

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, August 18, 2015.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere Trustee Diodato Trustee DiSibio Trustee Pomerantz Trustee Stris	Trustee Douglas Trustee Farrell	Superintendent Evelyn Interim Asst. Supt. for Business Groveman Asst. Supt. for Spec. Services Sells-Asch School District Attorney Frazer  Approximately 8 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:15p.m. by President Pomerantz.

CONVENING

Quorum

Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

An executive session was held immediately to discuss principal negotiations on a motion made by Trustee Stris seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:10p.m. by President Pomerantz.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum

Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the June 16 and July 1, 2015 meetings.

MINUTES OF 6/16 & 7/1  
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

A letter was received from Trustee Stris for a donation of nine leather-bound history books on the history of the Valley Stream Public Schools to be placed in the board room.

CORRESPONDENCE

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

Constance D. Evelyn

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Christine Higgins as a classroom aide at James A. Dever School effective August 12, 2015.

C. HIGGINS RESIGNED AS  
CLASSROOM AIDE

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

Employment of Noon Hour Aides

To employ Maria Crimi and Tyrell Coon as noon hour aides assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 2, 2015 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour).

M. CRIMI AND T. COON  
ASSIGNED AS NOON  
HOUR AIDES

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

Employment of a Bus Monitor

To employ Trina Scheiler as a bus monitor effective September 2, 2015 at a salary of \$10.50 per hour.

T. SCHEILER EMPLOYED  
AS BUS MONITOR

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

Emergency Conditional Employment

To conditionally employ Jean Giulante as a bus monitor effective September 2, 2015 at a salary of \$10.50 per hour, pending fingerprint clearance.

J. GIULIANTE  
CONDITIONALLY  
EMPLOYED AS  
EMERGENCY BUS  
MONITOR

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

Superintendent Evelyn shared information regarding Superkids  
K-2 English Language Arts (ELA) -  
Interim Asst. Supt. for Bus. Groveman shared information about the Bond.

**Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION [W. Stris, S. Douglas]**

New Teacher Orientation

The following teachers will be presenting as part of New Teacher Orientation, and will be paid at their hourly rate of pay:

Corinne Cortes	2 hours
Danielle Dodge	2 hours
Anne Marie Gunn	2 hours
Louise Marchesi	2 hours
Debora O'Connor	2 hours
Melissa O'Geary	3 hours
Michael Rogers	2 hours

NEW TEACHER  
ORIENTATION

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

Credit for Advanced Study

To approve the credit for advanced study effective September 1, 2015, as listed in accordance with the VSTA/Board Agreement:

CREDIT FOR ADVANCED  
STUDY

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Deborah DiBona (H)	11.5MA+45	12MA+60

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

Resignation of a Reading Teacher

To accept the resignation of Allison Wasserman, Reading Teacher at James A. Dever School, effective July 16, 2015.

RESIGNATION OF A  
READING TEACHER

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

Change in Probationary Status

Upon review of Marcella Capobianco's APPR Scores for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years and confirmation of her having been granted tenure by the New York City School District, the probationary term of Ms. Capobianco, appointed as an ESL Teacher at the July 1, 2015 Board of Education Meeting, is modified to a three year probationary term effective September 1, 2015.

CHANGE IN  
PROBATIONARY STATUS

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

Change in Salary Step

Upon review of official transcripts for Shareen Best, change the salary step from 1 MA to 1 MA+15 (\$70,962), appointed as a classroom teacher at the July 1, 2015 Board of Education Meeting, effective September 1, 2015.

CHANGE IN SALARY  
STEP

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

Change in Salary Step

Upon review of official transcripts for Debra Kornfeld Marchuck, change the salary step from 4 MA to 4 MA+30 (\$40,682.50), appointed as a part-time (.50) Social Worker at the July 1, 2015 Board of Education Meeting, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

CHANGE IN SALARY  
STEP

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

Employment of a Special Education Teacher

To employ Alyssa Bentz as a Special Education Teacher (Tenure Area: Students with Disabilities Birth- Grade 6), assigned to Willow Road and James A. Dever Schools on Step 1MA (\$68,231), on three years probation commencing on September 1, 2015 and expiring on August 30, 2019. (\*See note below)

EMPLOYMENT OF A  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
TEACHER

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

Employment of a Classroom Teacher

To employ Elizabeth Currlin as a Classroom Teacher (Tenure Area: Childhood Education 1-6), assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1MA (\$68,231), on four years probation commencing on September 1, 2015 and expiring on August 30, 2019. (\*See note below)

EMPLOYMENT OF A  
CLASSROOM TEACHER

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

Employment of a Classroom Teacher

To employ Rachel Jean-Claude as a Classroom Teacher (Tenure Area:

EMPLOYMENT OF A  
CLASSROOM TEACHER

Childhood Education Birth – Grade 6), assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1MA (\$68,231), on four years probation commencing on September 1, 2015 and expiring on August 30, 2019. (\*See note below)

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

*\*In order to be granted tenure, the teacher must have received composite or overall APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either “effective” or “highly effective” in at least three (“3”) of the four (“4”) preceding years, and, if the classroom teacher receives an “ineffective” composite or overall APPR rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.*

Employment of a Replacement Music Teacher

To employ Nicole Boyle as a Replacement Music Teacher assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1 MA (\$68,231) in accordance with the VSTA/Board Agreement on the date of employment, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and unless sooner terminated.

EMPLOYMENT OF A  
REPLACEMENT MUSIC  
TEACHER

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

Employment of a Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Sharon Kapitansky as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to James A. Dever School on Step 1 EDD (\$78,594) in accordance with the VSTA/Board Agreement on the date of employment, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and unless sooner terminated.

EMPLOYMENT OF A  
REPLACEMENT  
CLASSROOM TEACHER

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

Employment of a Teaching Assistant

To employ Kerri Collura as a Teaching Assistant effective September 1, 2015, on four years probation, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$27,731) in accordance with the VSTA-TA Contract in effect on the date of employment:

EMPLOYMENT OF A  
TEACHING ASSISTANT

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

Employment of a Part-time Art Teacher

To employ Sarah St. John as a Part-time (.08) art teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue and Howell Road Schools on Step 1BA (\$58,669 pro-rated for the number of hours worked) effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, and unless sooner terminated.

EMPLOYMENT OF A  
PART-TIME ART  
TEACHER

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

Change in Summer Recreation Employment

To make the following changes to the Summer Recreation Employments effective July 1, 2015:

- a) change the salary for Breanne Casucci from (JC1) \$635 to (NC1) \$785;
- b) remove Tyrell Coon, Michael Trager, and Samantha Wilder;
- c) add Kristen Lynch (NC1) \$785 and Callestie Wong (JC1) \$635

CHANGE IN SUMMER  
RECREATION  
EMPLOYMENT

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

Resignation of Teaching Assistants

To accept the resignations of Christine Randazzo and Joseph Viola as teaching assistants at Willow Road School effective August 17, 2015.

RESIGNATION OF  
TEACHING ASSISTANTS

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

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE** [F. Chiachiere, D. Diodato]

Treasurer’s Report

No Treasurer’s Report this month.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Centralized Textbook Distribution Services for 2015-2016

To approve the Agreement between Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen and Textbook Central for Centralized Textbook Distribution Services for the 2015-2016 school year for students attending non-public schools and authorize School Board President to sign said Agreement.

CENTRALIZED  
TEXTBOOK  
DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

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

Summer 2015 Special Education Transportation Contracts

To approve the extension of the 2015 Summer Transportation Contracts for Special Education with a CPI of -0.1 % and the new bid awarded by the Southwest Quadrant dated May 21, 2015. (Contracts remain at the previous years' price with negative CPI – per NYSED.)

SUMMER 2015 SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACTS

**BOCES**

Jerusalem Avenue	1 Student	\$ 925 per pupil per month
	1 Matron	3,837 per matron per month
Jerusalem CRC	1 Student	925 per pupil per month
	1 Matron	3,837 per matron per month
Rosemary Kennedy	1 Student	\$ 925 per pupil per month
	1 Matron	\$3,837 per matron per month

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

Health & Welfare Contract

To approve the Health and Welfare Contract for those Valley Stream UFSD #13 students attending schools in the East Rockaway UFSD at a rate of \$1,119.58 per student for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

HEALTH & WELFARE  
CONTRACT

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

Consulting Services

To approve the Consulting Services Agreement between US Employee Benefits Services Group and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

CONSULTING SERVICES

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE [J. DiSibio, P. Farrell]**

No Policy Report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [P. Farrell]**

Committee on Special Education Review

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Review dated 6/29 and 7/2/15.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL  
EDUCATION REVIEW

Moved by Trustee Diodato, 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 7/8BOCES, 7/8TBD, 7/13, 8/5, and 8/11/15.

COMMITTEE ON PRE-  
SCHOOL SPECIAL  
EDUCATION REVIEWS

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

Impartial Hearing Officers

To remove the following Impartial Hearing Officers from the Rotational List: Beryl Blaustone and Lorraine Ferrigno.

IMPARTIAL HEARING  
OFFICERS

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

Labor Counsel Retainer and Agreement

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute the Labor Counsel Contract between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and Guercio and Guercio, LLP, covering the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

LABOR COUNSEL  
RETAINER AND  
AGREEMENT

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

Stipulation of Settlement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Settlement resolving fully a matter between the District and the parents of a child with a disability, identified in confidential attachment "A", and

STIPULATION OF  
SETTLEMENT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the Stipulation of Settlement on Behalf of the Board.

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

Board Member and Administrator Liability

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 hereby adopts and extends the coverage provided by Section 18 of the New York State Public Officers Law to the following titles: members of the Board of Education; Superintendent of Schools; Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business; Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment & Technology. The adoption of this provision is intended to supplement the protection available to such individuals by virtue of already existing statutory provisions or other sources. The Superintendent or her designee shall take steps necessary to obtain insurance protection against the potential liability to the District arising out of the adoption of this provision.

BOARD MEMBER AND ADMINISTRATOR LIABILITY

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

Disposal of District Property

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 hereby declares the following property to be obsolete and hereby directs the Superintendent to dispose of, or recycle the items on Attachments 1, 2 and 3 in accordance with Board Policy 6900:

DISPOSAL OF DISTRICT PROPERTY

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

Bond Counsel

To retain Hawkins, Delafield and Wood to act as the District's Bond Counsel in connection with a new project under consideration by the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education for possible submission to the voters.

BOND COUNSEL

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

Financial Advisors Services Agreement

To approve the Financial Advisors Services Agreement between Capital Markets Advisors, LLC and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for financial services in connection with a new project under consideration for possible submission to the voters.

FINANCIAL ADVISORS SERVICES AGREEMENT

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

Consulting Services

To approve the Consulting Services Agreement between US Employee Benefits Services Group and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

CONSULTING SERVICES

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

**Report of the Attorney**

Florence Frazer gave a report on FERPA.

**High School Report**

Trustee DiSibio reported on the High School Reorganization Meeting. Trustee Chiachiere was elected President. Trustee Stris added information about summer school graduation

**Old Business**

President Pomerantz appointed standing board committees:

Appoint Standing Board Committees (by the President)

Education Committee:	Trustee Douglas Trustee Stris	Policy Committee:	Trustee DiSibio Trustee Farrell
Business Committee:	Trustee Chiachiere Trustee Diodato	Committee of the Whole:	Trustee Farrell

Discussed protocol for the new sign.

Informational: Stuart Opdahl, a past Business Official, passed away and the Board was notified by his daughter.

**New Business**

Board Retreat Discussion (C. Evelyn)

Superintendent Evelyn suggested a Saturday in the Board Room. A majority of the retreat will be an open meeting.

Trustee Diodato discussed correspondence regarding a calendar conflict with Wheeler and the HS. Trustee Chiachiere shared that this may be resolved between the principals and notified via One Call.

Trustee Pomerantz shared information she received at the School Law Conference.

Acceptance of a Donation

DONATION ACCEPTED

To accept a donation from William P. Stris of nine leather-bound history books on the history of the Valley Stream Public Schools to be placed in the Board Room.

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

Adjournment

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At 8:55pm on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lisa Sells-Asch*

Lisa Sells-Asch  
Acting District Clerk