

Special meeting (Building Inspection) of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Cafeteria of the James A. Dever School on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Board Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Trustee Chiachiere Trustee Farrell Trustee Pandit Trustee Pomerantz Trustee Stris Trustee Vincente	Trustee Douglas	Asst. Supt. for Bus. & HR Antoine Supv. of School Fac. & Oper. Daly Approximately 5 visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 8:15 a.m. by President Stris.

CONVENING

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

President Stris welcomed the community and introduced Mr. Gerard Antoine, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources who explained the morning's procedures.

The board members and members of the community immediately visited each school in the district on the traditional building inspection.

The following School Buildings were inspected and items discussed:

1. **Wheeler Avenue School** :

- a. Issues relating to upgrade of Kitchen equipment and cafeteria upgrade plans etc.
- b. Gymnasium - upgrade flooring, painting etc.
- c. School Bus Transportation – entrance from the back of the school. This issue was raised for the safety and convenience of children and staff and is being addressed with Town of Hempstead and its related departments.

2. **Howell Road School** :

- a. Kitchen upgrade issues viz. equipment etc. also, grease traps to be covered properly and maintained periodically.
- b. Flooding of Soccer Field – need to refill land and make it even.
- c. Handball Court – needs repairs but structurally in good condition.
- d. Little League Field - was viewed as in very bad shape and needs maintenance.
- e. Building Foundation – cracks were apparent on the front left side of the building.
- f. A prominent tree on front right side of the building will have to be cut down for safety reasons due to disease.
- g. Both sides to the front entrance of school building need improvement. It was suggested that wood chips be added to both sides of the sidewalk as one enters the school. (Chips added from sidewalk to flag pole on left to sidewalk and tree on the right.)

3. **Willow Road School** :

- a. Kitchen upgrade issues equipment - stove and cafeteria upgrade plans, grease traps etc.
- b. Flooring – Some hallways in poor condition.

4. **James A. Dever School** :

- a. Gymnasium - Storage of equipment, upgrade /replace flooring, painting etc.
- b. District Office Auditorium – upgrades to lighting and sound system.
- c. Sprinkler System - not functioning properly in front of the building.
- d. Sprinkler System - needs to be automated near the district office electronic sign.
- e. Fence - needs to be replaced at the entrance from Franklin Avenue.
- f. Upgrade playground facilities - old swing sets and playground equipment.

5. **For All Schools**:

- a. Upgrade of PA Systems
- b. ID Card swipes
- c. Fire extinguishers were checked and were in conformity as per Fire Department regulations. Next inspection is due this month for 2016-17 school year.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 10:55 a.m. for Debriefing in Dever Cafeteria. Trustee Stris asked that the Facility Committee and Administration to look into the items mentioned at each school. President Stris answered a few questions from the public.

RECONVENING

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss Facility Items and APPR negotiations on a motion by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously. The Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources was invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 12:10 p.m. by President Stris.

RECONVENING

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Vinayak Pandit

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Acting District Clerk