas at Music in the Parks. Two Dever students came in first place as soloists for vocal and jazz. A student from the Wheeler Avenue School was the recipient of the National PTA Reflections Contest and performed his award winning composition. A group of fathers from the Willow Road School, with the help of the Franklin Square Little League, volunteered their time and efforts to refurbish the baseball fields at Willow. Three Dever students were recognized for winning the Malverne American Legion Essay Contest entitled “What the American Flag Means to Me.”

Salary Gate Promotion – VSTA-Classroom/Media Aides

To approve the Salary Gate Promotion from Step 5 to Step 6 (\$20,220) for the following Classroom Aides effective September 1, 2014:

GATES APPROVED
FOR CLASSROOM
AIDES

- Mindy Isacoff – Howell Road School
- Saima Latif – Wheeler Avenue School
- Lucia Peragino – James A. Dever School

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz]

Trustee Chiachiere gave a report on the Education Committee Meeting held on June 5. They discussed the Teacher Professional Development Survey, reviewed feedback from the Junior Great Books implementation, the Grade 6 Social Studies implementation feedback, the Eureka Math Common Core Learning Standards, the Summer Curricular Writing Projects including Close Reads in Social Studies, ELA Curriculum Mapping, Math Maps and Writing Benchmarks. Administrative Interns will be handling various projects over the summer, including updating the District Handbooks and the Policy Manuals.

The following retirees were honored:

- Mary Ann Cali – Music Teacher at James A. Dever & Howell Road Schools
- Madeline Roblin – Classroom Teacher at James A. Dever School
- Karen Sarli – School Secretary at James A. Dever School
- Joseph Pitts – Classroom Teacher at Howell Road School
- Alba Verambeck – Classroom Teacher at Howell Road School
- Violette Maurice – Cleaner at Howell Road School
- Rosemary Dellapina – Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School
- Pamela Sue Gagas – School Secretary at Wheeler Avenue School
- Susan Barone – Classroom Teacher at Willow Road School
- Elizabeth Silz – Classroom Teacher at Willow Road School

Tenure Recommendation – Reading Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Valerie Fasanello, Reading Teacher assigned to James A. Dever School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2014.

V. FASANELLO
GRANTED TENURE

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

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Christine Anderson, Classroom Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2014.

C. ANDERSON
GRANTED TENURE

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

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Mary Danna, Classroom Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2014.

M. DANNA GRANTED
TENURE

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

Tenure Recommendation – Art Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Donna Geidel, Art Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2014.

D. GEIDEL GRANTED
TENURE

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

At 9:30 p.m. President Douglas called for a recess.

At 9:45 p.m. the Board Meeting reconvened.

Credit for Advanced Study

To approve the credit for advanced study for Valerie Cassano from Step 9MA+45 to 9MA+60 (\$101,557) effective September 1, 2014 in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract.

V. CASSANO SALARY
INCREMENT
APPROVED

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

Employment of a Music Teacher

To employ Matthew Spinks as a Music Teacher in the District on Step 1BA (\$57,684) on two years, two months, eighteen days probation effective September 1, 2014, and unless sooner terminated.

M. SPINKS EMPLOYED
AS A MUSIC TEACHER

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

Consultant Services Contracts

To approve the Consultant Service Contract with RCP Consultants, Inc. to provide training in the completion of the consolidated application process for the Title I No Child Left Behind Legislation and compliance issues for the period July 1 through July 30, 2014 at \$275 per hour, not to exceed \$825.

RCP CONSULTANTS
APPROVED

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

To approve the Consultant Contract with Carol Varsalona for curriculum writing (ELA and Writing Benchmarks) for four days, 24 hours, not to exceed \$3,600 effective July 14 -18, 2014.

C. VARSALONA
CONSULTANT
CONTRACT APPROVED

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

Substitute Teacher List

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

SUBSTITUTE LIST
UPDATED & APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.
On the question: Trustee Stris asked for an update on the lack of per diem substitute teachers. Superintendent Robb-Fund indicated that there will be a Substitute Recruitment Fair at Howell Road School on August 14.

Summer Curriculum Writing

To approve the Summer Curriculum Writing at \$50 per hour in accordance with the VSTA Contract as listed below:

SUMMER CURRICULUM
WRITING APPROVED

- K-6 Math Curriculum Maps for 2 days, not to exceed 10 hours for Karen Higgins, Julianne Mashkow, Jennifer Navarra, Nancy Sferrazza, and Lauren Sposito.
- K-6 ELA Curriculum Maps for 2 days, not to exceed 10 hours for Danielle Dodge, Julianne Mashkow, Jennifer Navarra, Debora O'Connor, and Elizabeth Sweeny.
- K-6 Writing Benchmark for 3 days, not to exceed 15 hours for Kati Miano and Nancy Sferrazza.
- Grade 6 Social Studies Close Reads for 3 days, not to exceed 18 hours for Mary Danna and Deborah DiBona.

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

Summer Employment Special Education Program Staff

To employ the following for Summer Employment: Special Education Program Staff effective July 1 through August 11, 2014, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM, unless otherwise stated, at their hourly rate of pay:

SPECIAL EDUCATION
PROGRAM
EMPLOYMENTS

Special Education Teachers

Maureen Byrnes	Greer Korshin
Kelly Logan	Alyssa Ventura

Teaching Assistants

Debra McNally	Antonella Sciscioli
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Teacher Aides

Colleen Accardi	Jessica Aumuller
Debbie Blyskal	Marie Dancona
Christine Davi	Sandy Gagstetter
Daisy Martin	Victoria Schencup
Josephine Silverstein	

Resource Room

Lisa Gimbel – not to exceed 12 hours per week

Speech

Pamela Doodnauth – not to exceed 30 hours per week

Psychologist

Mindy Berlin – not to exceed 5 hours per week

Registered Nurse

Estelle Dempsy on Step 6 (\$40.77 per hour) of the VSTA-RN Contract

OT - Sherley Fils-Aime – not to exceed 15 hours per week
 PT - Shoshana Bazini – not to exceed 5 hours per week

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

Summer Employment ESL

To employ Anna Bonventre for the Summer ESL Program at her hourly rate of pay effective July 7 through August 1, 2014, 9 AM to 12 PM, 15 hours per week for 4 weeks.

SUMMER ESL
 A. BONVENTRE

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

Business Committee Report – J. DiSibio

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Business Committee did not meet.

Treasurer’s Report

No report this month.

Salary Gate Promotion – VSTA-EOP

To approve the Salary Gate Promotion for Laura DeMartini from Step 7 to Step 8 (\$48,785) effective July 1, 2014 in accordance with the VSTA-EOP Contract.

SALARY GATE
 APPROVED FOR
 L. DEMARTINI

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

Employment of a Custodian

To employ James Centore as a custodian, in accordance with the Board/CSEA Local 1000 contract, at an annual salary of \$50,091 effective June 18, 2014, and unless sooner terminated.

J. CENTORE EMPLOYED
 AS A CUSTODIAN

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

Health and Welfare Contracts

To approve the Health and Welfare Contracts for 2013-2014 as listed below:

HEALTH & WELFARE
 CONTRACTS APPROVED

Malverne UFSD	\$63,147.00
Mineola UFSD	\$ 1,330.00
New Hyde Park-Garden City Park UFSD	\$11,813.06

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

Summer Employment: Recreation Program

To employ the following for the Summer Recreation Program effective June 27 through August 1, 2014:

SUMMER EMPLOYMENTS

Junior Counselor (JC1) - \$635

Michael Antonucci Breanne Casucci Tara Franco

Junior Counselor (JC2) - \$695

Christina Cinnamo Justin Uslander

Counselor (NC1) - \$785

Samantha Logreira Jonnell Burke Raishme Singh

Counselor (NC2) - \$845

Lauren Asselta Cassandra Long
 Matthew DeMartini Thomas DeMartini

Counselor (NC3) - \$905

Michael Trager Vincent DiSibio Shawn Williams
 Alexa Pattek Franca Zinnanti Caroline Barilla
 Andrew Arata

Counselor (NC5+) - \$1005

Maribeth Cacchioli Kerri Collura

Certified Counselor (CC1) - \$1010

Suzanne Barzyz Andrew Lalama James DiLeonardo Gabriella Terzulli

Certified Counselor (CC2) - \$1083

Valerie D’Annunzio Barbara Walsh

Certified Counselor (CC3) - \$1160

Diana Paternostro

Cluster Counselor (CL1) - \$2000

Kathleen Carey-Nuzzi

April Hobart

Melissa Levison

Danielle Paladino

Building Director (BD5+) - \$3780

Marc Gold

Anthony Turco

Secretary - \$1950

Joanna Lynch

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

Capital Project Bid Recommendation

To award the following capital projects to the lowest responsible bidder from the sealed bids held on June 12, 2014:

CAPITAL PROJECT BIDS
AWARDED

Mechanical Construction Contract to Correct Non-Conforming Conditions at the James A. Dever School and Wheeler Avenue School

SED # 28-02-13-02-0-001-028

SED # 28-02-13-02-0-003-020

Contractor: Total Construction Corporation of Brooklyn, NY

Amount: \$134,000

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

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

Trustee Stris reported that the Policy Committee was charged with updating the entire Policy Manual during this school year. He reported that all nine sections were reviewed and updated as required. The Table of Contents and Index will be reviewed and updated at the next meeting which will be held tomorrow at 5 p.m. in the Board Room, and community members are welcome to attend. A Quick Reference Guide will be created.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

[Vice President D. Evans]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 5/7, 5/8Wh, 5/8Wh, 5/12Wh, 5/12BOCES, 5/12DDI, 5/14Wh, 5/14H, 5/16, 5/23, 5/27, 6/3LV, 6/3Wi, 6/5Wi, 6/5Wi, and 6/6/14.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 5/7ITSvcs., 5/7IC, 5/8, 5/21UCP, 5/21TBD, and 5/28/14.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Special Services Contract

To approve the Special Services Contract with the Lynbrook UFSD for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$103.40.

SPECIAL SERVICES
CONTRACT APPROVED

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

Impartial Hearing Officers

To add Deborah Berger to the rotational list of Impartial Hearing Officers.

D. BERGER ADDED AS AN
IMPARTIAL HEARING
OFFICER

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

Donation

To accept a donation from the Wheeler Avenue PTA of an evergreen tree for the Wheeler Avenue School with an approximate value of \$150. Wheeler's second grade class and Girl Scout Troop 2073 participated in a recycling project to raise this money through the PTA.

DONATION ACCEPTED
WAS PTA

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

Donation

To accept a donation from CREATE of 48 computers for use in the district with an approximate value of \$480.

DONATION ACCEPTED
CREATE

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

High School Report
Joseph DiSibio

Valley Stream Central HSD held a Board Meeting on June 10 and they honored retirees, community members serving the district, teachers and students. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian were introduced from each school. Students were recognized as the recipients of the National Scholarships; and students were recognized for awards from the National Council of Teachers, the NYS Science Congress, and the Future Business Leaders of America. The District's art students were recognized for their participation in the 2014 Olympics of Visual Arts and the 2014 Art Supervisors All County Art Show. Awards were given to students by the Photographic Federation of LI, the Photographic Society of America, and the NYS Art Teachers Association. Over 100 students were acknowledged for their hard work and dedication.

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

No report this month.

Old Business

Trustee Pomerantz and the Superintendent viewed a webinar on June 11, Technology Education – E-Learning and Blended Learning Models.

New Business

Vice President Evans thanked President Douglas for his guidance in implementing the Board Goals and assisting the Board throughout the year.

President Douglas thanked Vice President Evans for her work on the board over the last nine years. Trustee Evans served on several committees during her term, and her strength in fiscal management was essential in developing the district financial plan with the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Trustee DiSibio.

Visitors

Tara Casucci discussed the traffic issue at Wheeler Avenue School.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:10 p.m. Trustee Stris made a motion for an Executive Session to discuss the personnel history of a particular person and legal matters, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and the Attorney were invited to attend.

At 10:30 p.m. the Assistant Superintendents left the meeting.

At 11:25 p.m. the Superintendent and the Attorney left the meeting.

Reconvening

RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 11:40 p.m. by President Douglas.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:40 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Michels

Denise Michels
District Clerk