

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 Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Trustee Chiachiere
Trustee Farrell
Trustee Pomerantz
Trustee Stris
Trustee Vicente*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Superintendent Evelyn
Asst. Supt. for Curr. LaRocca
Asst. Supt. for Spec. Svcs. Sells-Asch
Asst. Supt. for Bus. & HR Antoine
Dir. of Tech. and Innov. DiMango
School District Attorney Shishko
District Clerk Rosamilia

No 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 Negotiations. The Superintendent and Asst. Supt. for Business & HR were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Trustee Vicente left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Reconvening

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

RECONVENING

Quorum

Four members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019 BOE Meeting, November 2, 2019 Building Inspection, and November 6, 2019 Special BOE Meeting.
Moved by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Vicente and carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF 8/20/19 BOE
MTG., 11/2/19 BLDG. INSPEC.
& 11/6/19 SPEC. MTG.

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

Correspondence

A thank you card was received from the Gorski family.
An invitation to the annual legislative breakfast was received by the Valley Stream Council of PTA's.

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Guidance Program [Lisa Sells-Asch, Ryan Boyle]

Assistant Superintendent Sells-Asch and Guidance Counselor Boyle presented a power point on our Guidance Program and comprehensive developmental school counseling plan.

Responsive Classroom – Educating the Whole Child [Judy LaRocca]

Assistant Superintendent LaRocca presented a power point on the Responsive Classroom, which included the four key domains of responsive classroom: engaging academics; positive community; effective management; and developmentally responsive teaching.

Committee Reports

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

Appointment of Long-Term Substitute Teacher

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Amanda Silverman as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the Wheeler Avenue School in place of Jennifer Navarra at a rate of \$140 per day, effective January 20, 2020, for a period not to exceed 60 days, unless otherwise extended by the Board of Education.

A. SILVERMAN EMPLOYED
AS LONG-TERM SUB.
TEACHER - WAS

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

Appointment of Classroom Aide

To appoint Narjis Baig as a Classroom Aide assigned to the James A. Dever School on Step 1 (\$17,320) effective January 2, 2020, pending civil service approval and unless sooner terminated.

N. BAIG EMPLOYED AS CLASSROOM AIDE-JAD

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

Appointment of Classroom Aide

To appoint Catherine Kasiotis as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$17,320) effective January 2, 2020, pending civil service approval and unless sooner terminated.

C. KASIOTIS EMPLOYED AS CLASSROOM AIDE - WRS

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

Appointment of Classroom Aide

To appoint Hemat Jagnanan as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 (\$17,320) effective January 2, 2020, pending civil service approval and unless sooner terminated.

H. JAGNANAN EMPLOYED AS CLASSROOM AIDE - WAS

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

Appointment of Part-Time Special Education Teacher

To employ Debra McDonald as a part-time (.6) Special Education Teacher on Step 1MA (\$70,576), prorated for the number of hours worked, effective January 2, 2020 through June 30, 2020 and unless sooner terminated.

D. MCDONALD EMPLOYED AS PART-TIME (.6) SPEC. ED. TEACHER

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

Termination of Employee

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby terminates the employee identified on confidential schedule "A" effective December 19, 2019.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYEE APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 7 to 11)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignation of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Christine Davi, Classroom Aide at the James A. Dever School effective December 6, 2019, letter dated December 6, 2019.

C. DAVI RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Corry-Ann Cadet, Classroom Aide at the Wheeler Avenue School effective December 11, 2019, letter dated December 11, 2019.

C. CADET RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation of Substitute Noon-Hour/Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Catherine Kasiotis, Substitute Noon-Hour/Classroom Aide at the Willow Road School effective December 20, 2019, letter dated December 10, 2019.

C. KASIOTIS RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation of Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Nusrat Parveen, Noon Hour Aide at James A. Dever School effective December 12, 2019, letter dated December 12, 2019.

N. PARVEEN RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Substitute List

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for 2019-2020.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER 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]

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 1 to 3)

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 Reports

To approve the Treasurer's Reports for November 2019.

TREASURER'S REPORT 11/30/19 APPROVED

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective December 19, 2019

BUDGET TRANSFERS
APPROVED

From:

A9060.800-01	Health Insurance	\$ 20,000
A1430.400-01	Personnel-Contractual	\$ 1,375
A2020.500-04	Principals Office Supplies	\$ 600

To:

A1310.400-01	Business Admin-Contractual	\$ 20,000
A1310.402-01	Business Admin-TAN Expense	\$ 1,375
A2110.503-04	Science Supplies-Wheeler	\$ 600

Adoption of Noon-Hour Aide Salary Schedule

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby adopts the attached salary schedule for the District’s Noon-Hour Aides effective January 1, 2020.

NOON-HOUR AIDE
SALARY SCHEDULE
APPROVED

END CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS COMMITTEE

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, Chairperson]

Policies for 2nd Reading and Adoption

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

POLICIES FOR 2ND
READING & ADOPTION
APPROVED

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

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

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the Facilities Committee met on December 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. They discussed minor issues in the kitchens in all four buildings. Privacy slats will be installed on the transformers outside the school buildings. The next meeting of the Facilities Committee is scheduled for January 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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 Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Acceptance of Donation

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of three (3) turkeys to the James A. Dever School from Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages with an estimated value of \$75.

DONATION ACCEPTED

Acceptance of Donation

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$1,698 from the James A. Dever PTA to be used for the BOCES Earth Balloon Program. The Earth Balloon will be placed in the James A. Dever gymnasium on April 23rd and April 24th.

DONATION ACCEPTED

Acceptance of Donation

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$800 from the Howell Road PTA to be used for the sixth grade Broadway trip to see Frozen.

DONATION ACCEPTED

Approval Agreement with Valley Stream UFSD 24

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached agreement with Valley Stream UFSD 24 for the provision of special education services to a student attending a private school within such district and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

SPEC. ED. SVCS AGR. W/
VSUFSD#24 APPROVED

Authorization for Direct Deposit

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby designates Dime Community Bank as authorized for the deposit of District funds pursuant to District’s Investments policy and regulation and it is further

AUTH. FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT
DIME COMM. BANK
APPROVED

RESOLVED, the Board of Education accepts the attached third party custodian agreement among Dime Community Bank as the Bank, Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company as the Custodian, and the District and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same, and it is further

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby adopts the attached Municipal resolutions, universal resolutions, additional resolutions, business/account profile, and Wire transfer authorization agreement with Dime Community Bank and hereby authorizes the execution of such documents.

Grant Disbursement Agreement – DASNY

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a Grant Disbursement Agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (“DASNY”) for a grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of Improvements to the School District’s Auditoriums subject to approval by DASNY and authorizes the Board President to execute same; and it is further

DASNY GRANT DISBURSE.
AGR. APPROVED

RESOLVED that the District’s Counsel is authorized to issue an opinion letter as required under such Agreement.

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 11/21 (JAD), 11/21 (HRS), and 11/21/2019.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 11/18 and 12/11/2019.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

END CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney Shishko reported on a case regarding legislation that was passed in New York State that repealed the Public Health Law provision allowing religious exceptions from mandatory vaccinations for children who attend most public and private schools.

High School Report

Trustee Pomerantz congratulated our young students in Junior High School and High School who participated in fine arts productions in their respective schools. North High School presented “Cinderella” and Central High School presented “Seusical” and Memorial Junior High School presented “Hoodie”. The performances were accompanied by the school orchestra.

Old Business

Trustee Stris reported on the 2019 Annual School Law Conference at the Nassau County Bar Association on December 6, 2019. The following eight topics were covered: An overview of new laws with a focus on employment issues; taking a closer look at sexual harassment and the NYS Human Rights Law; protecting student data, cybersecurity and the threat of ransoms, looking into a better way to handle student discipline; an overview of new laws with a focus on student issues; how the new legislation impacts students with disabilities; red flag laws; and navigation of labor relations with the benefit on hindsight.

New Business

There is no new business to report.

Executive Session

At 8:45 p.m., a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously to discuss administrative negotiations and legal matters. The Superintendent, Asst. Supt. for Bus. & HR. and School District Attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 9:40 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

RECONVENING

Quorum

Four members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

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