

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 Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

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

Approximately 24 Visitors

Convening

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

CONVENING

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held immediately due to a personnel discussion on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00p.m. by President Pomerantz.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Correspondence

A letter was read from Assistant Superintendent Meredith Brosnan announcing her retirement effective the end of the workday, December 31, 2015. A letter was also read announcing the resignation of Trustee Denise Diodato effective immediately.

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Constance Evelyn

Superintendent Evelyn reported on two items. Her first report discussed the opening of school and her address to the entire staff with well wishes to the year ahead and looking forward to working collaboratively. Superintendent Evelyn also met the children on their first day of school at each elementary school. She walked through classrooms and inspected the buildings. Overall, it was a very good first week of school. Her second report introduced Denise Demao who spoke about the district's summer recreation program at Willow Elementary School and the ENL & Special Education summer programs at Howell Elementary School.

Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Elizabeth McMahan as a classroom aide at Wheeler Avenue School effective August 31, 2015.

E. MCMAHON RESIGNED AS CLASSROOM AIDE

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Trina Scheiler as a noon hour aide assigned to Howell Road School effective September 2, 2015 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour).

T. SCHEILER EMPLOYED AS NHA

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Theresa Brunjes as a noon hour aide assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 17, 2015 at \$10.10 per hour.

T. BRUNJES EMPLOYED AS A NHA

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

Resignation of Noon Hour Aides

To accept the resignations of the following noon hour aides at Howell Road School:

- Denise Mihok effective August 20, 2015
- Theresa Anzaldi effective September 2, 2015
- Maria Napolitano effective September 9, 2015
- Trina Scheiler effective September 10, 2015

RESIGNATION OF NOON HOUR AIDES

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

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides

To add Jean Giuliani, Theresa Ellul, Maria Napolitano, Trina Scheiler, Wanda Oree*, Nighat Shaheen*, Melissa Geed* and Nillee Suliman* as substitute classroom/noon hour aides. (*Pending Civil Service clearance.)

SUBSTITUTE
CLASSROOM/NOON
HOUR AIDES

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [S. Douglas, W. Stris]

New Teacher Orientation

To approve Guy Jacob as a presenter at New Teacher Orientation on August 26, 2015 for two hours at his hourly rate of pay.

G. JACOB APPROVED
AS PRESENTER

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

Change in Salary Step

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

CHANGE IN SALARY
STEP

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

Employment of a Reading Teacher

To employ Meredith Bennett as a Reading Teacher (Tenure Area: Reading Teacher), assigned to James A. Dever School on Step 1MA (\$68,231), on four years probation commencing on September 1, 2015 and expiring on August 30, 2019. 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
READING TEACHER

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

Resignation of a Teaching Assistant

To accept the resignation of Adam Kalan as a teaching assistant at Willow Road School effective August 24, 2015.

A. KALAN RESIGNED
AS TEACHING
ASSISTANT

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Supervisor

To accept the resignation of Michael Kilgannon, noon hour supervisor at James A. Dever School effective September 8, 2015.

M. KILGANNON
RESIGNED AS NHS

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Supervisor

To employ Joseph Rasulo as a noon hour supervisor assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 10, 2015 at \$40 per hour for 2 ½ hours per day.

J. RASULO EMPLOYED
AS NHS

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

Change in Assignment

To change the assignment for Nancy Gioia to a classroom teaching assistant assigned to Willow Road School effective September 1, 2015 at an annual salary of \$27,731.

CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT

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

Employment of a Substitute Teaching Assistant

To employ Kathryn Daly as a Substitute Teaching Assistant assigned to Willow Road School effective September 2, 2015, and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the VSTA-TA Contract in effect on the date of employment.

K. DALY EMPLOYED AS A
SUBSTITUTE TEACHING
ASSISTANT

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

Employment of a Teaching Assistant

To employ Chantel Lockridge as a Teaching Assistant assigned to Willow Road School effective September 21, 2015, on four years probation, and unless sooner terminated, at an annual salary of \$27,731 in accordance with the VSTA-TA Contract in effect on the date of employment.

C. LOCKRIDGE
EMPLOYED AS A
TEACHING ASSISTANT

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

Employment of a Part-time Librarian

To employ Alyssa Schneyman as a Part-time (.08) librarian assigned to Wheeler Avenue and Howell Road Schools on Step 1MA (\$68,231 pro-rated for the number of hours worked) effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, and unless sooner terminated.

A. SCHNEYMAN
EMPLOYED AS A
PART-TIME
LIBRARIAN

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher list for the 2015-2016 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
LIST

Moved by Trustee Douglas, 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

Name	From	To	New Salary
Christine Anderson (WRS)	2.5 MA	3 MA+15	\$75,841
Catherine Ricchiuti (HRS)	10.5 MA+45	10 MA+45	\$105,910

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [F. Chiachiere, D. Diodato]

Treasurer’s Report

To accept the Treasurers’ Reports for the months ending June 30 and July 31, 2015.

TREASURER’S REPORT
ACCEPTED

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

Hold Harmless Agreement – Franklin Hospital

To approve the Hold Harmless Agreement between Franklin Hospital and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education for the use of the James A. Dever property, and authorize the Board President to sign said agreement.

HOLD HARMLESS
AGREEMENT – FRANKLIN
HOSPITAL

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

Agreement – Zimmerman/Edelson, Inc.

To approve the Agreement between Zimmerman/Edelson, Inc. and the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education for the provision of bond related public relations services, and authorize the Board President to sign said agreement.

AGREEMENT –
ZIMMERMAN/EDELSON,
INC.

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

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective September 17, 2015

BUDGET TRANSFER

<i>From</i>		
A2250.490-01	Special Ed - BOCES Tuition	\$100,000
<i>To</i>		
A2250.470-01	Special Ed – Tuition	\$100,000

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [J. DiSibio, P. Farrell]

Policy Committee’s first meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 5pm.

POLICY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President P. Farrell]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 8/6, 8/11 and 8/31/15.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL
EDUCATION REVIEWS

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

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Review

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Review dated 8/31/2015.

COMMITTEE ON PRE-
SCHOOL SPECIAL
EDUCATION REVIEW

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

Special Services Contracts

SPECIAL SERVICES

To approve the special services contracts for the 2015-2016 school year as needed:

CONTRACTS

- Access 7
- All About Kids
- Health Source Group
- Horizon Healthcare Staffing
- Kidz Therapy (Gayle E. Kligman)
- Marion K. Salomon & Associations (MKSA, LLC)
- Merrick UFSD
- Metro Therapy
- The Hagedorn Little Village School

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

Home Instruction

HOME INSTRUCTION

To approve home instruction for a Wheeler Avenue student intermittently during the 2015-2016 school year. The tutor will be Guy Jacob.

Acceptance of a Donation

ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION

To accept a donation of school supplies in the amount of \$301.78 received from DonorsChoose.org on behalf of Johanna Land, Music Teacher at James A. Dever School.

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

Acceptance of Letter of Resignation

ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF RESIGNATION

To accept a letter of resignation for retirement from Assistant Superintendent Meredith Brosnan, effective December 31, 2015.

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

Approval of Leave of Absence

APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

To approve an application for a leave of absence with pay from Assistant Superintendent Meredith Brosnan prior to retirement in accordance with the employment agreement.

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

Report of the Attorney

Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazier reported on the discretion to offer admission to Kindergarten prior to a December 1 birthdate which is the compulsory education age. Determination is based on child's ability to do 1st grade work.

High School Report

Joe DiSibio

The High School Board met on August 25, 2015. There were presentations or recognitions. There was a moment of silence for a teacher who passed away. Trustee Stris reported that there was contention at the meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business reported.

New Business

Alan Groveman reported on the bond proposal. There is a list of projects that need to be done in all the elementary schools of district. Thus far, we have been paying as we go and have not borrowed money to complete projects. However, there is a need to get more projects done than our current budget permits. We hope to get a vote done no longer than the 2nd week of December, 2015. If the vote is done after December 31, we would have to use the new voting machines and it will cost the district more money.

Trustee Stris commented that this is an excellent time to borrow money.

Visitors

Four visitors addressed the board about the mulch situation at Willow Road School (Lori D'Andrea, Antoinette Russo, Gabrina Basile, Lisa Modica). Gabrina Basile proposed a bus referendum to alleviate a transportation issue. Trustee Stris described the need for signatures and the financial ramifications surrounding an extension of our bus service. Vincent Toma complained about script not being part of the curriculum anymore and when would iPads be distributed. Superintendent Evelyn stated that chrome books are being used this year in the 4th grade. Maribel Padin-Canestro asked in regards to the bond, do we have any involvement in the items to discuss? Alan Groveman mentioned that there will be a special meeting to discuss the bond items and the public will be invited at that time.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:50 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously for the purpose of personnel of a particular person. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and Attorney were invited to attend.

Reconvening

RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 10:45 p.m. by President Pomerantz.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Patricia Brewington

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District Clerk