

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 28, 2017.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee Vicente	Superintendent Evelyn
Trustee Douglas		Asst. Supt. for Curr. LaRocca
Trustee Farrell		Asst. Supt. for Bus. & HR Antoine
Trustee Pandit		Asst. Supt. for Spec. Svcs. Sells-Asch
Trustee Pomerantz		Principal Ambrosio
Trustee Stris		Principal Gruen
		Principal Huplosky
		Principal Steele
		Director of Tech. DiMango
		School District Attorney Sheahan
		School District Attorney Shishko
		District Clerk Rosamilia

Approximately 30 Visitors

Convening

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

CONVENING

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the minutes of the September 19, September 26, and October 17, 2017 BOE meetings.

MINUTES OF 9/19, 9/26 & 10/17/17 BOE MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

There is no correspondence this month.

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Strategic Plan

Superintendent Evelyn presented the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Strategic Plan, *A Plan 4 Excellence*, representing the joint efforts of our district and school community. Superintendent Evelyn thanked all of the people that assisted with the completion of this critical document by lending their time, expertise, thinking and heartfelt wishes for the continuous improvement of Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen. *A Plan 4 Excellence* defines the critical opportunities that we have created and will continue to nurture to maturity over the next five years. The district’s Strategic Plan 2016-2021 is a comprehensive set of goals, objectives and action plans that set a very high bar for our district. The plan includes our vision and mission for the district as well as definitive action plans that detail activities and timelines to achieve our measurable goal for district-wide success. The Strategic Planning Committee developed the five goals that form the foundation of the district’s Strategic Plan 2016-2021 as follows:

Goal 1 – STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Math:

Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen will progressively enhance the curriculum and instructional practices in the areas of STEM with concomitant achievement in the areas of STEM being demonstrated by student.

Goal 2 – Social Studies:

Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen will progressively enhance the curriculum and instructional practices in the area of social studies, consistent with the New York State K-12 Social Studies Framework.

Goal 3 – Social and Emotional Learning (SEL):

Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen will enhance the curricular resources and staffing in SEL in order to better assist students in thought and decision-making processes and ensure a deeper understanding of the role that emotions play in both academic and personal success.

Goal 4 – Special Education:

Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen will enhance district special education programs to better ensure they meet the needs of all students, including the establishment of a district-wide understanding and common definition of inclusive programs that is consistent with the district’s mission, vision and belief statements.

Goal 5 – Facilities and Security:

Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen school facilities and school security practices will be enhanced to reflect 21st-century school facility standards.

President Stris spoke about one of the things this district tries to instill in everyone that passes through its doors is a love of learning and that all of us, in this ever changing world, become lifelong learners. To this end, we constantly send our work force to conferences to improve their skills and pay extra when they attain post graduate degrees. We also encourage Board members to expand their knowledge by attending conferences.

President Stris was pleased to announce that recently Superintendent Evelyn practiced what we preach by receiving a Doctorate in Education. Dr. Evelyn’s Doctorial Research Project was entitled “The Effect of NYS K-6 Superintendent Leadership Practices on Elementary Math – Learning Environments”. This study examined how School Superintendents in K-6 common school districts in New York State ensure the occurrence of high quality elementary math learning environments within the school systems they lead.

*Recess

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:05 p.m. by President Stris.

RECONVENING

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Balanced Literacy Approach at VSUFSD Thirteen (Superkids, Reading Wonders)

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum LaRocca presented a power point on the Balanced Literacy approach to English Language Arts Instruction at Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen. She spoke about the core programs such as Superkids for grades K-2 and the Wonders program for grades 3-6, and resources available to students which include Reading A-Z, Bookflix, Lightsail, TrueFlix, Zaner-Bloser Handwriting, Integrated Social Studies/ELA Curriculum and newsela.

Committee Reports

EDUCATION COMMITTEE [M. Vicente, Chairperson; S. Douglas, P. Farrell]

Employment of Mentor Teacher

To employ Mairead Dorry as a mentor teacher for Erica Ulsheimer at the Willow Road School effective November 28, 2017 at a rate of \$54.02 per hour for no more than 30 hours.

M. DORRY EMPLOYED AS MENTOR TEACHER

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

Appointment of ENL Testing Coordinator

RESOLVED THE Board of Education hereby establishes the position of English as a New Language Testing Coordinator for the 2017/2018 school year, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers’ Association regarding such position and authorizes the Board President to execute same, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Paula Barnick to the position of English as a New Language Testing Coordinator for the 2017/2018 school year.

P. BARNICK APPOINTED ENL TESTING COORDINATOR 2017-2018 SY

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

Employment of Permanent Substitute Teacher

To employ Robyn Siegel as a permanent substitute assigned to the Howell Road School at a rate of \$125 per day effective November 29, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and unless sooner terminated.

R. SIEGEL, A. LARACUENTI EMPLOYED AS PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE

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

To employ April Laracuenti as a permanent substitute assigned TBD at a rate of \$125 per day effective November 29, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and unless sooner terminated.

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

Employment of Noon Hour Aide

To employ Zobia Rashid as a Noon Hour Aide at a rate of \$12.25 per hour, assigned to the Howell Road School effective November 29, 2017 pending fingerprint clearance and Civil Service approval, unless sooner terminated.

Z. RASHID EMPLOYED AS NOON HOUR AIDE - HRS

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Marianne McKinley as a Classroom Aide on Step 1 (\$16,887), assigned to the Willow Road School effective November 29, 2017 pending Civil Service clearance and unless sooner terminated.

M. MCKINLEY EMPLOYED AS CLASSROOM AIDE - WRS

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

Employment of Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aides

To add Latrana Sherrill (Howell Road School), Maria Matranga (Wheeler Avenue School) and Andrea Colletti (James A. Dever School) as Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides, effective November 29, 2017 pending fingerprint clearance and Civil Service approval, unless sooner terminated.

L. SHERRILL (HRS),
M. MATRANGA (WAS)
A. COLLETTI (JAD) EMPLOYED AS SUB CLASS/NOON HR. AIDE

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

The following items were approved on a motion for a Consent Agenda by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Pandit and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the Substitute Teacher list for the 2017-2018 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST
2017-2018 SY APPROVED

Approval of Teachers to Instruct In-Service Courses

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the following teachers to instruct in-service courses for the amounts listed below:

M. O'GEARY, J. FRIAS
INSTRUCT IN-SERVICE COURSES APPROVED

15 Hours to be paid from the Title IIA Professional Salaries code:

Melissa O'Geary – Google Educator Level 1
15 Hours @ \$69.32 per hour

John Frias – Using Questioning and Flipped Learning to Enhance Math Instruction
15 Hours @ \$69.32 per hour

Approval of Clubs for 2017-2018

To approve the clubs for the 2017-2018 school year as listed below:

CLUBS 2017-2018 APPROVED

Faculty Member/School	Club Name	Type/Step	Salary
Denise Phillips/JAD	Safety Patrol	B/IIa	\$3,307
Denise DeMeo/JAD	Student Council	B/III	\$3,478
Glenn Guidone/JAD	Jazz/Wind Ensemble	B/III	\$3,478
Roxanne MacDonald/JAD	Scrabble Club	C/III	\$1,911
Kimberly Braga/JAD	Continental Math League	C/I	\$1,273
Christy Taveira/JAD	STEAM Club	C/I	\$1,273
Debbie Kornfeld/JAD	Immigrant Club	C/I	\$1,273
Matthew Stashin/HRS	Newspaper	C/III	\$1,911
Kevin Olsen/HRS	Sports	C/I	\$1,273
Maria Teh-Bradley/HRS	Scrabble	C/III	\$1,911
Nicole Boyle/HRS	Instrumental	C/Ia	\$1,421
Christie Holub/HRS	Drama	C/Ia	\$1,421
Kevin Olsen/HRS	Safety Patrol	B/Ia	\$2,967
Maria Teh-Bradley/HRS	Continental Math	C/III	\$1,911
Liz Sweeny/HRS	Reader's Theatre	C/Ia	\$1,421
Nicole Boyle/HRS	Jazz Band	C/Ia	\$1,421
Matthew Stashin/HRS	Math Olympiads	C/Ia	\$1,421
Susana Sousa/HRS	Immigrant Club	C/I	\$1,273
SheMeika Charles/HRS	Maker Space Club	C/I	\$1,273
Robert Primeggia/WAS	Sports Club	B/III	\$3,478
Robert Primeggia/WAS	Sports Club	B/III	\$3,478
Enrico Perciballi/WAS	Wheeler Garden Club	C/Ia	\$1,421
Deborah Hastings/WAS	Student Council	C/III (shared)	\$ 955.50
Enrico Perciballi/WAS	Student Council	C/III (shared)	\$ 955.50
Anne-Marie Apollo/WAS	Continental Math League	C/II	\$1,569
William Shelley/WAS	Jazz Ensemble	B/Ia	\$2,967
John Frias/WAS	Color Guard	C/Ia	\$1,421
Christine DiDio/WAS	Wheeler Art League	C/I	\$1,273
Janet Miller/WAS	Circus Art Club	C/I	\$1,273
Marcella Capobianco/WAS	New Horizons	C/I	\$1,273
Carole Anne Weik/WRS	Student Council	C/III (shared)	\$ 955.50
Karen Higgins/WRS	Student Council	C/Ia (shared)	\$ 710.50
Carole Anne Weik/WRS	Safety Patrol	C/III	\$1,911
Matt Costantino/WRS	Continental Math League	C/III	\$1,911
James Cundari/WRS	Sports Club	C/I	\$1,273

Christine Coryell/WRS	Community Club	C/Ia	\$1,421
Alyssa Rivera/WRS	Buddy Club	C/I (shared)	\$ 424.33
Erica Ulsheimer/WRS	Buddy Club	C/I (shared)	\$ 424.33
James Cundari/WRS	Buddy Club	C/I (shared)	\$ 424.33
Amanda Agosta/WRS	Makerspace Club	C/I	\$1,273
Christine Robinson/WRS	New Horizons	C/I	\$1,273

End Consent Agenda – Education Committee

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [F. Chiachiere, Chairperson; V. Pandit, M. Vicente]

Appointment of Secretary to Superintendent

To appoint Marjorie Sison to the position of Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2017 at an annual salary of \$70,000.

M. SISON APPOINTED SEC'Y TO THE SUPT. OF SCHOOLS

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

The following items were approved on a motion for a Consent Agenda by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer's Report

To approve the Treasurer's Report for October 31, 2017.

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 10/31/17 APPROVED

Budget Transfer

To approve the following budget transfers effective November 29, 2017:

BUDGET TRANSFER EFF. 11/29/17 APPROVED

From:

A1621.440.06	Building Renovations	\$ 5,000
A9731.600.01	BANS-Principal	26,144

To:

A1480.490.01	Public Info-BOCES	\$11,000
A1621.436.01.0100	Heat/Vent-District	5,000
A1621.440.07	Architect/Engineer Consultant	15,000
A1920.407.01	NYS School Assn Dues	144

Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that effective October 23, 2017 Marc Weiner 191 be deleted from the district specific rotational selection list.

M. WEINER REMOVED FROM IHO ROTATIONAL LIST

End Consent Agenda – Business Committee

POLICY COMMITTEE [V. Pandit, Chairperson; M. Vicente, F. Chiachiere]

The Policy Committee met on November 20, 2017. The next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Policies for 1st Reading

- 1530 Smoking on School Premises
- 4526.1 & 4526.1-R Internet Safety Policy
- 5460 & 5460R Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting

FACILITIES COMMITTEE [T. Pomerantz, Chairperson; P. Farrell]

Trustee Pomerantz reported that Facilities Committee met on Friday, November 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Business Office. The agenda consisted of the NYSIR Report (New York State Schools Insurance Reciprocal) for our districts buildings. Assistant Superintendent for Business and HR Antoine and Clerk of the Works Lukaszewicz discussed the items on the NYSIR list that were the result of their inspection in July. An update on the NYSIR survey was provided. The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 22nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Business Office.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President V. Pandit]

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, 2021; and

C. EVELYN AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT 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 Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

Personnel Action – Education Law § 913 Examination

PERSONNEL ACTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby amends resolution E(2) of the September 26, 2017 meeting to appoint Dr. Michael Errico to serve as School Medical Inspector pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law in order to evaluate the ability of the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule “B” to perform his/her duties; and it is further RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute a contract for such services with Dr. Michael Errico, and it is further RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law, the Board of Education directs the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule “B” to appear for a medical examination in the office of such School Medical Inspector at a date and time to be set by the Superintendent of Schools and to bring any relevant medical documentation to such examination.
Dated: November 28, 2017

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

The following items were approved on a motion for a Consent Agenda by Trustee Pandit, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval Agreement Fence Construction

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the attached temporary license agreement between the District and Northwell Health Inc., and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

NORTHWELL HEALTH, INC.
FENCE CONSTRUCTION -
TEMPORARY LICENSE
APPROVED

Crossroads Farm Contract

To approve the contract between Crossroads Farm and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for the 2017-2018 school year and authorize the BOE President to sign said contract in the amount of \$7,740.

CROSSROADS FARM
CONTRACT 2017-2018 SY
APPROVED

Approval Agreement with District 24

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached agreement with Valley Stream UFSD 24 for the provision of special education services to students who are attending a private school within such district, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

VS DISTRICT 24 SPEC. ED.
SERVICE AGREEMENT
APPROVED

Retainer Agreement for General Counsel Services

To approve the Retainer Agreement for the provision of general counsel services between Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen and Guercio and Guercio for the 2017-2018 school year at an annual fee of \$20,000 plus \$235 per hour for non-retainer services and litigation.

GUERCIO & GUERCIO
RETAINER AGREEMENT FOR
GEN. COUNSEL SVCS. 2017-18
APPROVED

Retainer Agreement for Labor Counsel Services

To approve the Retainer Agreement for the provision of labor counsel services between Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen and Guercio and Guercio for the 2017-2018 school year at an annual fee of \$20,000 plus \$235 per hour for non-retainer services and litigation.

GUERCIO & GUERCIO
RETAINER AGREEMENT FOR
LABOR COUNSEL SVCS.
2017-18 APPROVED

Acceptance of Donation

To accept a donation of \$2,000 from the Educational Foundation to the District for the purchase of 3D printers for each school.

DONATION ACCEPTED
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 10/27, 10/27Wi, 10/30, 11/1, 11/2, 11/13, 11/14Wi, 11/14D, and 11/17/2017.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 10/24/2017 & 11/15/2017.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

End Consent Agenda – Committee of the Whole

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney Sheahan reported that his office successfully defended a school district. The parents alleged the district bullied the student by requiring him to remain the class with “known bullies” and retaliated against the student by reporting suspected abuse of the student to Child Protective Services. The Court found no evidence of retaliation in the district making a mandated report of suspect child abuse.

High School Report

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the Valley Stream Central High School District's Board of Education met on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. In honor of School Board Member Appreciation, students from Central High School presented the Board with Future Business Leaders of America.

The next Committee Meeting of the Valley Stream Central High School District is Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Memorial Junior High School. The next Business meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

Old Business

Trustee Stris reported on the District's Residency Committee meeting, which met on Monday, November 20, 2017 and was attended by himself, Trustee Pomerantz and members of District 24's Board of Education. The findings are as follows:

Homeless students

VSCHSD	5
VS 13	10
VS 24	2
VS 30	n/a

Students withdrawn for Regency

VSCHSD	5
VS 13	1
VS 24	5
VS 30	n/a

Several members of the community were present as well.

The next Residency Committee meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Informational

Residency Hotline – (516) 872-5677

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

Town of Hempstead Building Department – (516) 489-5000

New Business

President Stris and Trustee Pomerantz attended the 2017 Budget Workshop sponsored by the New York State School Boards Association, held at the George Farber BOCES Building on October 28, 2017. Their take-away was the importance of “transparency” at all times.

Executive Session

At 8:45 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously to discuss the personnel of a particular person and legal matters. Action is anticipated.

The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business and HR and Attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 p.m by President Stris.

RECONVENING

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Termination of Employee

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby terminates the employee listed on confidential schedule “A” effective December 20, 2017.

TERMINATION OF
EMPLOYEE

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

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Pandit and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

MaryAnn Rosamilia
District Clerk