

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, January 28, 2020.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Trustee Chiachiere
Trustee Farrell
Trustee Pomerantz
Trustee Stris
Trustee Vicente

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

Approx. 70 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 Vicente and carried unanimously to discuss legal matters. The Superintendent and Asst. Supt. for Business & HR were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 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 November 19, 2019 Comm. Meeting, November 26, 2019 Board of Education Meeting, December 7, 2019 Special Meeting and December 11, 2019 Committee Meeting.

MINUTES OF 11/19/19 COMM. MTG., 11/26/19 BOE MTG., 12/7/19 SPEC. MTG., 12/11/19 COMM. MTG.

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

Correspondence

An invitation to the Wheeler Avenue PTA Founder’s Celebration was received.

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

District Technology Update: [A. DiMango]

Innovation Labs Update (with presentation from children)

Director of Innovation and Technology DiMango presented a power point on STEAM Education in our Innovation Labs. A hands-on presentation from the students took place in the cafeteria.

Committee Reports

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

Approval of Teachers to Instruct In-Service Courses

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the following teachers to instruct in-service courses for the amounts listed below:

TEACHERS TO INSTRUCT
IN-SVC. COURSES
APPROVED

Denise Simone – Mathematical Mindsets
15 Hours @ \$69.32 per hour

Kim Pierson – Mindfulness Practices for Educators
15 Hours @ \$69.32 per hour

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

Appointment of Classroom Aide

To appoint Ginge Bustamante as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 (\$17,320) effective January 29, 2020, pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

G. BUSTAMANTE
EMPLOYED AS
CLASSROOM AIDE-WAS

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

Appointment of Classroom Aide

To appoint Nermin Abdelsayed as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$17,320) effective January 29, 2020, pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

N. ABDELSAYED
EMPLOYED AS
CLASSROOM AIDE-WRS

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

Appointment of Noon-Hour Aide

To appoint Barbara Johnson as a Noon-Hour Aide assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School at a rate of \$13 per hour effective January 29, 2020, pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

B. JOHNSON EMPLOYED
AS CLASSROOM AIDE-WAS

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

Appointment of Noon-Hour Aide

To appoint Kubra Caravan as a Noon-Hour Aide assigned to the James A. Dever School at a rate of \$13 per hour effective January 29, 2020, pending civil service approval and unless sooner terminated.

K. CARAVAN EMPLOYED
AS CLASSROOM AIDE-JAD

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

Appointment of Noon-Hour Aide

To appoint Lodeen Stewart as a Noon-Hour Aide assigned to the James A. Dever School at a rate of \$13 per hour effective January 29, 2020, pending civil service approval and unless sooner terminated.

L. STEWART EMPLOYED
AS CLASSROOM AIDE-JAD

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

Approval of Student Teaching Agreements

RESOLVED, THE Board of Education hereby approves the following Student Teachers from January 2020 to June 2020 at no cost to the District, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the attached Student Teaching agreements:

STUDENT TEACHING
AGREEMENTS APPROVED

Kristina Ortiz
Philip Stern

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

Childcare Leave of Absence – First Year

To approve a first year Childcare Leave of Absence without pay for Pamela Doodnauth, Speech Teacher at the Willow Road School, effective January 21, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

P. DOODNAUTH CHILD
CARE LEAVE OF ABSENCE
APPROVED

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

Employment of Replacement Speech Teacher

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves Caroline Farella as a Leave Replacement effective January 21, 2020 conditioned upon the continuation of the leave of the teacher whom she 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.

C. FARELLA EMPLOYED
AS LEAVE REPLACEMENT
SPEECH TEACHER

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

Agreement for Part-Time Leave Replacement Psychologist

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby ratifies a Side Letter Agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers’ Association and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

PART-TIME LEAVE REPLAC.
PSYCH. APPROVED

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

Appointment of School Nurse

To appoint Tricia Mercier as a Registered School Nurse for the District on Step 2 (\$46,064) effective January 29, 2020, pending Civil Service clearance and in accordance with the VSTA-RN/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

T. MERCIER EMPLOYED AS
REGISTERED SCHOOL
NURSE

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

Approve Employment Agreement – Assistant Superintendent of Business & Human Resources
RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Employment Agreement with Gerard N. Antoine, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources for the period of January 16, 2020 through January 15, 2021.

G. ANTOINE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED

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

Tenure Recommendation – Assistant Superintendent for Business & Human Resources
The Superintendent recommends Gerard Antoine, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Human Resources be granted tenure effective January 20, 2020.

G. ANTOINE TENURE REC. APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 14-21)
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 Classroom Aide
To accept the resignation of Constanca Robinson, Classroom Aide at the Wheeler Avenue School effective December 13, 2019, letter dated December 13, 2019.

C. ROBINSON RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation of Noon-Hour Aide
To accept the resignation of Hemat Jagnanan, Noon-Hour Aide at the Wheeler Avenue School effective December 20, 2019, letter dated December 17, 2019.

H. JAGNANAN RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation of Noon-Hour Aide
To accept the resignation of Narjis Baig, Noon-Hour Aide at the Howell Road School effective December 20, 2019, letter dated December 10, 2019.

N. BAIG RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation of Noon-Hour Aide
To accept the resignation of Sylvia Polizzi, Noon-Hour Aide at the James A. Dever School effective January 24, 2020, letter dated January 8, 2020.

S. POLIZZI RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation of Permanent Substitute Teacher
To accept the resignation of Christina Drago Botti, Permanent Substitute Teacher at the Wheeler Avenue School effective January 10, 2020, letter dated January 6, 2020.

C. DRAGO BOTTI RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation of Typist Clerk
To accept the resignation of Krystin Fox, Typist Clerk at the Wheeler Avenue School effective January 24, 2020, letter dated January 23, 2020.

K. FOX RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Substitute List
To approve the Substitute Teacher List for 2019-2020.

2019-2020 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST APPROVED

Credit for Advanced Study
To approve the credit for advanced study for the following teachers effective February 1, 2020, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract:

CREDIT FOR ADVANCED STUDY APPROVED

	FROM	TO
Shareen Best (HRS)	3MA+45	3MA+60
Christine Coryell (WRS)	5MA+30	5MA+45
Rachel Jean-Claude (HRS)	3MA+45	3MA+60
Katherine Pulvidente (WRS)	3MA	3MA+15
Aleksandra Rance (HRS)	3.5MA+45	3.5MA+60
Christy Taveira (JAD)	6MA+15	6MA+30

END CONSENT AGENDA – EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**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.*

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [P. Farrell, Chairperson]

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 1-7)

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 December 2019.

TREASURER’S REPORT
DEC. 2019 APPROVED

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

To adopt the IRS mileage rate of \$.575 per mile effective January 1, 2020.

MILEAGE REIM. RATE
APPROVED

Budget Transfers

To approve the following transfers effective January 29, 2020:

BUDGET TRANSFERS
EFF. 1/29/20 APPROVED

From:

A2610.505-04-0050	Maps/Globes Wheeler	\$ 300
A2610.506-04	Tapes/Videos Wheeler	\$ 300
A5510.161-01	Transportation Bus Matrons	\$ 10,000
A2010.160-01	Clerical Salary	\$ 65,280
A2110.120-04	Salaries Teachers 1-3 Wheeler	\$130,000
A2110.120-02	Salaries Teachers 1-3 Dever	\$167,000
A2110.120-05	Salaries Teachers 1-3 Willow	\$190,000

To:

A2110.500-04-0100	General Supplies Wheeler	\$ 300
A2110.500-04-0100	General Supplies Wheeler	\$ 300
A5540.403-01	Contract Buses – Non Public	\$ 10,000
A2010.161-01	Clerical Salary	\$ 65,280
A2110.121-05	Salaries Teachers 4-6 Willow	\$130,000
A2110.110-05	Salaries Kindergarten Willow	\$167,000
A2110.121-02	Salaries Teachers 4-6 Dever	\$190,000

Appointment Safety Patrol Club Supervisor

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Debbie O’Connor as the Safety Patrol Club Supervisor in place of and during the leave of absence of the current Safety Patrol Club Supervisor effective January 13, 2020 until such time as the Current Safety Patrol Club Supervisor returns from leave and resumes such duties. The stipend of \$2,820 for such position shall be pro-rated for the period of service.

SAFETY PATROL CLUB
SPVR. APPOINTED

Appointment of Data Protection Officer

To appoint Andrea DiMango, Director of Instructional Technology & Innovation as the Data Protection Officer from January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020.

A. DIMANGO APPOINTED
DATA PROTECTION
OFFICER

Change Order #1 – J-Cole Construction, Co, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #1 in connection with the J-Cole Construction Corp. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IIIA and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

CHANGE ORDER #1
J-COLE CONSTRUCTION
APPROVED

Howell Road School SED # 280213-02-0-002-023 \$30,755.70

The change order is for the contractor to provide labor & materials to install new wall partitions for new casework at 15 locations, to build out wall behind new unit ventilator to allow new duct to move above foundation wall, and to build out wall in art room where masonry wall was deteriorating.

Willow Road School SED # 280213-02-0-004-020 \$27,103.60

The change order is for the contractor to provide labor & materials to install new wall partitions for new casework at 15 locations and to build out wall behind new unit ventilator to allow new duct to move above foundation wall.

Wheeler Avenue School SED # 280213-02-0-003-027 \$ 6,401.73

The change order is for the contractor to provide labor & materials to install new vent opening, new galvanized steel lintels & patch masonry opening in room 24, and to remove & reinstall displaced window sub frames to allow for proper installation of new windowsills at rooms 101, 103, 105, 107, 203, 207, & 209.

James A Dever School SED # 280213-02-0-001-035 \$ 1,189.78

The change order is for the contractor to provide labor & materials to open and patch existing plaster ceiling to allow Mechanical Contractor to run duct for psychology office.

Change Order #1 – Botto Mechanical Corp.

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #1 in connection with the Botto Mechanical Corp. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IIIA and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

CHANGE ORDER #1
BOTTO MECHANICAL
APPROVED

Wheeler Avenue School SED # 280213-02-0-003-027 \$ 12,200.00
The change order is for the contractor to provide all labor and materials to add a new sink, casework, and plumbing for classroom 114.

Change Order #1 – Stalco Construction Inc.

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #1 in connection with the Stalco Construction Inc. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IIIA and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

CHANGE ORDER #1
STALCO CONSTRUCTION
APPROVED

Howell Road School SED # 280213-02-0-002-024 \$ 5,075.48
The change order is for the contractor to furnish and install floor tile, install ceiling hatch in existing plaster ceiling, change door hardware and install outside lever in lieu of specified, and remove unforeseen debris found during excavation of new foundation.

Adopt a Substitute Cleaner List

To adopt a Substitute Cleaner List for the 2019-2020 school year.

SUB. CLEANER LIST
APPROVED

END CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS COMMITTEE

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, Chairperson]

There is no report this month.

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

The Facilities Committee met on January 28, 2020 at 6:30 in the business office. Items for discussion were:

- Willow Road playground protection
- Where the district generator will be kept
- Update on the Wheeler Avenue elevator

The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the business office.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President M. Vicente]

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 1-9)

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 Agreement for Google, LLC and Erie 1 and Board of Cooperative Educational Services

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached agreement between Google, LLC and Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services and the attached Education Law 2-d Opt-In Agreement, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute such agreement.

GOOGLE AND ERIE 1
BOCES AGREEMENT
APPROVED

Health and Welfare Contract

To approve Health and Welfare expenses for those Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen students attending schools in the Hicksville UFSD at an estimated rate of \$600 per student for the 2019-2020 school year.

HICKSVILLE UFSD
HEALTH AND WELFARE
CONTRACT APPROVED

Approval Agreement for Joint Special Education Services RFP

WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals for Special Education Related Services to commence in the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

JOINT SPEC. ED. SVCS.
RFP APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen desires to participate with these school districts for the joint solicitation of proposals for Special Education Related Services as authorized by General Municipal Law Section 119-o, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the attached Inter-Municipal Cooperative Agreement (“IMA”) among the participating school districts; and,
WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it would be in its best financial interest to solicit proposals for Special Education Related Services on a cooperative basis;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the School District to participate with other Nassau County public school districts for the solicitation of proposals for Special Education Related Services on a cooperative basis, subject to the terms and conditions of the IMA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts and approves the appointment of Roslyn Union Free School District as the Lead Participant for purposes of facilitating and coordinating the solicitation of proposals in accordance with the IMA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the attached IMA and authorizes the Board President to execute the IMA on behalf of the Board of Education.

SEDCAR Contract

To approve a SEDCAR contract between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and the Interdisciplinary Center for Child Development for the 2019-2020 school year and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

SEDCAR CONTRACT
APPROVED

Piggyback Agreement with Apple

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Piggyback agreement with Apple and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

PIGGYBACK AGR.
WITH APPLE APPROVED

Destruction of Unused, Defective, Void and/or Spoiled Ballots for Annual Budget Vote on May 21, 2019

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2019, the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen conducted its Annual Budget Vote and Election; and
WHEREAS, the District Clerk is currently in possession of the unused, defective, void and/or spoiled ballots resulting from such Annual Budget Vote and Election; and
WHEREAS, Education Law Section 2034(6) provides for the destruction of such unused, defective, void and/or spoiled ballots when a period of six (6) months has elapsed from the date of the Annual Budget Vote and Election; and
WHEREAS, at least six (6) months has elapsed from the date of such Annual Budget Vote and Election held on May 21, 2019 and no proceedings have been commenced with regard to such Annual Budget Vote and Election; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen hereby orders the destruction of all unused, defective, void and/or spoiled ballots resulting from the May 21, 2019 election.

DESTRUCTION OF UNUSED,
DEFECTIVE, VOID &
SPOILED BALLOTS
APPROVED

Agreement for CSE Chairperson

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the consultant services contract with Dr. Jacqueline Harris to chair CSE meetings and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

DR. J. HARRIS, CSE CHAIR.
AGREEMENT APPROVED

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 12/12, 12/17, 12/18, 12/19, 1/2, 1/7(WRS), 1/7(WAS), 1/7(BOCES), 1/8 and 1/14/2020.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 12/18/2019 and 1/14/2020.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

END CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney Shishko reported on a recent Commissioner’s decision dismissing an appeal for lack of proper verification and reminding Superintendents to timely file an oath of office.

High School Report

Trustee Farrell reported that the VSCHSD had their annual building inspection. The tour started at North, then South, Central and Memorial Junior High School. We viewed the new science labs, gym weight rooms, as well as the proposed North courtyard. We reviewed the renderings of a new gym lobby and refurbishment at North and South. There were also discussion of the security protocol at each school. Memorial Junior High School will be celebrating Black History Month on February 6, 2020. Central High School will have a production of Letters to Sala on February 6th, 7th, and 8th at 7:00 p.m. The next committee meeting of the Valley Stream Central High School District is scheduled for February 4, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. and the next business meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

Old Business

There is no old business to report.

New Business

There is no new business to report.

Executive Session

At 8:55 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously to discuss legal matter about possible land swap with hospital and Superintendent’s contract. The Superintendent and School District Attorney was invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 9:45 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

Quorum

Five 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 9:45 p.m.

RECONVENING

QUORUM

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

MaryAnn Rosamilia
District Clerk