

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 28, 2019.

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

Approximately 13 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 6:50 p.m. by President Douglas.

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 Pomerantz and carried unanimously to discuss the personnel of a particular person and legal matters. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and School District Attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Trustee Vicente arrived at 6:53 p.m.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 p.m. by President Douglas.

RECONVENING

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Superintendent Evelyn introduced Alessio Fratarcangeli, Boy Scout Troop 109, Valley Stream North 10th grader who presented his Eagle Scout project to the Board and thanked the Board and Principal Steele for this wonderful opportunity.

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.

MINUTES OF 3/26/19
BOE MTG. APPROVED

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

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from Fran Rosato indicating her resignation for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2019.

CORRESPONDENCE
F. ROSATO

An invitation to the James A. Dever and Howell Road PTA installation dinners was received.

JAMES A. DEVER SCHOOL
HOWELL ROAD SCHOOL
WHEELER AVE. SCHOOL

An invitation to join the Wheeler Avenue First Graders as they present "We are the World" was received.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Evelyn presented a power point on 2019 Strategic Plan update which focused on STEM, Social Studies, Social Emotional Learning, Special Education and Facilities & Security.

Director of Technology DiMango presented a power point on technology updates, which included Systems and Equipment upgrades, and Smart Schools Bond Act upgrades that have already been implemented and upgrades that will be taking place in the future.

Committee Reports

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

Employment of Long Term Substitute Teacher

To appoint Alexa Gottesman as a long term substitute teacher at the Howell Road School at a rate of \$140 per day effective April 29, 2019 for a period not to exceed 60 days, unless otherwise extended by the Board of Education.

A. GOTTESMAN EMPLOYED
AS LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE -
HRS

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

Employment of Long Term Substitute Teacher

To appoint Erica Stolba as a long term substitute teacher at the Wheeler Avenue School at a rate of \$140 per day effective May 28, 2019 for a period not to exceed 60 days, unless otherwise extended by the Board of Education.

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

E. STOLBA EMPLOYED AS LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE - WAS

Employment of Elementary Education Teacher

To employ Robert D'Agostino as an Elementary Education Teacher (Tenure Area: Elementary Education) at the Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1MA (\$70,576) on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2019 and expiring on August 31, 2023. (*See note below)

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

R. D'AGOSTINO EMPLOYED AS ELEM. ED. TEACHER - WAS

Employment of Elementary Education Teacher

To employ Brittany Bent as an Elementary Education Teacher (Tenure Area: Elementary Education) at the Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1MA (\$70,576) on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2019 and expiring on August 31, 2023. (*See note below)

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

B. BENT EMPLOYED AS ELEM. ED. TEACHER - WAS

Employment of Part-Time Social Worker

To employ Gina Knecht as a Part-Time (.5) Social Worker on Step 1MA+30 (\$75,427), prorated for the number of hours worked commencing on September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and unless sooner terminated.

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

G. KNECHT EMPLOYED AS P/T SOCIAL WORKER

Employment of Special Education Teacher

To employ Stephani Eso as a Special Education Teacher (Tenure Area: Special Education K-6) at the Wheeler Avenue and James A. Dever Schools on Step 1.5MA (\$71,752), on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2019 and expiring on August 31, 2023. (*See note below)

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

S. ESO EMPLOYED AS SPEC. ED. TEACHER - WAS & JAD

Employment of Reading Teacher

To employ Cindy Gervasi as a Reading Teacher (Tenure Area: Reading) on Step 8.5MA+60 (\$105,068) on three years' probation commencing on September 1, 2019 and expiring on August 31, 2022. (*See note below)

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

C. GERVASI EMPLOYED AS READING TEACHER

Employment of School Psychologist

To employ Afshan Nasir as a School Psychologist (Tenure Area: School Psychologist) on Step 1MA (\$70,576) on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2019 and expiring on August 31, 2023.

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

A. NASIR EMPLOYED AS SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Employment of Part Time School Psychologist

To employ Stephanie Bellizzi as a Part Time (.5) School Psychologist on Step 1MA+30 (\$75,427), prorated for the number of hours worked commencing on September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and unless sooner terminated.

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

S. BELLIZZI EMPLOYED AS P/T SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Employment of Classroom Teacher - Math AIS

To employ Kevin Joseph Mayer as a Classroom Teacher - Math AIS (Tenure Area: Classroom Teacher K-6) on Step 1BA (\$60,685) on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2019 and expiring on August 31, 2023 conditioned upon receipt of his Teacher Certification prior to September 1, 2019. (*See note below)

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

K. MAYER EMPLOYED AS MATH AIS TEACHE

**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.*

Termination of Employee

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby terminates the employee listed on Confidential Schedule "A" pursuant to Section 71 of the Civil Service Law, effective immediately.

TERMINATION OF
EMPLOYEE APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA - EDUCATION COMMITTEE - (Agenda items 12 to 17)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignation of Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Maria Bredice, Noon Hour Aide at the James A. Dever School effective May 3, 2019, letter dated April 9, 2019.

M. BREDICE RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Lucy Santiago, Noon Hour Aide at the Howell Road School effective April 16, 2019, letter dated April 8, 2019.

L. SANTIAGO
RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation for Purpose of Retirement of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Ruthie Fields, Classroom Aide at the James A. Dever School effective June 30, 2019, letter dated April 30, 2019.

R. FIELDS RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation for Purpose of Retirement of Technology Teaching Assistant

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Frances Rosato, Technology Teaching Assistant at the Howell Road School effective June 30, 2019, letter dated May 9, 2019.

F. ROSATO RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of District Coordinator for Fine Arts

To accept the resignation of Christine DiDio, District Coordinator for Fine Arts effective June 30, 2019, letter dated May 17, 2019.

C. DIDIO RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Approve Substitute Teacher List

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2018-19 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
LIST APPROVED

END CONSENT AGENDA – EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

CONSENT AGENDA - BUSINESS COMMITTEE - (Agenda items 1 to 4)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer's Report

To approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2019.

TREASURER'S REPORT
4/30/19 APPROVED

Music Stipends for Clubs

In accordance with Section 5.6 of the VSTA Contract, listed below are the music teacher assignments for extra pay for extra services for the 2018-2019 school year, prorated from April 29, 2019 to June 26, 2019.

MUSIC STIPENDS
APPROVED

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School/Group</u>	<u>Club/Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Alexa Gottesman	Howell Junior Chorus	B-Step 1	\$2,820
Alexa Gottesman	Howell Senior Chorus	B-Step 1	\$2,820

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective May 29, 2019

BUDGET TRANSFER EFF.
5/29/19 APPROVED

From:

A1310.200-01	Business Admin Equip & Furniture	\$ 1,610
A1621.502-01	Maintenance Supplies – Grounds	7,500
A2630.460-01	State Aided Computer Software	34,132
A2250.490-01	Special Ed- BOCES Tuition	70,000
A2110.508-01	Computer Supplies – District	500

To:

A1310.400-01	Business Admin Contractual	\$ 1,610
A1620.500-01	Custodial & Cleaning Supplies	7,500
A2630.490-01	Computer Asst Instruct BOCES	34,132
A2250.470-01	Special Ed- Tuition	70,000
A2110.510-02	Commencement Supplies – Dever	125
A2110.510-03	Commencement Supplies – Howell	125
A2110.510-04	Commencement Supplies – Wheeler	125
A2110.510-05	Commencement Supplies – Willow	125

Adopt a Substitute Cleaner List
To adopt a Substitute Cleaner List for the 2018-2019 school year.

SUBSTITUTE CLEANER
LIST 2018/19 ADOPTED

END CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

Policies for 1st Reading

- 5420 Student Health Services
- 5420-R Student Health Services Regulation

POLICIES FOR 1ST RDG.

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

The Facilities Committee met on Friday, May 24, 2019 and discussed many of the items on the agenda. The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President M. Vicente]

CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (Agenda items 1 to 8)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that effective April 24, 2019 Elizabeth Hill 676 has been deleted from the district specific rotational selection list.

IHO ROTATIONAL LIST
APPROVED

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that effective May 6, 2019 Thomas Coles 713 has been deleted from the district specific rotational selection list.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that effective May 13, 2019 Ellen Abberbock 600 has been deleted from the district specific rotational selection list.

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 2/14, 2/25, 2/27(HRS), 2/27(WAS), 3/5, 3/6, 3/11, 3/27, 4/8, 4/11, 4/15, 4/16, 4/17, 4/29(BOCES), 4/29(WAS), 4/30, 5/7, 5/8, 5/15, 5/16/2019.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 3/15, 3/20, 3/22, 3/27, 3/27, 4/10, 5/1/2019.

CPSE REVIEWS
ADOPTED

Rescind Resolution

To rescind the March 26, 2019 resolution approving the meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year.

MEETING DATES FOR
2019/20 – 3/26/19
RESOLUTION RESCINDED

Revised Board of Education Meeting Dates

To approve the revised meeting dates for the 2019-20 school year as listed below:

REVISED BOE MEETING
DATES FOR 2019/20
APPROVED

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September 17	3 rd Tuesday
October 15	3 rd Tuesday
November 19	3 rd Tuesday
December 11*	2 nd Wednesday *High School District has meetings on 1 st & 2 nd Tuesday
January 21, 2020	3 rd Tuesday
February 12*	2 nd Wednesday *High School District has meetings on 1 st & 2 nd Tuesday
March 17	3 rd Tuesday
April 21	3 rd Tuesday BOCES Vote
May 19	3 rd Tuesday Annual Election
June 16	3 rd Tuesday

BOARD MEETINGS

July 8, 2019*	2 nd Monday 2019-20 Reorganization Meeting (approved with 2018-2019 dates)
August 20, 2019	3 rd Tuesday (approved with 2018-2019 dates)
September 24	4 th Tuesday
October 22	4 th Tuesday
November 26	4 th Tuesday
December 18*	3 rd Wednesday
January 28, 2020	4 th Tuesday
February 25	4 th Tuesday
March 24	4 th Tuesday
April 28	4 th Tuesday
May 26	4 th Tuesday
June 23	4 th Tuesday
July 7, 2020*	1 st Tuesday 2020-2021 Reorganization Meeting
August 18, 2020	3 rd Tuesday

*Other than the 3rd or 4th Tuesday for Committee & BOE Meetings

Other Important Dates for the 2019-2020 school year:
 Building Inspections Saturday, December 7, 2019 8:00 a.m.
 Budget Meeting Tuesday, March 24, 2020 6:00 p.m.
 Deadline for Filing Petitions for Trustee Monday, April 20, 2020 5:00 p.m.
 Budget Hearing (w/VSCHSD @ 8 p.m.) Wednesday, May 6, 2020 7:30 p.m.
 Registration (Last day before election) Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Meet the Candidates (if needed) Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:00 p.m.
 Registration Books open for inspection Saturday, May 16, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Acceptance of Donation DONATION ACCEPTED
 To accept one check 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.

Acceptance of Donation DONATION ACCEPTED
 To accept one check in the amount of \$150.20 from Mr. Antonio Buccellato,
 Boy Scout Troup 485. The check will be used for the benefit of the Willow Road
 School students.

Acceptance of Donation DONATION ACCEPTED
 To accept a donation of two (2) checks in the amounts of \$600 and \$2,830 from the
 James A. Dever PTA to be used for Music in the Parks.

END CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney Sheahan reported on a recent appeal to the Commissioner of Education involving the denial of a student's late request for transportation services to a non-public school. The petitioner challenged the District's denial of her late request for transportation to a non-public school. Education Law §3635(2) requires an application for transportation be submitted no later than the first day of April before the upcoming school year. It is the responsibility of the board of education to determine whether a parent has offered a reasonable explanation for submitting a late request for transportation. The board's decision will not be set aside absent a showing of an abuse of its discretion. Petitioner asserts that a reasonable excuse existed for the late request because: (1) Petitioner did not become aware of the opening of the school until May 7, 2018 ; and (2) Petitioner was not accepted into the school until October 4, 2018. Petitioner submitted her request for transportation to Journey Prep School for the 2018-2019 school year in November 2018. The Commissioner has repeatedly held that a parent's late decision to enroll a student in private school is not a reasonable explanation for the late submission of a transportation request. Furthermore, the Commissioner held that a district's denial of a late transportation request because a non-public school did not begin operations until after the April 1st deadline is not, in and of itself, an abuse of the district's discretion. Finally, it was found that the transportation would result in additional costs to the district. Thus, The Commissioner found that the district's determination to deny the late request was not an abuse of its discretion and denied petitioner's appeal.

High School Report

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the High School Board met on May 14, 2019. The meeting included student recognition in the Arts. Central High School students received seven prestigious art awards on Long Island, Memorial Junior High School received two awards, South High School received thirteen awards and North High School received six awards.

Old Business

Trustee Chiachiere reported that he was pleased and honored to be invited to breakfast at South High School sponsored by the Special Education program.

New Business

There is no new business to report.

Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Anthony Bonelli addressed the Board about the May 21, 2019 annual election and questioned the results that were reported. He also requested receipts from the voting machines. President Douglas responded to his request.

Executive Session EXECUTIVE SESSION
 At 9:10 p.m., a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously to discuss Superintendent's evaluation, Superintendent's contract and legal matters. The Superintendent, and School District Attorneys were invited to attend.

Reconvening RECONVENING
 The meeting was reconvened at 9:40 p.m. by President Douglas.

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

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

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District Clerk