

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, November 22, 2016.

| <u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u> | <u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u> | <u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> |
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| 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 35 Visitors |

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

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

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

Reconvening RECONVENING
The meeting was reconvened at 8:07 p.m. by President Stris.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

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

Approval of the Minutes MINUTES OF 10/18/16
To approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2016 Committee Meeting and COMM. MTG. AND 10/25/16
October 25, 2016 Board of Education meeting. BOE MTG. APPROVED

Correspondence CORRESPONDENCE
Correspondence was received from Guercio & Guercio regarding New requirements under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption.
Correspondence was received from Claudette Costa indicating her resignation for the purpose of retirement effective December 31, 2016.
Correspondence was received from the Lion's Club making a donation to the Wheeler Avenue School Courtyard.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Evelyn spoke about the strategic planning process the community engaged in to identify programmatic opportunities for students that have been formally identified as having special needs. We developed and executed a plan to meet this charge with much help from our teachers under the guidance of district leadership.

Assistant Superintendent Sells-Asch presented information about our progress to date on Inclusive Education.

Committee Reports

A. EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, S. Douglas]

Tenure Recommendation – Art Teacher C. DIDIO TENURE APPROVED
After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting EFFECTIVE 1/6/17
classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends
Christine DiDio, Art Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, be granted tenure
effective January 6, 2017.

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

Child Care Leave of Absence Without Pay

To approve a Child Care Leave of Absence without Pay for Shoshana Bazini, District Physical Therapist, effective November 18, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and authorize the Board President to sign the Settlement Agreement and Release.

S. BAZINI CHILD CARE LEAVE OF ABSENCE W/O PAY APPROVED

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

Employment of a Classroom Teacher

To employ Nicole Russo-Schoenberg as a Classroom Teacher (Tenure Area: Classroom Teacher K-6), assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1MA (\$69,391), on four years probation commencing on November 1, 2016 and expiring on October 31, 2020. **In order to be eligible for tenure, an individual receiving a probationary appointment as a classroom/special education teacher must receive annual composite or overall APPR ratings of H or E in at least three of the four preceding years, and if the individual receives a rate of I in the final year of the probationary period, he or she will not be eligible for tenure at that time.*

N. RUSSO-SCHOENBERG EMPLOYED AS CLASSROOM TEACHER

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

Employment of Permanent Substitute Teachers

To employ the following Permanent Substitute Teacher at \$125 per day effective November 23, 2016 through May 30, 2017:

- Uzma Wasti - Howell Road School
- Jessica Stolfi - Willow Road School
- Jillian Sarro - James A. Dever School effective December 7, 2016

U.WASTI, J. STOLFI, J. SARRO EMPLOYED AS PERM. SUB. TEACHER

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

School Nurse Position

To add an additional school nurse position for the district.

ADD'L SCHOOL NURSE POSITION APPROVED

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Laurie Katz as a Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$16,745) effective November 23, 2016 in accordance with the Board/VSTA-Teacher Aides-Media Aides contract in effect on the date of employment.

L. KATZ EMPLOYED AS CLASSROOM AIDE

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

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide

To add the following as substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides effective November 23, 2016:

- Lana Gerbino
- Carolyn Thomas – pending Civil Service clearance

L. GERBINO, C. THOMAS ADDED AS SUB. CLASS/NOON HR. AIDE APPROVED

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

Substitute Teacher List

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

2016-17 UPDATED SUB. TEACHER LIST APPROVED

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

B. BUSINESS COMMITTEE [P. Farrell, V. Pandit]

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2016.

TREASURER'S REPORT ENDING 10/31/16 ACCEPTED

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

Resignation for Retirement – Account Clerk

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement in accordance with the VSTA/EOP Agreement, Article VIII, Section C, paragraph 4, "Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement," and Article VIII, Section E request to be paid for unused accrued vacation days, for Claudette Costa, Account Clerk in the Business Office, effective December 31, 2016.

C. COSTA RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

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

Employment – Senior Clerk Typist

To employ Susan DiVerniero as a Senior Clerk Typist assigned to the Business Office, effective December 1, 2016, (pending Civil Service clearance) on Step 1.5 (\$38,526) in accordance with the Board/VSTA-EOP Contract in effect on the date of employment.

S. DIVERNIERO EMPLOYED
SENIOR CLERK TYPIST EFF.
12/1/16

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

Employment – Custodian

To employ Rene Ramirez as a custodian assigned to James A. Dever School at \$50,091 effective November 23, 2016 (pending Civil Service clearance) and in accordance with the Board/CSEA contract in effect on the date of employment.

R. RAMIREZ EMPLOYED AS
CUSTODIAN JAMES A.
DEVER SCHOOL

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

Employment – Custodian

To employ Rinaldo Gandolfi as a custodian assigned to Howell Road School at \$50,091 effective November 23, 2016 (pending Civil Service clearance) and in accordance with the Board/CSEA contract in effect on the date of employment.

R. GANDOLFI EMPLOYED AS
CUSTODIAN HOWELL ROAD
SCHOOL

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

Special Services RFP Awards

To award the following Special Ed Services from the RFP returned on October 11, 2016:

SPECIAL SVCS. RFP AWARDS
APPROVED

Metro Therapy

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| OT Evaluation | \$175 |
| OT Screening | \$ 45 |
| OT Individual Session, In District | \$ 41 |
| OT Individual Session, Private School | \$ 50 |
| OT individual Session, Home | \$ 50 |
| PT Evaluation | \$175 |
| PT Screening | \$ 45 |
| PT Individual Session, In District | \$ 41 |
| PT Individual Session, Private School | \$ 50 |
| PT Individual Session, Home | \$ 50 |
| Speech Screening | \$ 45 |
| Speech Individual Session, In District | \$ 41 |
| Speech Individual Session, Private School | \$ 50 |
| Speech Individual Session, Home | \$ 50 |
| Speech Group, In District | \$ 61 |

Corinthian Therapy

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| Counseling Individual, In District | \$ 40 |
| Counseling Individual, Private School | \$ 40 |
| Counseling Individual, Home | \$ 40 |
| Psychiatric | \$450 |
| Neuropsychological | \$450 |
| Assistive Technology | \$250 |
| Behavioral Session, Individual | \$ 80 |
| Behavioral Monthly Consultation | \$ 80 |
| Parent Counseling & Training | \$ 80 |
| Staff Training & Professional Development | \$ 80 per Hour |
| Behavioral Assistant | \$ 80 per Hour |
| Oral Transliterator, In District | \$ 80 per Hour |
| Oral Transliterator, Private | \$ 80 per Hour |
| Oral Transliterator, Home | \$ 80 per Hour |
| Oral Transliterator, Consultant | \$ 80 per Hour |

MKSA, LLC

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| Sign Language Interpreter, In District | \$ 65 per Hour |
| Sign Language Interpreter, Private School | \$ 65 per Hour |
| Sign Language Interpreter, Home | \$ 65 per Hour |
| Sign Language Interpreter, Consultant | \$ 65 per Hour |

Achieve Beyond

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| OT Group, In District | \$ 45 |
| OT Group, Private School | \$ 45 |
| Speech Group, In District | \$ 45 |
| Speech Group, Private School | \$ 45 |

Health Source

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| LPN | \$ 40 per Hour |
| RN | \$ 54 per Hour |

Alternative Tutoring

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| Resource Room, In District | \$35 for 1 st Child, \$10 for each additional Child |
| Resource Room, Private School | \$35 for 1 st Child, \$10 for each additional Child |
| Resource Room, Home | \$35.25 per Hour |
| Resource Room, Teacher Consultation | \$35.25 per Hour |
| Resource Room, Teacher Evaluation | \$35.25 per Hour |
| Home Tutoring | \$32.25 per Hour |

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

Change Order # 1– Pella Construction SED # 280213-02-0-002-020

Resolved, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Park East Construction (construction management firm) and BBS Architects (architect firm), hereby approves change order # 1 in the amount of \$ 31,100 (increase) in connection with the contract with Pella Construction for the Phase I Bond Funded Howell Project.

CHANGE ORDER #1
APPROVED

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

Change Order # 3– BBR Construction SED # 280213-02-0-003-023

Resolved, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Park East Construction (construction management firm) and BBS Architects (architect firm), hereby approves change order # 3 in the amount of \$ 29,857 (increase) in connection with the contract with BBR Construction for the Phase I Bond Funded Wheeler Roof Project.

CHANGE ORDER #3
APPROVED

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

Budget Transfers

To approve the following transfers effective November 23, 2016:

BUDGET TRANSFER EFF.
11/23/16 APPROVED

From:

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| A2250.470-01 | Special Ed-Tuition, Foster Child | \$30,000 |
| A2250.490-01 | Special Ed-BOCES Tuition | \$30,000 |
| A2815.405-01 | Health Services-Non-Public | \$10,000 |

To:

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| A2250.470-01 | Special Ed-Tuition | \$60,000 |
| A2815.401-01 | Health Services-Contractual | \$10,000 |

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

Standard Work Day for Employees

BE IT RESOLVED, that Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen, Location Code 72812, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body:

STANDARD WORK DAY NOON
HOUR AIDE RESOLVED

Title: Noon Hour Aide Standard Work Day (Hrs./day): Six (6)

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

C. POLICY COMMITTEE [T. Pomerantz, M. Vicente]

Policies for 2nd Reading

To approve the following policies for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

- 5100 Attendance Policy
- 6700-R Purchasing Regulations

POLICIES FOR SECOND
READING APPROVED

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

D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President V. Pandit]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 10/13, 10/14, 10/19, 10/20, 10/28, 11/2, 11/09, 11/14/2016.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 10/19, 10/21, 11/3/2016.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Contract for the Superintendent of Schools

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen approves an Amendment to the Employment Agreement dated April 28, 2015 between the Board and Superintendent of Schools, Constance D. Evelyn, extending such Agreement through June 30, 2020; and

SUPT. CONTRACT APPROVED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

Consulting Contract

To approve a contract between McKay Consulting, LLC and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen to provide training for administrative professional development, lead evaluator training for APPR, and to authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

CONSULTING CONTRACT MCKAY CONSULTING APPROVED

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

Physical Therapy Provider

To approve a contract between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and Daniel Weinkauff to provide physical therapy services at the Willow Road School effective December 5, 2016 through June 30, 2017 as needed.

PT PROVIDER CONTRACT APPROVED

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

Home Tutoring

To approve home tutoring for a James A. Dever student effective immediately through December 23, 2016 as needed. The tutor will be Valerie Valinoti.

V. VALINOTI APPROVED HOME TUTORING

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

Veterans' Cold War Exemption

WHEREAS, Section 458-b, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b), of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York ("RPTL"), allows Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen to provide tax exemptions to certain qualified owners of qualified residential real property, as defined by section 458-b; and

VETERANS' COLD WAR EXEMPTION APPROVED

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the Cold War veterans of the District:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen ("Board") elects to participate in the exemptions of RPTL Section 458-b, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to RPTL Section 458-b, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), subparagraph (i), the Board adopts the ten (10%) percent exemption, which amount shall not exceed the statutory basic maximum set forth therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESLVED, that pursuant to RPTL Section 458-b, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), the Board adopts the exemption relating to service connected disabilities, which amount shall not exceed the statutory basic maximum set forth therein.

In accordance with Policy 2360, Trustee Stris has submitted the following statement: "I support the intent of legislation that recognizes our servicemen and women, but feel Strongly that the states expansion of exemptions should be supported by state funds, instead of the redistribution of the local tax burden."

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

Green Acres PILOT Lawsuit

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the District to join in the Town of Hempstead's as yet unfiled lawsuit against the Town of Hempstead IDA regarding the Green Acres PILOT issue; and

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby agrees, subject to a conflict of interest developing, to be represented by the Town of Hempstead's attorneys at no legal cost to the District.

A motion to table this item was made by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Vicente and carried unanimously.

Disposal of Obsolete, Surplus or Unusable District Property

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 hereby declares the electronic equipment on Attachment "1" to be either broken or outdated and deemed suitable for recycle. Green Chip Electronic Waste Solutions will pick up the equipment at no cost to the district.

DISPOSAL OF DISTRICT
PROPERTY RESOLVED

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

Donations

To accept the following donations:

- a) Donation from the Lion's Club for \$5,000 for the Wheeler Avenue School Courtyard for the purpose of developing the infrastructure, flora and related Garden materials for the courtyard gardens and outdoor classroom.

DONATION ACCEPTED
LION'S CLUB
JAMES D'ELIA
JACKIE PESOLA

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

Janet Mahabir, President of the Lion's Club presented the Board with a check for their donation to the Wheeler Avenue School.

Guy Jacobs and several students thanked the Lion's Club in appreciation for their help and support.

- b) Donation from James D'Elia, a 2011 graduate of Wheeler Avenue School, of an Eagle Scout project to develop a Little Library, built and stocked by James together with fellow scouts and community members. The library will be self-sustaining with the idea that you can take a book and/or leave a book.

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

James D'Elia spoke about his Eagle Scout project.

- c) Donation from Jackie Pesola, a Wheeler Avenue School parent, of six DVDs with an approximate value of \$120.

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

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney John Sheahan spoke about a case regarding a residency matter in the Lindenhurst Union Free School District. The petitioner was a district resident who sought to enroll her grandson in the district's schools. The Commissioner upheld the district's determination that the petitioner's grandson was not entitled to attend school in the district on a tuition-free basis because the student was not a district resident.

High School Report

Approximately 400 residents appealed to the Board to take into consideration to include the holiday EID on the school calendar.

The High School Bond Special Election is Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

The College Board has offered each of our high school students admission into the Capstone Program.

Old Business

Residency meeting was held on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Future meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the H.S. Board Room, 1 Kent Road.

Residency Hotline (516) 872-5677.

Incorporated Village of Valley Stream Hotline (516) 592-5140.

NYSSBA conference in Buffalo was held on October 27-29, 2016. President Stris was voting delegate for District 13, Trustee Pomerantz for VSCHSD and Trustee Torres for District 30. Resolution 12 on PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) submitted by the High School District passed with one negative vote.

President Stris, Trustee Pomerantz, Superintendent Evelyn and Asst. Superintendent Antoine viewed the artwork from our district students which was on display at the conference.

New Business

President Stris attended the unveiling of a Plaque at the Pagan Fletcher House on Hendrickson Avenue. The plaque indicates that the Valley Stream Historical Society House has been placed on the National Register of Historical places by the United States Department of the Interior.

Valley Stream Thirteen has a new website featuring a clean, bright, user-friendly design. It provides easily accessible information to parents and community on a day-to-day basis. A pop-up window will indicate critical/emergency information.

Visitors

Mrs. Kim spoke about how the Garden Club brought the community together.

Executive Session

On a motion made by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously, the Board moved into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss the personnel of a particular person, contracts, school calendar, and Industrial Development Agencies. The Superintendent, School District Attorney and Attorney Assistant were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

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

RECONVENED

Green Acres PILOT Lawsuit

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the District to join in the Town of Hempstead's as yet unfiled lawsuit against the Town of Hempstead IDA regarding the Green Acres PILOT issue; and

THIS ITEM WAS
WITHDRAWN

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby agrees, subject to a conflict of interest developing, to be represented by the Town of Hempstead's attorneys at no legal cost to the District.

President Stris stated the following concerning Green Acres PILOT Lawsuit that was previously tabled:

The Board withdrew the resolution providing for representation by the Town of Hempstead's attorneys in the yet unfiled lawsuit against the Town of Hempstead IDA on advice of counsel, concerning the issue of whether such representation would constitute a conflict of interest in the absence of a retainer agreement identifying outside counsel and outlining the relationship between the parties. The Board continues to advocate for legislative changes which would better protect the residents and taxpayers of the District from tax breaks like those granted to the Green Acres Mall.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Pandit and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

MaryAnn Rosamilia
District Clerk