

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 23, 2018.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere		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		Director of Tech. DiMango
Trustee Stris		School District Attorney Sheahan
Trustee Vicente		School District Attorney Shishko
		District Clerk Rosamilia

Approximately 70 Visitors

Convening CONVENING
The meeting was convened at 6:30 p.m. by President Stris.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Commendations Ceremony

Superintendent Evelyn thanked the parents, students and staff for joining our bi-annual Commendations Ceremony and acknowledged the collaborative efforts of many of us in our school community and Board for conducting this celebration to honor the achievements of our students and staff. Superintendent Evelyn stated that on behalf of the Superintendent’s Office, the Board of Education and school community, we congratulate students and educators for all that they have accomplished. This recognition is a tribute of how much we value their hard work and dedication.

Superintendent Evelyn presented recognition certificates to the following students:

Participation in the Math Olympiads

Abdul Bari	Kaitlin Barry	Rayan Bhatti	Nicole Claussell
Niayal Cole	Kendra-Ann Collis	Tori Daniels	Alain Deen
Krysten Diaz	Amna Faisal	Anaelle D. Guirand	Aidan Hack
Jalen Hamilton	Joshua Hunt	Rana Igra	Ariann Jean-Baptiste
Emmanuel Kasiotis	Abhilasha Kaur	Thomas Komsic	Leslie Lopez
Victoria Malyah	Munib Masoodwerdek	Fazan Ally Munshi	Jaiya Naitram
Ismael Perez	Jordan Ponsar	Shaham Qureshi	Jolie Ramnarine
Michael Ramos	Johannson M. Ramos	Talha Shoaib	Evan Thomas
Sarah Gabrielle Wilder	Melan Williams	Jodi Ahmed Zaky	

National PTA Award of Merit for Visual Arts at the Intermediate Level

Joselyn Aponte

New York State PTA Award of Merit for Literature at the Primary Level

Ryan Balsan

Participation in the Math Olympiads and Achieving a Perfect Score

Kimberly G. Shrestha

Ms. Shoshana Bazini was recognized for her diligent perseverance in assisting the children and families in the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen community in all aspects of physical therapy.

Ms. Diane Gonzalez was recognized for making a difference in the lives of the students in the Willow Road School.

Ms. Greer Korshin was recognized for her contribution and leadership skills in support of students with special needs at the Willow Road School.

Ms. Fabiola Times was recognized for helping to build positive school culture and devotion to the children and families at the Howell Road School.

Ms. Christina Vila was recognized for her contribution and constant support and caring for the students in the Willow Road Special Education classes.

Mr. Charlie Messler and Mr. Mark Shillow were recognized for their prompt and systematic response in evacuating the Willow Road School during a fire emergency.

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Executive Session EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Pandit and carried unanimously, the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss legal matters and Principal negotiations. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Director of Technology & School District Attorneys were invited to attend.

*Trustee Douglas arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Reconvening

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

RECONVENING

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017, December 2, 2017 and December 11, 2017 Board of Education meetings.

MINUTES OF 11/28/17,
12/2/17 & 12/11/17
BOE MEETINGS
APPROVED

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

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from Guercio & Guercio regarding the Governor’s Executive Order and Proposed Regulations regarding State Aid 180 Day Requirement. An invitation to the Wheeler Avenue PTA Founder’s Day Celebration was received

CORRESPONDENCE
GUERCIO & GUERCIO
WHEELER AVE. PTA

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Instructional Coaching Model

Asst. Supt. LaRocca, ELA Instructional Coach Salvatore and Math Instructional Coach Frias presented a power point on Best Practices in Teaching and Learning: Instructional Coaching Model. They spoke about facilitating the learning process, coaching in action, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Technology, coaching framework and current work.

Recruitment Retention Presentation

Superintendent Evelyn, Asst. Supt. LaRocca and Asst. Supt. Antoine presented a power point on the district’s Recruitment and Retention Plan. The focus was on the district’s Vision, Mission and Belief statements, the implementation of the district’s recruitment plan, ongoing professional development training programs for its employees and orientations for newly hired employees to facilitate their successful transition into employment.

Committee Reports

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Substitute Teacher List

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
LIST APPROVED

Approval of Teachers to Hold Parent Workshop

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the following teachers to hold a Math in Focus Parent Workshop and to be compensated for 2.5 hours each at a rate of \$69.32 per hour to be paid from the Title I Professional Salaries code:

- Alyssa Bentz (Grade 5)
- John Frias (Grades K-6)

A. BENTZ, J. FRIAS
APPROVED TO HOLD
PARENT WORKSHOP

END CONSENT AGENDA – EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Credit for Advanced Study

To approve the credit for advanced study for the following teachers effective February 1, 2018, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract:

CREDIT FOR ADVANCED
STUDY EFF. 2/1/18
APPROVED

Alyssa Bentz	James A. Dever	1.5MA+15 to 1.5MA+30
Heather Cea	Wheeler Avenue	3.5MA to 3.5MA+15
Donna Geidel	Willow Road	3.5MA to 3.5MA+15
Johanna Land	James A. Dever	8.5MA+30 to 8.5MA+45
Katherine Pulvidente	James A. Dever	1.5BA+15 to 1.5BA+30

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

Termination of Employee

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby terminates the employee listed on confidential schedule “A”, effective January 23, 2018.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYEE
APPROVED

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

Resignation of Part Time Human Resources Clerk Typist

To accept the resignation of Maria Passariello, Part Time Human Resources Clerk Typist in the Business Office, effective January 23, 2018.

M. PASSARIELLO
RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

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

Resignation of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Deborah Nagler, Classroom Aide at James A. Dever, effective February 26, 2018.

D. NAGLER RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Employment of a .5 Part Time Special Education Teacher

To employ Jeanette Walters as a part time (.5) Special Education Teacher, assigned to the Willow Road School on Step 1MA (\$69,981), pro-rated for the number of hours worked commencing on January 24, 2018 through June 30, 2018 and unless sooner terminated.

J. WALTERS EMPLOYED
AS P/T SPEC. ED. TEACHER

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

Appointment of Permanent Substitute Teacher

To employ Ashleigh Jones as the Permanent Substitute Teacher at the Wheeler Avenue School at \$125 per day, effective January 24, 2018 through June 30, 2018 and unless sooner terminated.

THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED
FROM THE AGENDA

Resignation of Media Aide

To accept the resignation of Debora McDougall, Media Aide at the Willow Road School, effective January 23, 2018.

D. MCDOUGALL
RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

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

Employment of Clerk Typist

To employ Debora McDougall as the Clerk Typist assigned to the Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$33,079), effective January 24, 2018 pending civil service approval and unless sooner terminated.

D. MCDOUGALL EMPLOYED
AS CLERK TYPIST EFF. 1/24/18
WILLOW ROAD SCHOOL

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

Employment of Noon Hour Supervisor

To employ Christina Turcinovic as the Noon Hour Supervisor assigned to the Howell Road School at a rate of \$40 per hour for 2 hours 40 minutes per day, effective January 24, 2018 through June 30, 2018 and unless sooner terminated.

C. TURCINOVIC EMPLOYED
AS NOON HOUR SPVSR -
HOWELL ROAD SCHOOL

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

Change in Probationary Period

To change the probationary period from four years (August 30, 2021) to three years (August 30, 2020) for Jennifer Lio, appointed as a special education classroom teacher assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School, at the July 5, 2017 Board of Education meeting, effective January 24, 2018.

J. LIO CHANGE IN
PROBATIONARY PERIOD
APPROVED

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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 December 2017.

TREASURER'S REPORT
12/31/17 APPROVED

Change Order #1 – Ambrosio & Company, Inc.

Resolved, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #1 in the amount of \$8,485.00 (increase in the original contract amount) in connection with the contract with Ambrosio & Company, Inc. for the Howell Road, Wheeler Avenue and Willow Road Schools Bond Funded Project.

AMBROSIO & CO. CHANGE
ORDER #1 APPROVED

Howell Road School	SED #280213-02-0-002-021	\$ 3,394.00
Wheeler Avenue School	SED #280213-02-0-003-024	\$ 3,394.00
Willow Road School	SED #280213-02-0-004-018	\$ 1,697.00
	Total	\$ 8,485.00

The change order is for the purchase and installation of recessed drinking water fountains.

Change Order – RAVCO

RAVCO CHANGE ORDER #1
APPROVED

Resolved, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #1 in the amount of \$14,237.83 (increase in the original contract amount) in connection with the contract with RAVCO Construction Corp. for the James A. Dever, Howell Road, Wheeler Avenue and Willow Road Schools Bond Funded Project.

James A. Dever School	SED #280213-02-0-001-033	\$ 6,291.22
Howell Road School	SED #280213-02-0-002-021	\$ 4,676.83
Wheeler Avenue School	SED #280213-02-0-003-024	(\$ 1,506.33)
Willow Road School	SED #280213-02-0-004-018	\$ 4,776.11
	Total	\$14,237.83

The change order is for additional window pane replacements.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

MILEAGE RATE EFF. 1/1/18
ADOPTED

To adopt the IRS mileage rate of \$.545 per mile effective January 1, 2018.

Bond Funded Capital Project Bid Recommendation

BOND FUNDED CAPITAL
PROJ. BID AWARDED

To award the following capital projects to the lowest responsible bidder from the sealed bids opened on December 21, 2017.

Asbestos Abatement Work at Howell and Willow Schools

SED #280213-02-0-002-021 Howell
SED #280213-02-0-004-018 Willow

Contractor: Branch Services of Ronkonkoma, NY
Amount: \$773,000

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective January 24, 2018:

From:

A2630.460-01	State Aided Computer Software	\$ 11,140
A9731.600-01	BANS – Principal	60,000

To:

A2630.490-01	Comp Assisted Instruct – BOCES	\$ 11,140
A5540.406-01	Cont Buses – Field Trips	60,000

END CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

Policies for 1st Reading

POLICIES FOR FIRST
READING

- 0115-R Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Regulation
- 2160 School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics
- 5110 Elementary School Attendance Areas
- 5152 Admission of Non-Residents Students
- 6700-R Purchasing Regulation

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

The Facilities committee met on Friday, January 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Business Office. Present were Asst. Supt. Antoine, Interim Clerk of the Works Lukaszewicz and Trustee Pomerantz. Items discussed were window glazing in all buildings is 99% complete, door replacement has begun, the PA system at Dever is complete and will continue in all buildings and Wheeler Avenue cafeteria and bathroom were painted. The next meeting of the Facilities Committee will be Friday, February 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Business Office.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President V. Pandit]

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 12/20, 12/21JAD, 12/21BOCES, 12/21/17 and 1/10/18.

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 12/13/17 and 12/21/17.

Election Workers

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby amends Resolution #45 previously adopted on July 5, 2017 effective January 1, 2018 as follows:

Supervisor	\$14 per hour
Asst. Supervisor	\$13 per hour
Registrars	\$11 per hour

ELECTION WORKERS RATE OF PAY AMENDED

Consultant Services

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the consultant services contract with Jessica Bayer to support implementation of new art standards and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

J. BAYER CONSULTANT SVCS. APPROVED

END CONSENT AGENDA –COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney Sheahan reported that the firm defended a school district in an appeal involving a voter proposition submitted to the Board of Education. A district resident challenged the board’s refusal to place a proposition before the voters at its annual meeting. The proposition sought to reduce the minimum mileage limit to zero for pupils at all grade levels. The proposition failed to include the language required under Education law §2023-a(6) to apprise voters that the proposition would result in a tax levy increase in excess of the district’s tax levy limit under Education Law §2023-a, and would therefore subject the district budget to approval by a supermajority of 60%. Following receipt of the proposition, the district contacted a sampling of signatories to the petition to inform them that the proposition would subject the district budget to the 60% supermajority vote. Twenty-two named voters indicated that they were unaware of its impact and at least thirteen voters wished to remove their name from the petition. After removing the signatories, the petition no longer contained the number of signatories required under Education Law §2035. The Board subsequently voted to reject the proposition. The Petitioner appealed the Board’s failure to place the proposition on the ballot and sought an order to immediately place the proposition on the ballot and impose a reprimand and fine for the Board’s failure to address the proposition. In dismissing the appeal, the Commissioner of Education held the relief sought by petitioner could not be granted, and the appeal, therefore, was moot. Accordingly, the Board’s refusal to place the proposition on the ballot at its annual meeting was upheld by the Commissioner.

High School Report

Trustee Douglas reported that the High School voted to accept the Ed & Gen MacLean Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 to a Valley Stream Central and Valley Stream South High School student. Also discussed were the attendance zones for the district. Student Council President Anthony Cruz, Jr. presented a petition to the Board to consider creating a non-voting seat on the School Board for a student in our district. This position would allow students to have representation in the decisions that affect their education.

Old Business

There is no old business to report.

New Business

Trustee Vicente reported that the Education Committee met on January 16, 2018. They reviewed policies 0330, 0330-R, 0340, 4730 and 4730-R. The next Education Committee meeting will be held on February 12, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room. They will be discussing PD survey review. President Stris reported that BOCES will hold a vote on February 8, 2018 to purchase the Jerusalem Avenue School.

Executive Session

At 8:45 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously to discuss Principal negotiations. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business and HR and Attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 10:05 p.m.

RECONVENING

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

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District Clerk