

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, November 26, 2019.

| <u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u> | <u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u> | <u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> |
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| Trustee Chiachiere Trustee Farrell Trustee Pomerantz Trustee Stris Trustee Vicente | Trustee Pandit | Superintendent Evelyn Asst. Supt. for Curr. LaRocca Asst. Supt. for Spec. Svcs. Sells-Asch Dir. of Tech. and Innov. DiMango School District Attorney Sheahan School District Attorney Shishko Acting District Clerk Diverniero |

Approximately 5 Visitors

Convening

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

CONVENING

Quorum

Five 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 legal matters pertaining to administrative tenure, administrative negotiations and CSEA settlement. The Superintendent, Asst. Supt. for Business & HR and School District Attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

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

RECONVENING

Quorum

Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019 Reorganization Meeting, July 25, 2019 Special Meeting, August 28, 2019 Special Meeting, September 17, 2019 Committee & Special Meeting, September 24, 2019 BOE Meeting, October 15, 2019 Committee & Special Meeting, and October 22, 2019 BOE Meeting.

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

MINUTES OF 7/8/19 REORG. MTG., 7/25/19 SPECIAL MTG., 8/28/19 SPECIAL MTG., 9/17/19 COMM. & SPECIAL MTG., 9/24/19 BOE MTG., 10/15/19 COMM. & SPEC. MTG., 10/22/19 BOE MTG.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence this month.

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Right at School Update

Superintendent Evelyn introduced Mr. Andrew Cohen, Regional Director of Operations who presented a power point which included Right at School's Mission Statement, Core Values and enrichment offerings.

Educator Diversity Update

Assistant Superintendent LaRocca and Assistant Superintendent Antoine presented a power point outlining District goals and Board of Education goals to increase educator diversity to the extent to which faculty and staff of the school district are ethnically, linguistically and, in gender, more representative of the student population with whom they work.

Interschool Mini Grants Presentation – Pedro Davila, President

Pedro Davila, Interschool President presented the Mini Grants to the following recipients in recognition of the Board of Education as follows:

Janis Boremski – James A. Dever School – Social Emotional Learning

Karen Martorana – Howell Road School – Kindness Rocks

Maria LHeureux – Wheeler Avenue School – Courtyard Classroom & Native Flowering Garden

Rich Rosenfeld – Willow Road School – Lux Blox

Grade 3 and the Media Center – Willow Road School – Library Café

Lisa Roberti and Michelle Lepe – Willow Road School – Theme Day Shake Up

Committee Reports

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

Appointment of Permanent Substitute Teacher

To appoint Patricia Markey assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School, effective November 27, 2019 through June 30, 2019 at a rate of \$125 per day.

P. MARKEY EMPLOYED
AS PERM. SUB. TEACHER -
WAS

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

Appointment of Permanent Substitute Teacher

To appoint Michelle Antonucci assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School, effective November 27, 2019 through June 30, 2019 at a rate of \$125 per day.

M. ANTONUCCI EMPLOYED
AS PERM. SUB. TEACHER -
WAS

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

Appointment of Noon-Hour Aide

To appoint Cecilia Burmann as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to the James A. Dever School at a rate of \$12.25 per hour effective November 27, 2019, pending civil service approval and unless sooner terminated.

C. BURMANN EMPLOYED
AS NOON HOUR AIDE - JAD

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

Appointment of Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide

To appoint Catherine Kasiotis as a Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide at a rate of \$12.25 per hour effective November 27, 2019.

C. KASIOTIS EMPLOYED
AS SUB. CLASSROOM/
NOON HOUR AIDE

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

Appointment of Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide

To appoint Barbara Johnson as a Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide at a rate of \$12.25 per hour effective November 27, 2019.

B. JOHNSON EMPLOYED
AS SUB. CLASSROOM/
NOON HOUR AIDE

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 6 to 15)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignation of Permanent Substitute

To accept the resignation of Christina Bove, Permanent Substitute at the Wheeler Avenue School effective October 15, 2019, letter dated October 17, 2019.

C. BOVE RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Permanent Substitute

To accept the resignation of Paula Mordini, Permanent Substitute at the Wheeler Avenue School effective October 31, 2019, letter dated October 31, 2019.

P. MORDINI RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Safety Escort

To accept the resignation of Hemat Jagnanan, Safety Escort at the Wheeler Avenue School effective October 30, 2019, letter dated October 30, 2019.

H. JAGNANAN RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of School Nurse

To accept the resignation of Sherrell Dingle, School Nurse at the Wheeler Avenue School effective November 20, 2019, letter dated November 6, 2019.

S. DINGLE RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Lisa Jacobsen, Noon Hour Aide at James A. Dever School effective November 19, 2019, letter dated October 28, 2019.

L. JACOBSEN RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Senior Typist Clerk

To accept the resignation of Susan DiVerniero, Senior Typist Clerk in the Business Office effective December 6, 2019, letter dated November 21, 2019.

S. DIVERNIERO RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Lisa Jacobsen, Classroom Aide at James A. Dever School effective November 19, 2019, letter dated November 19, 2019.

L. JACOBSEN RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Part-Time Special Education Teacher

To accept the resignation of Yasmin Lopez, Part-Time Special Education Teacher at the Willow Road School, effective December 3, 2019, letter dated November 18, 2019.

Y. LOPEZ RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Substitute List

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for 2019-2020.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
LIST 2019/20 APPROVED

Amendment of Resolution

S. BEST 10/22/19
RESOLUTION AMENDED

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby amends the resolution adopted on October 22, 2019 appointing Shareen Best to Book Club Step 1C (\$1,283) to read “RESOLVED the Board of Education hereby appoints Rachel Jean-Claude at Book Club Step 1C (\$641.50) and Shareen Best to Book Club Step 1C (\$641.50) effective immediately.

**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]

Memorandum of Agreement – Custodial and Maintenance

CUSTODIAL AND MAINT.
MOA APPROVED

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the attached memorandum of agreement with the Custodial and Maintenance, Civil Service Employees Association for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022.

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

Budget Transfer

BUDGET TRANSFER EFF.
11/27/19 APPROVED

To approve the following transfers effective November 27, 2019:

From:

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| A1621.435-02 | Electrical District | \$ 10,000 |
| A1621.440-06 | Building Renovations | \$ 5,000 |
| A1621.440-06 | Building Renovations | \$ 1,000 |
| A1310.502-01 | Business Admin Copier Supplies | \$ 308 |

To:

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|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| A1621.437-01 | Maintenance Air Conditioner Repair | \$ 10,000 |
| A1621.440-01 | Maintenance Glass Replacement | \$ 5,000 |
| A1621.441-01 | Maintenance Door & Lock Repair | \$ 1,000 |
| A2610.460-02 | Library Books-Dever | \$ 308 |

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

Treasurer’s Reports

TREASURER’S REPORT
10/2019 APPROVED

To approve the Treasurer’s Reports for October 2019.

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

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

Policies for 1st Reading

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READING

- 1900 Parent and Family Engagement
- 1900-E.1 Parent and Family Engagement School-Parent Compact

The Policy Committee met on Tuesday, November 18, 2019. The following was discussed:

- ✓ Policy & Regulation 1900 – Parent & Family Engagement – six changes recommended by NYSSBA were accepted.
- ✓ Andrea DiMango will be Data Privacy Officer
- ✓ Policy 1500 – Student Attendance – reviewed
- ✓ Policy 5150 – School Admissions – reviewed
- ✓ Discussed if Anaphylaxis Policy was needed. Our Wellness Policy covers this.

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

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the Facilities Committee met on November 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss bond work items. The next Facilities Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the business office.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President M. Vicente]

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 1 to 9)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Acceptance of Donation

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of one (1) Redcat Classroom Audio System to the James A. Dever School from Lightspeed Technologies with an estimated value of \$1,370.

DONATION ACCEPTED

Wisdom Protective Services

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the Consultant Services Contract with Simaren Corp d/b/a Wisdom Protective Services and its accompanying memorandum of understanding and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

WISDOM PROTECTIVE SVCS. CONSULT. SVCS. CONTRACT APPROVED

Special Education Services to Parentally Placed Students – Hewlett-Woodmere School District

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves an agreement with the Hewlett-Woodmere School District as the District of Location for the provision of special education services to parentally placed students with disabilities under Education Law Section 3602-c for the 2019-2020 school year and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

HEWLETT-WOODMERE SPEC. ED. SVCS. CONTRACT APPROVED

Special Education Services to Parentally Placed Students – Half Hollow Hills Central School District

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves an agreement with the Half Hollow Hills Central School District as the District of Location for the provision of special education services to parentally placed students with disabilities under Education Law Section 3602-c for the 2019-2020 school year and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

HALF HOLLOW HILLS SPEC. ED. SVCS. CONTRACT APPROVED

Agreement for Related Services Provider

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the consultant services contract with Nancy Letts and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

N. LETTS CONSULT. SVCS. AGREEMENT APPROVED

BOCES Budget Advisory Committee

To appoint Jennifer Oliveri to the BOCES Budget Advisory Committee for the 2019-2020 school year.

J. OLIVERI APPOINTED TO BOCES BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2019-2020 Health and Welfare Services

To approve Health and Welfare expenses for those Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen students attending schools in the following school districts during the 2019-2020 school year:

2019/20 HEALTH & WELFARE SVCS. APPROVED

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| Plainedge UFSD | One (1) student, estimated cost | \$600 |
| Manhasset UFSD | One (1) student, estimated cost | \$600 |

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 10/15, 10/16, 10/18, 10/24HRS, 10/24WRS, 10/30HRS, 10/30WAS, 10/31, 11/13/2019.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 10/23/2019.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

END CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney Sheahan reported on the due process rights of members of the Board of Education. Members of the Board of Education are elected officials. Once an individual has been elected to serve on the Board, he or she may not be removed from office by the Board of Education except for “official misconduct” or by the Commissioner of Education for “willful violation or neglect of duty.” To be considered willful, a school board member’s actions must have been “intentional and with a wrongful purpose” to disregard a lawful duty or violate a legal requirement. A Board of Education is not authorized to remove a board member for official misconduct by resolution. Instead the Board may vote to initiate a removal proceeding which would provide the board member with due process. Due process includes providing the board member with notice of the charges against him/her. Specifically, the law requires a Board serve a written copy of the charges of misconduct on the board member at least ten (10) days before a hearing to be held on the charges. The board member also has the opportunity for a hearing to ensure he or she has a “full and fair opportunity to refute the charges before removal.” A board member has the right to cross-examine witnesses, examine documentary evidence, submit his or her own evidence, be represented by counsel, and appeal the decision to remove a board member after such a hearing. Alternatively, a Board of Education may apply to the Commissioner of Education to initiate a removal proceeding. Such a removal proceeding would involve similar due process requirements such as notice of the charges, and the right to a hearing before the Commission of Education.

High School Report

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the High School meeting took place on November 12, 2019. The VSCHSD athletes were present to thank the Board for approving the renovation of four new fields at each of the schools. The next meeting of the High School District is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Memorial Junior High School.

Old Business

Trustee Stris reported that he attended New York State School Boards Association 100th Annual Convention and Symposium that was held in Rochester, NY on October 24-27, 2019, along with Trustee Pomerantz, Trustee Chiachiere and Superintendent Evelyn. As voting delegate with Trustee Pomerantz, we approved one new by-law amendment and twenty-one new resolutions. Topics of the law seminar included Crisis Communication, Technology Systems & Data Privacy, Exemptions for Student Immunization, Supporting Students with Mental Health & Substance Abuse Issues and the School Boards Role as an Employer. Superintendent Evelyn, High School Superintendent Heidenreich and President Chiachiere presented a workshop on Shared Leadership with School Board & Superintendent Partnership.

New Business

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the Residency Advisory Committee met on November 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the VSCHSD Board Room. We received a legal update from our attorney, Chris Shishko, and reviewed residency statistics. Please note that the residency hotline phone number is 516-872-5677.

Executive Session

At 8:46 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously to discuss legal matters for principal negotiations. The Superintendent, Asst. Supt. for Business & HR and Attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 9:10 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

RECONVENING

Quorum

Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Diverniero

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Acting District Clerk