

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, February 24, 2015.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

Trustee Chiachiere
Trustee Farrell
Trustee Greco Jacobs
Trustee Pomerantz
Trustee Stris

Trustee DiSibio
Trustee Douglas

Superintendent Robb-Fund
Assistant Supt. for Sp. Services Sells-Asch
Interim Asst. Supt. for CAT Martin
Interim Asst. Supt. for Business Groveman
Principal Capozzoli
Principal Gruen
Principal Huplosky
Principal Steele
School District Attorney Frazer
District Clerk Michels

Approximately 110 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:10 p.m. by Vice President Pomerantz.

CONVENING

Quorum

Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

At 7:10 p.m. a motion for an Executive Session was made to discuss the personnel history of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:01 p.m. by Vice 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 January 20, 2015 meeting.

MINUTES OF 1/20/15
MEETING APPROVED

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

Correspondence

Frazer & Feldman:

- Student Enrollment Energy Regulations
- English Language Learners
- School Closings for Religious Holidays
- Monthly Synopsis of Salient Cases in Special Education
- Religious Exemptions – Sikh Students

Guercio & Guercio

- Emergency Amendment to the Commissioner’s Regulations Relating to Student Enrollment & Residency Determinations
- APPR Update
- State Budget

A letter was received from the Danielle Vitulli, President of the Valley Stream Educational Foundation regarding a gift to the District of an Electronic Sign.

A letter was received from a parent regarding snow removal at James A. Dever School.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

Superintendent Robb-Fund gave the following report: February is Healthy Heart Month. Students made Valentines for Veterans and are participating in the Jump Rope for Hearts Program. They collected soup for local pantries and celebrated the 100th day of school. The first Budget Ambassador’s meeting will take place on Thursday at 9 AM in the Dever cafeteria. The annual breakfast with our legislators will be held on March 14 at Memorial Junior High School. Three Board Members, Trustees Sean Douglas, Patricia Farrell, and Toni Pomerantz were awarded certificates from New York State School Boards Association for attendance at several conferences.

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide

To add Ellen DeMott as substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide.

E. DEMOTT ADDED AS A
CRA/NHA SUBSTITUTE

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [T. Pomerantz, F. Chiachiere]

Education Report

Over 100 Music and Art students were honored and received Certificates of Recognition.

Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment and Technology Martin gave a presentation on the NWEA Winter Results and the Social Studies Common Core Standards.

Resignation of a Part-time (.04) Art Teacher

To accept the resignation of Nicole Hassell as the part-time (.04) Art Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School effective January 21, 2015.

N. HASSELL RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Long-Term Substitute Rate of Pay

To approve the rate of pay for Long-Term Substitute Teachers at \$140 per day effective February 25, 2015.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER PAY \$140

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2014-2015 school year.

UPDATED SUBSTITUTE LIST
APPROVED

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [J. Greco Jacobs, P. Farrell]

Treasurer's Reports

To approve the Treasurer's Reports for the months ending November 30 and December 31, 2014.

TREASURER'S REPORTS
APPROVED

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

Health & Welfare Contracts

To approve the Health & Welfare Contracts between the Valley Stream UFSD Board of Education and the Lawrence UFSD and the Uniondale UFSD for the 2014-2015 school year.

HEALTH & WELFARE
CONTRACTS APPROVED

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

SCOPE Before and After School Program

To approve the SCOPE Before and After School Program for the 2015-2016 school year.

SCOPE BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL PROGRAM 2015-16

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.
On the question: Trustee Stris inquired about the cost for this program. Superintendent Robb-Fund advised that there will be a 1.25% increase in the cost for the 2015-2016 school year.

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective February 25, 2015:

BUDGET TRANSFERS
APPROVED

From:

A1010.500-01	Board of Ed-Supplies	\$ 500
A2630.500-01	Computer Supplies-District	2,802
A9060.800-01	Hosp. & Med. Insurance	82,000

To:

A1240.500-01	Chief School Admin-Supplies	\$ 500
A1620.422-02	Gas-Dever	20,000
A1620.422-03	Gas-Howell	20,000
A1620.422-04	Gas-Wheeler	20,000
A1620.422-05	Gas-Willow	20,000
A1620.500-01	Custodial Supplies	2,000
A2630.400-01	Comp Assisted Instruct-Contractual	2,802

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

Authorization to Execute Agreement with the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen and Valley Stream Teachers' Association Teacher Aides and Media Aides Unit

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association Teacher Aides and Media Aides Unit for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015 dated February 12, 2015 and authorizes the Superintendent to execute

VSTA/TEACHER & MEDIA
AIDES UNIT AGREEMENT
APPROVED

the collective bargaining agreement.

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, S. Douglas]

Policies for 2nd Reading and Adoption

POLICIES ADOPTED

To adopt the following policies after a 2nd reading:

- 5460 Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting
- 9270.1 Substitutes

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President T. Pomerantz]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 1/20, 1/23, 1/29, 2/9/15.

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

Special Services Contract

SPECIAL SERVICES CONTRACT APPROVED

To approve the Special Services Contract between the Valley Stream UFSD Board of Education and Valley Stream UFSD #24 for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

Impartial Hearing Officer

IHO M. GORDON DELETED

To delete Melinda Gordon as an Impartial Hearing Officer.

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

Appointment of the District Clerk

D. MICHELS APPOINTED DISTRICT CLERK THROUGH MARCH 31, 2015

To appoint Denise Michels as the District Clerk effective February 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015 at her current salary.

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

Additional Voter Registration

VOTER REGISTRATION AT CONCERTS APPROVED

To approve additional voter registration at the spring concerts on the following dates:

James A. Dever	March 25, 2015	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Howell Road	March 26, 2015	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Wheeler Avenue	March 26, 2015	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Willow Road	March 26, 2015	6:30 - 7:30 PM

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

Acceptance of a Gift

THIS ITEM WAS LAYED ON THE TABLE

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream Thirteen Education Foundation is desirous of contributing to the District an electric information sign; and

WHEREAS, the Education Foundation is willing to provide such information sign at no cost to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends that such sign be erected in a prominent location so as to provide the greatest benefit to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen hereby gratefully accepts a donation from the Valley Stream Thirteen Education Foundation of the full costs associated with the purchase, delivery, labor and installation, and any contingent costs associated with an electric information sign. The cost of the sign is approximately \$15,000.

Trustee Stris made a motion to lay this item on the table, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Informational

Petitions are available for two Board seats that will expire on June 30, 2015, namely, Jeanne Greco Jacobs and William P. Stris. This is a 3-year term of office effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. Petitions are available in the District Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday when school is in session and on the District website under www.Valleystream13.com. Petitions require 27 District Thirteen resident signatures and must be returned to the District Clerk by Monday, April 20, 2015 by 5 PM. Please take note that school will be closed for spring break from April 3 through April 10, 2015 and there will be no one available to accept petitions during this time. The District Office will be re-open on Monday, April 13, 2015.

High School Report

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Trustee Greco Jacobs reported that the proposed budget for 2015-2016 was presented to the Board. There will be a minimal increase within the tax cap. This year they were able to restore some previously cut extra-curricular programs; last year they had restored

previously cut academic programs. The HS District will be approving an Energy Performance Contract. Several music students were honored for their achievement at All County, Long Island String Festival, and All State Festivals.

Report of the Attorney

Florence Frazer

There was no report this month.

Visitors

Mrs. Testanti expressed concerns with the purchase of a sign from the VS Educational Foundation.

Executive Session

At 9:30 p.m. Trustee Stris made a motion for Executive Session for the purpose of the personnel history of a particular person, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously. The Superintendent and attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:48 Superintendent Robb-Fund left the meeting

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened by Vice President Pomerantz at 11:50 p.m.

RECONVENING

Adjournment

At 11:50 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Michels

Denise Michels
District Clerk