

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 Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

Trustee Chiachiere
Trustee Douglas
Trustee Farrell
Trustee Pandit
Trustee Pomerantz
Trustee Stris
Trustee Vicente

Superintendent Evelyn
Asst. Supt. for Sp. Services Sells-Asch
Asst. Supt. for Bus. & HR Antoine
Asst. Supt. for Curr. LaRocca
Dir. of Tech. Farsaci
School District Attorney Sheahan
Attorney Assistant
District Clerk Rosamilia

Approximately 14 Visitors

Convening

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

CONVENING

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

The Board immediately moved into Executive Session on a motion made by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously to discuss the personnel of a particular person, custodial negotiations and legal matters. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business & HR, School District Attorney and Attorney Assistant were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:02 p.m. by President Stris.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

President Stris called for a moment of silence in recognition of the death of long time Valley Stream Thirteen Board member Harris Dinkoff, who also served on the VS Central HS Board.

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the November 15, 2016 Committee Meeting, November 19, 2016 Special Meeting, November 22, 2016 Board of Education Meeting, December 3, 2016 Special Meeting and December 8, 2016 Special Meeting

MINUTES OF 11/15/16, 11/19/16, 11/22/16, 12/3/16 and 12/8/16 MEETINGS APPROVED

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from James Babst indicating his resignation for the purpose of retirement effective 6/30/17.

Correspondence was received from Guercio & Guercio regarding:

- School Calendar
- Revised Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification
- Posting and Provision of Child Abuse Telephone Hotline Number and OCFS Website Access Directions

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Evelyn reported on the school district’s focus on Instructional Technology and the needs of our students in grades K-6.

Asst. Supt. LaRocca, Director of Technology Farsaci and Instructional Coach O’Geary presented to the Board a powerpoint on Instruction Technology: 1:1 Initiative.

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, S. Douglas]

Certifying Lead Evaluators to Conduct Teacher and Principal Evaluations under Education Law 3012-d

LEAD EVALUATORS CERTIFIED

BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with the provisions of New York State Education Law 3012-d and subpart 30-2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen (“District”) hereby certifies the following individuals as qualified Lead Evaluators:

- Constance Evelyn – Superintendent of Schools
- Lisa Sells-Asch – Assistant Superintendent for Special Services
- Judy LaRocca –Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Darren Gruen – Principal, James A. Dever School
Frank Huplosky – Principal, Howell Road School
Gayle Steele – Principal, Wheeler Avenue School
Rosalie Ambrosio – Principal, Willow Road School
Dan Farsaci – Director of Technology

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

Credit for Advanced Study

To approve the credit for advanced study for the following teachers effective February 1, 2017, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract:

CREDIT FOR ADVANCED
STUDY APPROVED

Alyssa Bentz	Dever	1MA to 1MA+15
Peter Gatto	Willow	15MA to 15MA+15
Natalka Michaliszyn	Dever	8.5MA+15 to 8.5MA+30
Caroline Vidakovic	Wheeler	25MA+45 to 25MA+60

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

Employment of Classroom Aide

To employ Brianna Ciambra as a Classroom Aide assigned to the James A. Dever School at a salary rate of \$16,745 effective January 25, 2017 pending Civil Service approval.

B. CIAMBRA EMPLOYED
AS CLASSROOM AIDE
JAMES A. DEVER SCHOOL

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

Employment of Classroom Aide

To employ Laleta Muneshwar as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Howell Road School at a salary rate of \$16,745 effective January 25, 2017 pending Civil Service approval.

L. MUNESHWAR EMPLOYED
AS CLASSROOM AIDE
HOWELL ROAD SCHOOL

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

Employment of Classroom Aide

To employ Yero Brockington as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Willow Road School at a salary rate of \$16,745 effective January 25, 2017 pending Civil Service approval.

Y. BROCKINGTON EMPLOYED
AS CLASSROOM AIDE
WILLOW ROAD SCHOOL

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

Employment of Noon Hour Supervisor

To employ Scott McLaughlin as a Noon Hour Supervisor assigned to the Howell Road School at an hourly rate of \$40 (2 hours and 40 mins per day) effective January 25, 2017 pending background check, fingerprint clearance and Board approval.

S. MCLAUGHLIN EMPLOYED
AS NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR
HOWELL ROAD SCHOOL

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

Employment of Permanent Substitute Teachers

To employ the following Permanent Substitute Teachers at \$125 per day effective January 25, 2017:

- Grace Thompson – James A. Dever School
- Robyn Siegel – Howell Road School
- Kristine Pica – Wheeler Avenue School

G. THOMPSON, R. SIEGEL,
K. PICA EMPLOYED AS
PERM. SUB. TEACHERS

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

Employment of Permanent Substitute Teacher

To employ Ruth Peets-Butcher as a Permanent Substitute Teacher assigned to the Willow Road School at a salary rate of \$125 per day effective January 30, 2017.

R. PEETS-BUTCHER EMPLOYED
AS PERM. SUB. TEACHER

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

Substitute Rate of Pay for Teacher and Media Aides

To increase the substitute rate of pay from \$70 for Teacher and Media Aides to \$80 effective January 1, 2017.

SUB. RATE OF PAY FOR
TEACHER AND MEDIA AIDES
APPROVED

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated substitute teacher list for the 2016-2017 school year.

UPDATED SUB. TEACHER LIST
APPROVED

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [P. Farrell, V. Pandit]

Treasurer’s Report

To accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending December 31, 2016.

TREASURER’S REPORT ENDING
12/31/16 ACCEPTED

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement – Lead Custodian

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement letter dated January 2, 2017 from James Babst, Lead Custodian at the James A. Dever School effective June 30, 2017.

J. BABST RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Muslim Holiday Resolution

WHEREAS community members have expressed the desire to add Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha as holidays upon which schools will be closed; and WHEREAS the Board of Education believes that such addition is in the best interests of the District; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on motion of Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Vicente, that the Board of Education hereby expresses its agreement the Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha should be added to the school calendar as holidays requiring the closing of schools for each school year beginning with the 2017-2018 school calendar; and FURTHER RESOLVES to undertake such steps as may be necessary in order to obtain the agreement of the appropriate employee organizations to add such holidays to the school calendar.

MUSLIM HOLIDAY 2017-18
S/Y APPROVED

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

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective January 25, 2017:

BUDGET TRANSFERS
APPROVED

From:

A1480.420-01	Public Info-Printing	\$11,000
A1480.421-01	Public Info-Website	3,500
A2250.490-01	Special Ed-BOCES Tuition	85,000
A2250.502.01	CSE Supplies	300
A2630.150-01	Comp Assist Instruct-Salaries	130,000
A2630.400-01	Comp Assist Instruct-Contractual	32,000
A2630.460-01	State Aided Computer Software	45,570
A9020.800-01	Teachers’ Retirement	75,000

To:

A1310.400-01	Business Admin-Contractual	\$10,000
A1480.490-01	Public Info-BOCES	39,500
A2250.409-01	Special Ed-Travel & Meetings	300
A2250.470-01	Special Ed-Tuition	85,000
A2630.141-01	Comp Assist Instruct-Teaching Assist	32,000
A2630.151-01	Comp Assist Instruct-Director	130,000
A2630.160-01	Comp Assist Instruct-Support Salaries	60,000
A2630.490-01	Comp Assist Instruct-BOCES	25,570

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [T. Pomerantz, M. Vicente]

Policies for 2nd Reading & Adoption

To adopt the following policies after a second reading:

POLICIES FOR 2ND READING
ADOPTED

- 2360 Minutes
- 2510 New Board Member Orientation
- 3120 Duties of the Superintendent
- 5151 Homeless Children and 5151-R Homeless Children Regulations.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President V. Pandit]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 11/16, 12/20, 12/21, 12/22/2016, 1/3, 1/9, 1/10/17.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Special Education Review dated 12/14, 12/22/16.

Moved by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Vicente and carried unanimously.

Grant Award

NEFCU TEACHER GRANT
ACCEPTED

To accept a NEFCU Teacher Grant for \$250 awarded to Maria L'Heureux to fund materials and supplies for the Wheeler Avenue Courtyard Classroom & Native Plant Butterfly Garden.

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

Report of the Attorney

Attorney Sheahan reported a case regarding a residency matter. The Commissioner upheld the district's determination that the petitioner's grandchildren were entitled to attend school in the district on a tuition free basis.

High School Report

The business meeting of the Valley Stream Central High School District was held on January 9, 2017. Upon opening the meeting, President Stewart called for a moment of silence in recognition of the death of long time Valley Stream Thirteen Board member Harris Dinkoff who also served on the VS Central HS Board. The board voted to authorize and ratify an agreement with the VSTA Supervisors Association. The Board accepted a number of resignations and approved a number of appointments. Student athletes were recognized for their high level of participation in Cross Country, Volleyball, Football and Soccer.

Old Business

There is no old business to report

New Business

There will be a public vote that would authorize Nassau BOCES to purchase the Carman Road School for \$9 million to be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

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District Clerk