

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Board Room of the James A. Dever School Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere		Superintendent Evelyn
Trustee Farrell		Asst. Supt. for Bus. & HR Antoine
Trustee Pandit		Asst. Supt. for Curr. LaRocca
Trustee Pomerantz		Asst. Supt. for Sp. Svcs. Sells-Asch
Trustee Stris		Dir. of Tech. & Innov. DiMango
Trustee Vicente		School District Attorney Shishko
		District Clerk Rosamilia

Approximately 4 Visitors

Convening CONVENING
The meeting was convened at 7:15 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

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

Executive Session 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 legal matters. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Bus. & HR and School District Attorney were invited to attend.

Reconvening RECONVENING
The meeting was reconvened at 8:01 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Approval of the Minutes MINUTES OF 4/30/19
To approve the minutes of the April 30, 2019 BOE Meeting; May 8, 2019 Budget Hearing & Special Meeting; May 16, 2019 Special Meeting; May 21, 2019 MTG., Committee & Special Meeting; May 28, 2019 BOE Meeting
Moved by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.
BOE MTG., 5/8/19 BUDGET HEARING & SPEC. 5/16/19 SPEC. MTG., 5/21/19 COMM. & SPEC. MTG., 5/28/19 BOE MTG. APPROVED

Correspondence CORRESPONDENCE
An invitation to the 2019 Patriot Day celebration was received from the Wheeler Avenue School.
Girl Scout Troop 2273 thanked the Board for allowing them to present and share their project at the Committee meeting.
Joseph Quinn, a former Board member, who served for 21 years sends his regards to the Board of Education.
WHEELER AVE. SCHOOL GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2273 JOSEPH QUINN

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Summer School Report [L. Sells-Asch/R. Peets-Butcher]
Superintendent Evelyn introduced Summer School Principal Ruth Peets-Butcher who presented a power point of the summer school programs that took place over the summer which included Summer Special Education Program, Summer ENL Program, Kindergarten Readiness Program, Summer Recreation Program, Summer Hockey and Summer Music.

Facilities Update [Dr. C. Evelyn/G. Antoine/M. Lukaszewicz]
Assistant Superintendent Antoine presented a power point highlighting classroom redesign and the facilities renovations that are taking place in all buildings.

Committee Reports

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

Employment of Mentor Teacher K. IANUALE EMPLOYED AS MENTOR TEACHER
To employ Kathleen Ianuale for Kevin Mayer (Math AIS Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School) as a mentor teacher effective September 25, 2019 at a rate of \$54.48 per hour for no more than 30 hours.

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

Employment of Mentor Teacher

To employ Jennifer Navarra for Krystal Rosado (Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School) as a mentor teacher effective September 25, 2019 at a rate of \$54.48 per hour for no more than 20 hours.

J. NAVARRA EMPLOYED AS MENTOR TEACHER

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

Employment of Mentor Teacher

To employ Donna Buehre for Krystal Rosado (Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School) as a mentor teacher effective January 2, 2020 at a rate of \$54.48 per hour for no more than 10 hours.

D. BUEHRE EMPLOYED AS MENTOR TEACHER

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

Amend Part-Time ENL Position

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby increases the position of Soneya Bonetti as a Part-Time (.5) ENL Teacher from .5 to .6 on Step 2MA+15 (\$75,619), prorated for the number of hours worked commencing on September 25, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and unless sooner terminated.

S. BONETTI PART-TIME ENL POSITION AMENDED

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

Appointment of Noon Hour Supervisor

To appoint Dara Bowen as a Noon Hour Supervisor assigned to the Willow Road School, at \$40 per hour for 2 hours and 40 minutes per day, effective September 25, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and unless sooner terminated.

D. BOWEN APPOINTED AS NOON HOUR SUPV. WILLOW ROAD SCHOOL

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

Appointment of Part-Time Orchestra Teacher

To appoint Jeremy Arndt as a Part-Time (.6) Orchestra Teacher on Step 1MA (\$70,576), prorated for the number of hours worked, effective September 25, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and unless sooner terminated.

J. ARNDT APPOINTED AS PART-TIME ORCH. TEACHER

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

Appointment of Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide

To appoint Yrene Rodriguez as a Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide at a rate of \$12.25 per hour effective September 25, 2019.

Y. RODRIGUEZ APPOINTED AS SUB CLASSROOM/NOON HOUR AIDE

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

Appointment of Director of Facilities

To appoint Bryan Bortzfield as the Director of Facilities at a salary of \$115,000 effective September 25, 2019, pending Civil Service and fingerprint clearance, and unless sooner terminated and authorizes the Board President to execute the attached employment agreement.

B. BORTZFIELD APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

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

Curriculum Writing

To appoint Denise Simone and Cindia Alvarado to do curriculum writing on APPROVED

D. SIMONE, C. ALVARADO CURR. WRITING

October 2-3, 2019 at the rate of \$50 per hour not to exceed a total of 6 hours.

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 10 to 11)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Rescind Appointment

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby acknowledges and accepts the declination of Modesto P. Terrero Moqueto for the position of Noon Hour Aide.

M. MOQUETO APPT. FOR NOON HOUR AIDE RESCINDED

Substitute List

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for 2019-2020.

SUB. TEACHER LIST 2019/2020 APPROVED

**In order to be granted tenure, the teacher must have received composite or overall APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either "effective" or "highly effective" in at least three ("3") of the four ("4") preceding years, and, if the classroom teacher receives an "ineffective" composite or overall APPR rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.*

END CONSENT AGENDA – EDUCATION COMMITTEE

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [P. Farrell, Chairperson; S. Douglas]

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective September 25, 2019

BUDGET TRANSFERS
EFF. 9/25/19 APPROVED

From:

A2110.204-01	Music Equipment – District	\$ 1,200
A2110.503-01	Science Supplies – District	4,350
A1310.200-01	Business Admin Equipment	996
A2020.401-01	Leased Equipment – District	17,469
A2020.401-02	Leased Equipment – Dever	16,290
A2020.401-03	Leased Equipment – Howell	16,290
A2020.401-04	Leased Equipment – Wheeler	16,290
A2020.401-05	Leased Equipment – Willow	17,890

To:

A2010.490-01	Curriculum Development – BOCES	\$ 5,550
A2110.500-05-0100	General Supplies- Willow	996
A1680.490-01	Leased Equipment –District-BOCES	17,469
A1680.490-02	Leased Equipment –Dever-BOCES	16,290
A1680.490-03	Leased Equipment –Howell-BOCES	16,290
A1680.490-04	Leased Equipment –Wheeler-BOCES	16,290
A1680.490-05	Leased Equipment –Willow-BOCES	17,890

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

Closing of Bank Accounts

RESOLVED, THE Board of Education hereby removes the designation of Citibank and Valley National Bank as an authorized depository of District funds and authorizes administration to transfer any funds remaining in such accounts to another authorized depository and to close such accounts.

CLOSING OF BANK ACCT.
CITIBANK, VALLEY NAT'L
APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 3 to 8)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer's Reports

To approve the Treasurer's Reports for July & August 2019.

TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY & AUG. 2019
APPROVED

Independent Audit Report

To accept the Independent Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 prepared by D'Archangelo & Company.

D'ARCHANGELO & CO.
INDEPENDENT AUDIT
REPORT APPROVED

STAC Consultant RFP Award

To approve a contract between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and Zycron Industries to provide STAC consulting services for the 2019-2020 school year and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

STAC CONSULTANT RFP
AWARD APPROVED

Consultant Services Agreement

The Board of Education hereby approves the attached agreement with US Medical Staffing for Temporary Nurse Coverage for the 2019-2020 school year, not to exceed \$10,000 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

US MEDICAL STAFFING
TEMP. NURSE COVERAGE
2019/2020 SY APPROVED

Consultant Services Agreement

The Board of Education hereby approves the attached agreement with Joan Fretz for Professional Development on November 5, 2019, not to exceed \$500 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

J. FRETZ CONSULTANT
SVC. AGREEMENT
APPROVED

ELlevation, Inc. Software Agreement

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached agreement for ELlevation, Inc. software for the 2019-2020 school year not to exceed \$4,000 and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

ELLEVATION SOFTWARE
AGREEMENT 2019/2020 SY
APPROVED

END CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

Policies for 1st Reading

- 6110 Budget Planning
- 6110-R Budget Planning Regulation
- 6600 Fiscal Accounting and Reporting
- 8332 Staff Use of Cellular Phones
- 8332-R Staff Use of Cellular Phones Regulation

POLICIES FOR FIRST READING

Trustee Stris reported that the Policy Committee met on September 17, 2019. The policies above were reviewed and brought up to date by listing the proper title for the Assistant Supt. for Business and Human Resources. Also reviewed was the “quick reference guide” to policies. This is now called “summary of the Policy Book”. It contains reports due, required notification to parents, publication requirements and annual distribution of policies. The committee believes that this three page document will help members of the public and staff to navigate the districts many policies. The committee reviewed and confirmed that all policies are on the district website.

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

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the Facilities Committee met on September 24, 2019. Items discussed were bond-related improvements and enhancements to our school buildings, as well as some additional changes in our classroom that are enhancing the learning experience for our students. Bond projects completed over the summer in time for the return of students included the new kitchen additions at Dever, Howell and Willow; the completion of scheduled bathroom renovations in all schools; the installation of new, energy-efficient unit ventilators district wide; and the finalization of fire alarm system upgrades in all building. The new kitchen and elevator at Wheeler are both scheduled to be completed for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. In addition to bond work this summer, the District was focused on the continuation of introducing new, flex-space furniture into its classrooms. This new design provides for enhanced interaction and collaboration between students and opportunities for teachers to use more individualized teaching methods while engaging the entire class. Installation of classroom window air conditioning units was also begun this past summer.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President M. Vicente]

CONSENT AGENDA (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

Approval of the Budget Calendar for 2019-2020

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2019-2020 School Year Budget and Election Calendar.

2019/2020 BUDGET CALENDAR APPROVED

Acceptance of Donations

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of 25 backpacks with school supplies included from New York State Assemblywoman Michaele Solages.

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED
NYS ASSEMBLYWOMAN SOLAGES
NYS SENATOR KAMINSKY
NYS ASSEMBLYWOMAN GRIFFIN
NASSAU COUNTY PBA
ATRIA SENIOR LIVING**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of 28 backpacks with school supplies included from New York State Senator Todd Kaminsky.

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of 30 backpacks with school supplies included from New York State Assemblywoman Judith Griffin.

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of 600 backpacks with school supplies included from the Nassau County PBA for the Wheeler Avenue School students.

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of a bulletin board to be hung in the hallway of the Howell Road School from the Atria Senior Living valued at approximately \$500.

Request for Proposal – Special Education Related Services

To approve the Special Education Related Services Contracts for the 2019-2020 school year with the following:

RFP-SPEC. ED. RELATED SVCS. APPROVED

- A. Gayle E. Kligman Therapeutic Resources
- B. Dr. Caryl Oris
- C. Access 7
- D. All About Kids
- E. Eden II Programs
- F. Malverne Center for Play & Development
- G. Green Chimneys Schools
- H. Little Village School
- I. Seaford Union Free School District
- J. Herricks Public Schools
- K. Half Hollow Hills School District

Special Education Tuition Contracts

To approve the Special Education Tuition Contracts for the 2019-2020 school year with the following:

- A. Brookville Center for Children’s Services
- B. Lexington School for the Deaf
- C. Martin De Porres
- D. Mill Neck Manor
- E. United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)
- F. Tiegerman
- G. Hagedorn Little Village School

SPEC. ED. TUITION
CONTRACTS APPROVED

Special Education Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting (SEDCAR) Contracts

To approve SEDCAR contracts between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and the below for the 2019-2020 school year and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

ACDS

Brookville Center for Children's Services

Hebrew Academy for Special Children Inc.

Just Kids

KIDZ Therapy Services

Lexington School for the Deaf

Martin De Porres School

Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf

Nassau BOCES

Nassau/Suffolk Services for the Autistic

QSAC

The Hagedorn Little Village

Tiegerman School

United Cerebral Palsy of Nassau County

Variety Child Learning Center

SPEC. ED. SEDCAR
CONTRACTS APPROVED

Revised Board of Education Meeting Dates

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby adopts the following revised meeting schedule:

REVISED BOE MEETING
DATES APPROVED

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- September 17 3rd Tuesday
- October 15 3rd Tuesday
- November 19 3rd Tuesday
- December 11* 2nd Wednesday *High School District has meetings on 1st & 2nd Tuesday
- January 21, 2020 3rd Tuesday
- February 12* 2nd Wednesday *High School District has meetings on 1st & 2nd Tuesday
- March 17 3rd Tuesday
- April 21 3rd Tuesday BOCES Vote
- May 19 3rd Tuesday Annual Election
- June 10* 2nd Wednesday

BOARD MEETINGS

- July 8, 2019* 2nd Monday 2019-20 Reorganization Meeting (approved with 2018-2019 dates)
- August 20, 2019 3rd Tuesday (approved with 2018-2019 dates)
- September 24 4th Tuesday
- October 22 4th Tuesday
- November 26 4th Tuesday
- December 18* 3rd Wednesday
- January 28, 2020 4th Tuesday
- February 25 4th Tuesday
- March 24 4th Tuesday
- April 28 4th Tuesday
- May 26 4th Tuesday
- June 16 3rd Tuesday
- July 7, 2020* 1st Tuesday **2020-2021** Reorganization Meeting
- August 18, 2020 3rd Tuesday

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

Hold Harmless Agreement – Village of Valley Stream

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Hold Harmless Agreement Form between the District and the Village of Valley Stream and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

VILL. OF VALLEY STREAM
HOLD HARMLESS
AGREEMENT APPROVED

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

CPSE REVIEW ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 8/7 and 9/11/2019.

END CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney Shishko reported on a recent decision of the Commissioner of Education in *Appeal of G.M. v. the Kennedy Child Study Center District* that demonstrates the effect of the New York State Legislature’s decision to amend Public Health Law 2164 to remove the religious exemption for immunizations. In *Appeal of G.M.*, the parents of a student appealed a Board of Education’s decision to deny a religious exemption from the immunization requirements. While the decision was made in December of 2018, the law was amended in June of 2019. The parents argued that the school district had improperly denied their request for an exemption based upon their strongly held religious beliefs. The Commissioner denied the parents’ request for a stay which would have permitted the child to attend school during the pendency of the appeal. In addition, the Commissioner dismissed the appeal as “academic” after the law was amended. In so ruling, the Commissioner, noted that the legislature’s purpose in amending the law was to “end non-medical exemptions.” Thus, appeals over a denial of a request for a religious exemption will no longer be entertained by the Commissioner and pending appeals over religious exemptions will be dismissed.

High School Report

Trustee Pomerantz reported that a ribbon cutting celebration to commemorate the unveiling of the new field at Memorial Junior High School. This field is home to Central High School athletes as well. The next High School meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

Old Business

There is no old business to report.

New Business

There is no new business to report.

Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Bonelli asked the Board about the status of the complaint that he filed with the District Clerk. School District Attorney responded to his request.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:15 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously to discuss legal matters regarding Anthony Bonelli request to answer complaint and evaluation of the Board. The Superintendent and Attorney were invited to attend.

Reconvening

RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 9:30 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

Quorum

QUORUM

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

Anthony Bonelli Complaint

A. BONELLI COMPLAINT
RESOLVED

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to advise Anthony Bonelli of the outcome of this complaint, in writing.

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

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

MaryAnn Rosamilia
District Clerk