

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, February 26, 2019.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee Douglas	Superintendent Evelyn
Trustee Farrell		Asst. Supt. for Spec. Svcs. Sells-Asch
Trustee Pandit		Asst. Supt. for Bus. & HR Antoine
Trustee Pomerantz		Director of Tech. DiMango
Trustee Stris		School District Attorney Sheahan
Trustee Vicente		School District Attorney Shishko
		District Clerk Rosamilia
		Approximately 60 Visitors

Convening
The meeting was convened at 6:27 p.m. by Vice President Vicente.

CONVENING

Quorum
Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session
The Board immediately moved into Executive Session on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously to discuss personnel matters. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents & School District Attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening
The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 p.m. by Vice President Vicente.

RECONVENING

Quorum
Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Approval of the Minutes
To approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 Committee and Special Meeting and January 22, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.

MINUTES OF 1/15/19 COMM. & SPEC. MTG, 1/22/19 BOE MTG.

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

Correspondence
Correspondence was received from Gaston Weisz indicating his resignation for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2019.
Invitation to the Founder's Day Celebration was received from the James A. Dever PTA.
Invitation to the Founder's Day Celebration was received from the Wheeler Avenue PTA.
Correspondence was received from Guercio & Guercio regarding an update in the Department of Justice Investigation.

CORRESPONDENCE
GASTON WEISZ
JAMES A. DEVER PTA
WHEELER AVE. PTA
GUERCIO & GUERCIO

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Science Program Report (Focus on Environmentally Friendly Activities - with presentation from children) [J. LaRocca]

Superintendent Evelyn introduced Mrs. Lotito and several 4th grade students who presented what they learned in the science program.

Howell Garden (with presentation from children & teacher(s)) [F. Huplosky]

Principal Huplosky spoke about the Howell Road Garden and introduced teachers Paula Barnick and Aleksandra Rance, followed by a presentation by students who explained square foot gardening and surveyed the board and visitors about fruit and vegetable choices to plant in the garden.

Committee Reports

EDUCATION COMMITTEE [F. Chiachiere, Chairperson; M. Vicente]

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1st Year

To accept a 1st year Child Care Leave of Absence for Mary Frances Scott, the music teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, effective February 7, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

M.F. SCOTT CHILD
CARE LEAVE OF ABS.
APPROVED

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

Employment Agreement – Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources

To approve the Employment Agreement between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen and Gerard Antoine, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources effective January 16, 2019 and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

G. ANTOINE EMPLOYMENT
AGREEMENT APPROVED

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

Appointment of Noon Hour Aide

To appoint Sylvia Waldvogel as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to the Willow Road School at a rate of \$12.25 per hour effective February 27, 2019, pending civil service approval and unless sooner terminated.

S, WALDVOGEL EMPLOYED
AS NOON HOUR AIDE
WILLOW ROAD SCHOOL

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

Employment of a Replacement Music Teacher

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves Jeremy Arndt as a leave replacement effective February 7, 2019 conditioned upon the continuation of the leave of the teacher whom he is replacing and for the duration of such leave, unless sooner terminated on the teacher's salary schedule MA Step 1 at a rate of \$70,576.

J. ARNDT EMPLOYED
AS REPLACEMENT MUSIC
TEACHER

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

Appointment of Long-Term Substitute Teacher

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Danielle Offerman as a Long Term Substitute in place of Lisa Gimbel at a rate of \$140 per day for the period of March 4, 2019 through April 18, 2019 unless otherwise extended by the Board of Education.

D. OFFERMAN EMPLOYED
AS LONG TERM SUB.

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

Appointment of Permanent Substitute Teacher

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Danielle Offerman as a Permanent Substitute at the Willow Road School at a rate of \$125 per day, effective April 29, 2019 through June 30, 2019 and unless sooner terminated.

D. OFFERMAN EMPLOYED
AS PERM. SUB.-WILLOW
ROAD SCHOOL

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

Appointment of Permanent Substitute Teacher

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Paula Mordini as a Permanent Substitute at the Wheeler Avenue School, at a rate of \$125 per day, effective February 27, 2019 through June 30, 2019 and unless sooner terminated.

P. MORDINI EMPLOYED
AS PERM. SUB.-WHEELER
AVE. SCHOOL

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

Home Instruction

To approve Antonella Sciscioli (Special Education teacher at Willow Road School) to provide home instruction, not to exceed 5 hours weekly, for a Willow Road student effective February 5, 2019 – March 30, 2019 at the district's home instruction rate of pay of \$44.50 per hour.

A, SCISCIOLI HOME
INSTRUCTION APPROVED

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

Home Instruction

To approve Kristina Karouzakis (.5 Speech teacher at Willow Road School) to provide home instruction, not to exceed 1.5 hours weekly, for a Willow Road student effective February 25, 2019 – March 30, 2019 at the district's home instruction rate of pay of \$44.50 per hour.

K. KAROUZAKIS HOME
INSTRUCTION APPROVED

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

Gate Advancement

To approve the Gate Advancement for the following employees in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract:

GATE ADVANCEMENT
APPROVED

		FROM STEP	TO STEP
AnneMarie Gershowitz (WAS)	MA+60	9.50	10
Greer Korshin (WRS)	MA+30	9.50	10
Kristen Morreale (WAS)	MA+60	9.50	10
Veronica Oquendo (HRS)	MA	9.50	10
Emily Canzoneri (WAS)	MA+60	14.50	15
Maria Francaviglia (JAD)	MA+30	14.50	15
Kelly Wilcha (HRS)	MA+60	14.50	15
Denise DeMeo (JAD)	MA+60	19.50	20

CLASSROOM AIDES

Randi Carcione (WRS)	5.50	6
Debra Szabo (JAD)	5.50	6

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

CONSENT AGENDA – EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Resignation of Permanent Substitute Teacher

To accept the resignation of Paulette Clarke, Permanent Substitute Teacher at the Wheeler Avenue School effective January 31, 2019, letter dated January 31, 2019.

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement – School Psychologist

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Gaston Weisz, School Psychologist at Howell Road School, effective June 30, 2019 pursuant to the VSTA Agreement.

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the Substitute Teacher list for the 2018-2019 school year.

END CONSENT AGENDA – EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Amendment to Employment Agreement

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached amendment to the employment agreement between the District and Andrea DiMango, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

THIS ITEM WAS
TABLED

On a motion made by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, this item was tabled.

Appointment of Deputy Treasurer

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen establishes the position of Deputy Treasurer, and among other duties, authorizes the individual filling such office to act in place of the District Treasurer, and directs individuals holding such office to file a bond in the amount of \$1 million and it is further

G. ANTOINE APPOINTED
DEPUTY TREASURER
APPROVED

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Gerard Antoine as Deputy Treasurer.

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

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective February 27, 2019.

BUDGET TRANSFERS
APPROVED

From:

A1310-492-01 Business Admin – BOCES Services \$1,300

To:

A1310-403-01 Business Admin – Association Dues \$1,300

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

Appointment of Before and After School Provider

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves Right at School to provide before and after school care, and authorizes the Board President to execute the attached agreement for such services.

RIGHT AT SCHOOL
BEFORE AND AFTER
SCHOOL PROVIDER
APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The following items were approved on a motion for a Consent Agenda by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA

Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that effective February 6, 2019 and thereafter JAMES BILIK will be appointed to serve as Impartial Hearing Officer for the district.

J. BILIK APPOINTED
AS IMPARTIAL
HEARING OFFICER

Treasurer’s Report

To approve the Treasurer’s Report for January 2019.

TREASURER’S REPORT
1/31/19 APPROVED

END CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS COMMITTEE

POLICY COMMITTEE [V. Pandit, Chairperson; W. Stris]

Trustee Pandit reported that the Policy Committee met on February 13, 2019 in the Board Room. Policy 5420 – Student Health Services and policy 8414.5 and 8414.5R - Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers and Regulation are under review. The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on March 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE [T. Pomerantz, Chairperson; F. Chiachiere]

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the Facilities Committee met on February 13, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Room. In attendance were Trustee Pomerantz, Trustee Chiachiere, Assistant Supt. for Bus. & HR Antoine and Clerk of the Works Lukazewicz. The completion of four bathrooms in each building was discussed, as well as updates to the classroom furniture. A sample of the new furniture will be shown in the next issue of It’s Elementary. Also discussed was the District’s initiative to add air conditioning in all of the classrooms throughout the district. Presently, under the bond of 2015, one large space in each building will receive air conditioning. Wheeler and Dever will add air conditioning to their auditoriums and Willow and Howell to their gymnasiums. The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President M. Vicente]

CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The following items were approved on a motion for a Consent Agenda by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA

Transportation Resolution

WHEREAS, the District is in need of transportation services for a student on an emergency basis, now, therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves an emergency 31-day transportation contract to St. Brigid’s Our Lady of Hope School in Westbury at a rate of \$5,700 for the period and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT APPROVED

Award of Transportation Consultant Contract

To award the Transportation Consultant Contract, in cooperation with the Nassau County Southwest Transportation Cooperative, to Ashleigh Livingston for the period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$3,650.

A. LIVINGSTON TRANS.
CONSULTANT CONTRACT
APPROVED

Consultant Services

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached agreement with Propio Language Services to provide translation services for families and staff members, not to exceed \$7,000 effective April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

PROPIO LANGUAGE
SVCS. CONTRACT
APPROVED

Acceptance of Donation

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of one (1) computer monitor and three (3) printers from the Persaud and Singh families to the Wheeler Avenue School with an estimated value of \$450.

DONATION ACCEPTED

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 1/16, 1/17, 1/22, 1/23, 1/28, 1/29Wi, 1/29H, 1/31JAD and 1/31/2019BOCES.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 1/17/2019.

END CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney Sheahan reported on a recent decision from the Commissioner of Education involving the denial of transportation to a nonpublic school student. The district denied the request because the petitioner missed the April 1st deadline for transportation request, and it would impose additional costs on the district. After submitting the late request, petitioner’s spouse explained that they were aware of the deadline, but were observing the holidays and were not certain where the physical location of the private school would be as the reasons justifying a late application. The Commissioner held that the board’s decision was not arbitrary or capricious. The Commissioner held that although the precise location of the private school had not been established by April 1st, petitioner intended to enroll his children in the private school, and because he filed timely transportation requests in prior school years, he knew and understood the process for requesting transportation. The Commissioner ruled that notwithstanding the alleged uncertainty as to the location of the school, petitioner was not precluded from submitting a transportation request prior to the deadline. The Commissioner also held that a board of education need not accept ignorance or forgetfulness of the filing requirement as a reasonable excuse. The Commissioner further noted that although districts do not have a legal obligation to publish any notice regarding the April 1st deadline, the district undertook specific actions to notify families of the deadline, and petitioner acknowledged receipt of mailing from the district explaining the process. Finally, the Commissioner found that the request would impose additional costs upon the district and, therefore, the board did not act arbitrarily by denying petitioner’s request.

High School Report

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the Valley Stream Central High School District’s Board of Education meeting was held on February 12, 2019 at Memorial Junior High School. The evening was designated to the Central High School students who received awards for their participation in the NYS Music Association. Although the weather was awful, many of the award recipients came out along with their families. The next meeting of the Central High School Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at Memorial Junior High School.

Old Business

There is no old business to report.

New Business

BOCES Advisory Budget Committee Report: Presentation by Jennifer Oliveri

Trustee Pomerantz reported that Jennifer Oliveri could not make this meeting. She will give her report at the March 26, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.

Recognition of Visitors

Irene Cavaliere, Wheeler Avenue parent, spoke to the board about a follow up to questions and ongoing concerns regarding registration and residency. School District Attorney Sheahan responded to her questions.

Lisa Bitz, Wheeler Avenue parent, spoke to the board about bus transportation. Superintendent Evelyn said she would follow up with her.

Matthew Overs, James A. Dever parent, spoke to the board about the before/after school program. Superintendent Evelyn explained the process of selecting the before/after school program.

Donna Manza, Wheeler Avenue parent spoke to the board regarding registration and re-registration. School District Attorney Sheahan responded to her questions.

Lisa Modica asked the board for clarification on two agenda items. Assistant Superintendent Antoine explained both agenda items.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:30 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously to discuss personnel of a particular person and legal matters. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business & HR and School District Attorneys were invited to attend.

Reconvening

RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 11:00 p.m. by Vice President Vicente.

Quorum

QUORUM

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

Adjournment

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

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

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District Clerk