

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, May 22, 2018.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Douglas	Trustee Chiachiere	Superintendent Evelyn
Trustee Farrell		Asst. Supt. for Curr. LaRocca
Trustee Pandit		Asst. Supt. for Bus. & HR Antoine
Trustee Pomerantz		Asst. Supt. for Spec. Svcs. Sells-Asch
Trustee Stris		Principal Ambrosio
Trustee Vicente*		Principal Gruen
		Director of Tech. DiMango
		School District Attorney Shishko
		District Clerk Rosamilia
		Approximately 250 Visitors

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Commendations Ceremony

Superintendent Evelyn welcomed the parents, students and staff for joining our sixth celebration of excellence during this Board of Education Commendations Award Ceremony. Superintendent Evelyn acknowledged the collaborative efforts of many in our school community and the 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:

Colors of Long Island

Lillian Alvarez	Jamie Briones	Leah Cooper	Sienna Davis
Adrienne Goldsberry	Alana Kane	Matthew Magro	Candace Wray

New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA)

Legislative Art Exhibit

Thierra Bastien	Jurnee Carpenter	Janiya Lawton	Rosali Lugo
Samarvir Singh	Bradley St. Paul Mota	Carlos Suazo	Celine Wray

NYS Art Teachers Association (NYSATA)

Portfolio Project

Sianna Jean Baptiste	Alexa Casalo	Emily Dahl	Sofia Garnier
Chamille Malcolm	Nicholas Ottomanelli	Nicola Petruccelli	Arunima Roy
Layla Rutledge	Trendall Storey		

All County Art Supervisors Association

Geordan Betty	Dayanara Castillo	Pedro Davila	Isabella Feldman
Jeremiah Hernandez	Deon Lewis	Maeve Lyle	Brianna Polshansky
Trinity Ramdin	Jashanjit Singh	Jackie Taylor	Sonia Zahid

Long Island Art Teachers – Art in the Heart Exhibit

Gabriella Basile	Madeline Bitz	Lily Cannati	Isabella Contreras
Kayla Duvert	Khloe Genova-Ross	Jasmine Harrison	Giselle Marquez
Nelissa Rodriguez	Thera Shamey	Mia Wedderburn	Nicholas Wierzbicki

Sip This Art Exhibit

Jana Ahmed	Muhammad Anus	Ryan Boutelle	Elaine Ching
Jocelyn Collado	Aidan Dabie	Tiffany Faye	Carolina Figueroa
Allegra Fuoco	Prabhnoor Kaur	Ryan Mangru	Dulce Manrique
Lauren Orsano	Isabella Reichback	Leon Roopnarine	Milania Rivera
Nico Rivera	Nora Rivera	Anthony Smith	Nabiha Syed
Jaylenny Urena	Jayselly Urena	Isis Vargas	Brianna Walker
Faith Marrero-Rampersaud			

<u>All County Music Festival (Band)</u>			
Joselyn Aponte	Julianna Conenna	Richmia Erisnor	Michael Goetz
Jennifer Larosiliere	Imran Paul	Matthew Reiter	Zolla Trajan
Samuel Vega			

<u>All County Music Festival (Chorus)</u>			
Christina Casseus	Jade Collins	Lily Francois	Lia Giaconelli
Ariana Hack	Sarah Larsen	Chamille Malcolm	Isabella Mascetti
Natalia Otero	Swaraj Pandit	Nora Rivera	Djeynaba Sakho
Isabella Shulman	Thomas Vendome	Kayleen Wingson	

<u>All County Music Festival (Orchestra)</u>			
Jurnee Carpenter	Elaine Ching	Erin Garnier	Sofia Garnier
Noelle Kay	Ericka Leus	Isabella Menjivar	Aarish Talukdar
Tinatin Gotsirdze			

<u>Long Island String Festival Association (LIFSA)</u>		
Allessandra Espocia	Tinatin Gotsirdze	Aarish Talukdar

<u>Parents Educators and Kids (PEAK) Festival</u>			
Saniyah Corbin	Naomi Gonzalez	Amanda Lohier	Daniel Menjivar
Aidan Munro	Julissa Rogers	Sarah Velez	

Emilio Aponte, 3rd grade student at the Wheeler Avenue School was the winner of the Nassau Reading Council/Young Author’s Writing Contest.

Jennifer Navarra, 3rd grade teacher at the Wheeler Avenue School was recognized for coordinating the entry for students from the Wheeler Avenue School in the Nassau Reading Council/Young Author’s Writing Contest.

Carole Anne Weik, Librarian at the Willow Road School was recognized for her leadership and innovation to bring outside resources into the Willow Road School to enhance students’ experiences and exposure to increased learning in science, technology, math and the fine arts.

Denise DeMeo, 2nd grade teacher at James A. Dever and Darren Gruen, Principal at James A. Dever were recognized for providing key assistance in developing March 14th as a Community Building Day to honor lives lost during recent school tragedies. This “Yes We Can” event shaped up to be a day of joy and enthusiasm for our students, staff, and broader school community.

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Executive Session

On a motion made by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously, the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Director of Technology & School District Attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

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

RECONVENING

Quorum

Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

Correspondence

An invitation to the Howell Road PTA installation dinner was received.
 An invitation to the James A. Dever PTA installation dinner was received.
 Correspondence was received from the sixth grade students in Miss Phillips class at the James A. Dever school regarding a charitable donation of science textbooks.
 Correspondence was received from Guercio & Guercio regarding:

CORRESPONDENCE
HOWELL ROAD PTA
JAMES A. DEVER PTA
6TH GRADE STUDENTS-
JAMES A. DEVER
GUERCIO & GUERCIO

- Charitable Funds for Public Educational Purposes
- Update Regarding School Day Hour Regulations
- Education Law § 908 – Prohibition Against Meal Shaming
- DASA Reporting and Transgender Students – New Regulatory Amendment

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Smart Schools Presentation [Dr. C. Evelyn]

Superintendent Evelyn presented a power point on Smart Schools which outlined five ways that technology improves education by increasing student engagement, allows teachers to tailor curriculum and lessons to individual student needs, extends learning outside the classroom to home, levels the playing field by reducing economic and geographic disparities and prepares students to join the 21st century workforce. Superintendent Evelyn spoke about the 7 keys to success that was developed by the Smart Schools Commissions as a result of feedback.

Technology Report [A. DiMango]

Director of Technology DiMango presented a power point outlining technology updates which include High Quality Curriculum and Instruction, Leadership and Innovation, Supporting Innovation with Equipment, Systems Thinking, Community Partnership and the Smart Schools Bond Act.

VII. Committee Reports

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

Employment of Noon Hour Aide

To employ Donna Manza as a Noon Hour Aide at the Howell Road School at a rate of \$12.25 per hour, effective May 23, 2018, pending fingerprint clearance and Civil Service approval unless sooner terminated.

D. MANZA EMPLOYED AS
NOON-HOUR AIDE-HOWELL
ROAD SCHOOL

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

Employment of Special Education Teacher

To employ Jeanette Walters as a Special Education Teacher (Tenure Area: Special Education K-6) on Step 1MA (\$70,576), on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2018 and expiring on August 31, 2022 (*See note below).

J. WALTERS EMPLOYED AS
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

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

Employment of Special Education Teacher

To employ Fiona Fisher as a Special Education Teacher (Tenure Area: Special Education K-6) on Step 1MA (\$70,576), on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2018 and expiring on August 31, 2022 (*See note below).

F. FISHER EMPLOYED AS
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

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

Employment of Special Education Teacher

To employ Michele Cucolo as a Special Education Teacher (Tenure Area: Special Education K-6) on Step 1MA (\$70,576), on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2018 and expiring on August 31, 2022 (*See note below).

M. CUCOLO EMPLOYED AS
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

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

Employment of Math/AIS Technology Coach

To employ Kelly Wood as the Math AIS/Technology Coach (Tenure Area: Classroom Teacher K-6) on Step 5.5MA +15 (\$87,000), on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2018 and expiring on August 31, 2022 (*See note below).

K. WOOD EMPLOYED AS
MATH AIS/TECHNOLOGY
COACH

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

**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.*

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignation of Employee

To accept the resignation of Erica Jemmott, Classroom Teacher at the Willow Road School, effective June 30, 2018.

E. JEMMOTT RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Deborah McNally, Teaching Assistant at the Willow Road School effective June 30, 2018.

D. MCNALLY RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from William Buith, Custodian at the Howell Road School effective July 26, 2018, letter dated May 3, 2018.

W. BUIH RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Noon Hour Supervisor

To accept the resignation of Kathleen Nadler, Noon Hour Supervisor at the Howell Road School, effective May 11, 2018.

K. NADLER RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Jennifer Somaroo, Classroom Aide at the Willow Road School, effective May 11, 2018.

J. SAMAROO RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Latrana Sherrill, Noon Hour Aide at the Howell Road School, effective April 16, 2018.

L. SHERRILL RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Jill Graziano, Classroom Aide at the Wheeler Avenue School, effective May 7, 2018.

J. GRAZIANO RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Substitute Teacher List

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST
2017-2018 SY APPROVED

END CONSENT AGENDA – EDUCATION COMMITTEE

B. BUSINESS COMMITTEE

[F. Chiachiere, Chairperson; V. Pandit, P. Farrell]

Valley Stream Council of Elementary Associations Memorandum of Agreement

To approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and the Valley Stream Council of Elementary Associations effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

VALLEY STREAM COUNCIL OF
ELEMENTARY ASSOCIATIONS
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT APPROVED

A “No” vote being heard the Clerk was asked to poll the board:

Trustee Douglas	Yes	Trustee Pandit	Yes
Trustee Pomerantz	Yes	Trustee Stris	No
Trustee Farrell	Yes		

In accordance with Policy 2360, Trustee Stris submitted the following statement:
My no vote is a reflection of my fiduciary responsibility as a board member. The two highest paid members of this Principals unit (salary plus benefits) challenge the community’s ability to pay.

The vote being 4-1 in favor, the motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Waiver of Liability

The Board of Education hereby approves the waiver of liability with The New York Islanders, Generation Floorball, the National Hockey League and its respective teams, Nassau County, and Northwell Health Ice Center to provide equipment and curriculum for introducing Floorball to the classroom for a two-week period to the District and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute same.

NY ISLANDERS WAIVER
OF LIABILITY APPROVED

Change Order #3 – S & P Construction Management, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order # 3 in the amount of \$ 4,552.00 (DECREASE in the original contract amount) in connection with the contract with S & P Construction Management, Inc. for the Wheeler Avenue School Capital Project.

S&P CONSTRUCTION MGMT.
CHANGE ORDER #3 APPROVED

Wheeler Avenue School SED # 280213-02-0-003-022 \$ 4,552.00

The change order is to provide a credit for incorrect tie-in into the existing Building Management System in the second floor boys’ & girls’ bathroom causing damage to overall BMS system. The amount of the deduction is for corrective work performed by other.

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective May 23, 2018:

BUDGET TRANSFERS
EFF. 5/23/18 APPROVED

From:

A2010.401-01	Curriculum Dev-Staff Development	\$21,000
A2110.414-01	Test Scoring-Contractual	17,000
A2110.503-01	Science Supplies-District	2,500
A2630.450-01	Micro Computer Repair	3,000
A2630.460-01	State Aided Computer Hardware	12,000
A5540.403-01	Cont Buses-Other Non-Public	24,000
A5540.405-01	Cont Other Con BOCES	15,000
A9030.800-01	Social Security	86,613
A9060.800-01	Hosp & Med Insurance-Active Employees	86,613

To:

A1310.402-01	Business Admin-TAN Expenses	\$19,000
A1620.444-01	Shade Replacement-District	20,000
A1621.437-01	Maintenance-Air Conditioner Repair	25,000
A1621.440-06	Building Renovations	25,000
A2010.490-01	Curriculum Dev-BOCES	4,000
A2110.480-01	Textbooks-District Adoption	56,500
A2250.470-01	Special Ed-Tuition	30,000
A2630.490-01	Comp Assisted Instruct-BOCES	8,000
A2630.500-01	Computer Supplies-District	7,000
A2815.490-01	Hlth Services-Nonpublic BOCES	8,200
A5540.404-01	Cont Buses-Special Education	65,026

Treasurer’s Report

To approve the Treasurer’s Report for April 2018.

TREASURER’S REPORT
ENDING 4/30/18 APPROVED

END CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS COMMITTEE

POLICY COMMITTEE [V. Pandit, Chairperson; M. Vicente, F. Chiachiere]
Trustee Pandit reported that the Policy Committee met on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.
The following policies are under review:

- Policy 4410 – Class Organization and Grouping for Instruction
- Policy 2125 – Election of Members to the CHS BOE
- Policy 1500 – Use of Facilities

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room

FACILITIES COMMITTEE [T. Pomerantz, Chairperson; P. Farrell]
Trustee Pomerantz reported that the Facilities Committee met on Friday, May 18, 2018. Present were Trustee Pomerantz, Asst. Supt. for Bus. & HR Antoine and Clerk of the Works Lukaszewicz. The item discussed was the delay in the installation of shutter shades for the windows on the new interior doors in all four buildings. The next Facilities Committee meeting will be held on Friday, June 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the business office.

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

Approval of Board President Donation of Annual Gift

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen has historically given a gift of nominal value such as a plaque or a gavel in recognition for the volunteer service of the Board President; and

BOARD PRESIDENT DONATION
OF ANNUAL GIFT APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Board President has expressed his desire that, in lieu of such a gift, a donation of the same amount be made to the Valley Stream District 13 Educational Foundation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated cost of such a gift is \$150.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in lieu of purchasing such a gift, the Board of Education hereby authorizes a donation in the amount of \$150 be made to the Valley Stream District 13 Educational Foundation, Inc.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

E-Rate Agreement

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached E-Rate Letter of Agency with the Nassau County BOCES E-Rate Consortium and authorizes the Board President to execute same, and it is further,

E-RATE AGREEMENT
APPROVED

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the District’s Director of Technology to execute the attached E-Rate Central Letter of Agency and submit same on behalf of the District.

Destruction of Unused, Defective, Void and/or Spoiled Ballots for Annual Budget Vote on May 16, 2017

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2017, the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen conducted its Annual Budget Vote and Election; and

DESTRUCTION OF UNUSED,
VOID, SPOILED BALLOTS
5/16/17 ELECTION APPROVED

WHEREAS, the District Clerk is currently in possession of the unused, defective, void and/or spoiled ballots resulting from such Annual Budget Vote and Election; and

WHEREAS, Education Law Section 2034(6) provides for the destruction of such unused, defective, void and/or spoiled ballots when a period of six (6) months has elapsed from the date of the Annual Budget Vote and Election; and

WHEREAS, at least six (6) months has elapsed from the date of such Annual Budget Vote and Election held on May 16, 2017 and no proceedings have been commenced with regard to such Annual Budget Vote and Election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen hereby orders the destruction of all unused, defective, void and/or spoiled ballots resulting from the May 16, 2017 election.

Acceptance of Donation

To accept a donation in the amount of \$600 from New York Life Company’s “Your Cause” Charitable Trust. The check will be used for general school supplies at the James A. Dever School.

NY LIFE “YOUR CAUSE”
DONATION ACCEPTED

Acceptance of Donation

To accept a donation of books from a Wheeler Avenue grandparent with an estimated value of \$150.

DONATION OF BOOKS
ACCEPTED

Acceptance of Donation

To accept a donation in the amount of \$500 from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. The check will be used for the supplies needed to create a Brooklyn cityscape project by Carole Anne Weik at the Willow Road School.

DONATION EZRA JACK KEATS
FOUNDATION ACCEPTED

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 3/6, 3/8, 3/12, 3/13, 3/16, 3/19, 3/23, 3/27, 3/28, 4/9, 4/10, 4/17, 4/18, 4/19, 4/20, 4/23, 4/26, 4/27, 5/3, 5/15/18.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 3/23, 4/11, 4/25, 5/2/18.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

END CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney Shishko reported on a recent decision from the United States District Court that provides insight into the authority of boards of education to regulate the conduct of disruptive visitors on school grounds.

High School Report

Trustee Douglas reported that the next High School meeting is June 12, 2018.

Old Business

There is no old business to report.

New Business

There is no new business to report.

Recognition of Visitors

Several member of the community addressed the Board regarding student registration and student bus service.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:50 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously to discuss the personnel of a particular person, legal matters and Superintendent’s Evaluation. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Director of Technology and Attorney were invited to attend.

*Trustee Vicente arrived at 9:30 p.m.

At 10:05 p.m. Assistant Superintendents, Director of Technology and Attorney left the meeting.

Reconvening

RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 11:59 p.m.

Quorum

QUORUM

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

MaryAnn Rosamilia
District Clerk