

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, February 25, 2020.

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 Sheahan
School District Attorney Shishko
District Clerk Rosamilia

Approx. 3 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 the personnel of a particular person. The Superintendent, Asst. Supt. for Business & HR and School District Attorneys 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 December 18, 2019 Board of Education Meeting, January 21, 2020 Committee Meeting and January 28, 2020 Board of Education Meeting.

MINUTES OF 12/18/19 BOE
MTG., 1/21/20 COMM. MTG.,
1/28/20 BOE MTG.

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Evelyn introduced Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction LaRocca who presented a power point on Response to Intervention – Branching Minds. Response to Intervention (RtI) is the practice of providing high-quality instruction/intervention matched to student needs and using learning rate over time and level of performance to make important education decisions about an individual student. Requirements of a RtI program are appropriate instruction, screenings applied to all students, instruction matched to student needs, repeated assessments of student achievement and application of student information to make educational decisions. Branching Minds identify struggling students, collect teacher observations, find learning supports and plan and monitor progress.

Committee Reports

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

Appointment of Noon Hour Aide

To appoint Alma Smalls as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School at a rate of \$13 per hour effective February 26, 2020, pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

A. SMALLS EMPLOYED AS
NOON-HOUR AIDE - WAS

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

Appointment of Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide

To appoint Robne Peterson as a Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide at a rate of \$13 per hour effective February 26, 2020.

R. PETERSON EMPLOYED AS
CLASSROOM/NOON HOUR
AIDE

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

Home Instruction

To approve Carolanne Wahl (Special Education teacher at Willow Road School) to provide home instruction, not to exceed 2 hours daily for missed days of school, for a Willow Road student effective February 3, 2020 – June 25, 2020 at the district’s home instruction rate of pay of \$44.50 per hour.

C. WAHL HOME INSTRUCT.
APPROVED

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

Home Instruction

To approve Victoria Mitchell (Classroom teacher at Willow Road School) to provide home instruction, not to exceed 2 hours daily for missed days of school, for a Willow Road student effective February 3, 2020 – June 25, 2020 at the district’s home instruction rate of pay of \$44.50 per hour.

V. MITCHELL HOME
INSTRUCTION APPROVED

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

Appointment of Part-Time Substitute Clerk-Typist

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Claudette Costa as a part-time substitute clerk-typist in the Business Office up to four (4) hours per day, not to exceed three (3) days per week, at a rate of \$50 an hour beginning February 26, 2020 to be continued at the discretion of the Superintendent.

C. COSTA EMPLOYED AS
PART-TIME SUBSTITUTE
CLERK TYPIST

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

Appointment of Permanent Substitute Teacher

To appoint Melissa Conicelli as a Permanent Substitute Teacher assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School, effective February 26, 2020 through June 30, 2020 at a rate of \$125 per day unless sooner terminated.

M. CONICELLI EMPLOYED
AS PERM. SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER

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

Appointment of Classroom Aides

To appoint Lashawna Hill as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 (\$17,320) effective February 26, 2020 pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

L. HILL EMPLOYED AS
CLASSROOM AIDE - WAS

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

To appoint Julia Acosta-Peets as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 (\$17,320) effective February 26, 2020 pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

J. ACOSTA-PEETS EMPLOYED
AS CLASSROOM AIDE - WAS

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

To appoint Teresa Soccorso as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 (\$17,320) effective February 26, 2020 pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

T. SOCCORSO EMPLOYED
AS CLASSROOM AIDE - WAS

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

Appointment of Summer School Principal

To appoint Ruth Peets-Butcher as the Summer School Principal effective July 1, 2020 through August 14, 2020 with a stipend of \$7,000.

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED

On a motion made by Trustee Vicente, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, this item was tabled.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 9-14)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Substitute List

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for 2019-2020.

2019-2020 SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER LIST APPROVED

Resignation of Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Anees Ahsan, Noon Hour Aide at the Wheeler Avenue School effective January 22, 2020, letter dated January 22, 2020.

A. AHSAN RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Nermin Abdelsayed, Noon Hour Aide at the Willow Road School effective January 30, 2020, letter dated January 24, 2020.

N. ABDELSAYED
RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Gingee Bustamante, Classroom Aide at the Wheeler Avenue School effective February 5, 2020, letter dated February 6, 2020.

G. BUSTAMANTE
RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Eva Castro, Classroom Aide at the Wheeler Avenue School effective February 21, 2020, letter dated February 10, 2020.

E. CASTRO RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Jr. Accountant

To accept the resignation of Kathryn Sterzel, Jr. Accountant in the Business Office effective February 28, 2020, letter dated February 7, 2020.

K. STERZEL RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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 1-2)

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 January 2020.

TREASURER’S REPORT
ENDING 1/31/20 APPROVED

Award for Sealed Bids

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the District’s Architect, the Board of Education hereby awards the following bids to the apparent low bidders as follows:

AWARD FOR SEALED BIDS
APPROVED

Base Bid GC-1, Alternate GC-1.1, GC-1.2, GC-1.4, & GC-1.6 - General Construction Contract to Stalco Construction, Inc. - \$2,444,304
Base Bids PC-1 – Plumbing Construction Contracts – All Schools to WHM Plumbing - \$178,926
Base Bid EC-1 – Electrical Construction Contract – All Schools to Palace Electrical Contractors, Inc. - \$114,000
and it is further,

RESOLVED, the Board of Education directs that notification of the award of such contracts be sent to the low bidder, and it is further

RESOLVED, the Board President is hereby authorized to execute such contracts.

END CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS COMMITTEE

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, Chairperson]

The next meeting of the Policy Committee is scheduled for March 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

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

Trustee Pomerantz reported that they are scheduled to meet with the architects to discuss the installation of a safety barrier at the Willow Road School and a new swing set for the Willow Road School playground has been ordered and will be installed in about four to six weeks.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President M. Vicente]

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 1-6)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Responsive Classroom

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached consultant services agreement with Center for Responsive Schools, Inc., in the amount of \$38,000, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

CTR. FOR RESPONSIVE
SCHOOL CONSULTANT
SVCS. APPROVED

Consultant Services

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached agreement with Christian Nursing Registry Inc. to provide Nursing services to students at a rate of \$50/hour for RN and \$40/hour for LPN effective February 26, 2020 to June 30, 2020 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

CHRISTIAN NURSING
REGISTRY AGREEMENT
APPROVED

Consultant Services

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached agreement with Propio Language Services to provide translation services for families and staff members, not to exceed \$7,000 effective April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

PROPIO LANGUAGE SVCS.
AGREEMENT APPROVED

Land Swap Approval

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached letter of engagement with Tamburello Appraisal Services, Inc. to provide appraisal services to the District in connection with a potential transfer of property, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

TAMBURELLO APPRAISAL
SVCS. LAND SWAP
APPROVED

Deletion of Hearing Officer from IHO Rotational List

To delete Patricia Phelan 623 from the IHO Rotational List effective January 24, 2020.

P. PHELAN DELETED FROM
IHO LIST APPROVED

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 1/14, 1/17, 1/22(HRS), 1/22(JAD), 1/27, 1/28, 1/28(WRS), 2/5, 2/6, and 2/10/20.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

END CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney Sheahan reported on two recent Commissioner’s decisions dismissing appeals regarding exemptions to immunization requirements. In both appeals petitioners challenged the denial of their request for an exemption to the immunization requirements; in Commissioner’s Decision No. 17,802, petitioners requested a medical exemption and in Commissioner’s Decision No. 17,811, petitioners sought a religious exemption. Both appeals asserted constitutional challenges, but the Commissioner declined to rule on the constitutional issues. In Commissioner’s Decision No. 17,811, petitioners also argued that the repeal of the religious exemption to the immunization requirements violate the Dignity for all Students Act (DASA) however, the Commissioner upheld the denial of petitioners’ request. In Commissioner’s Decision No. 17, 802, the Commissioner dismissed the appeal and stated, in order to meet the standard required to receive a medical exemption to the immunization requirements, either the medical exemption form or the student’s medical records must contain sufficient information to identify either a medical contraindication to a specific immunization or a contraindication consistent with the Center for Disease Control’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices or another nationally recognized evidence-based standard of care. Thus, in these two decisions the Commissioner deferred to the proper forum on constitutional issues, upheld the validity of the repeal of the religious exemption, and articulated the standard to be met to qualify for a medical exemption from the immunization requirements.

High School Report

Trustee Farrell reported that music awards were given out district wide and the February High School Board meeting. The Superintendent spoke about “Letters to Sala”, a play performed by Central High School and Memorial Junior High School celebrated Valentine’s Day with the performance of “P.S. I Love You”. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2020 and the next Business meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2020.

Old Business

Trustee Stris reported that he attended the New York State School Board Association’s ‘Need to Know’ conference on January 29, 2020 where they went over legislative priorities.

New Business

Trustee Pomerantz introduced Jennifer Oliveri, Mrs. Oliveri is a district resident who was voted to serve as a representative on the BOCES Budget Review Committee. Mrs. Oliveri reported her findings of the specific budgets that were presented and reviewed at the Nassau BOCES Budget Review Committee meetings.

Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Campis addressed the Board regarding late busing.

Executive Session

At 8:35 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously to discuss legal matters about possible land swap with hospital, Summer School Principal, the personnel of a particular person and Superintendent’s contract. The Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent for Business and HR and School District Attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

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

RECONVENING

Quorum

Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

School Medical Inspector

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints a School Medical Inspector pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law in order to evaluate the ability of the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule "A" to perform his/her duties, and it is further

SCHOOL MEDICAL
INSPECTOR APPROVED

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute a contract for such services with a doctor to be selected by Administration, and it is further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law, the Board of Education directs the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule "A" to appear for a medical examination in the office of such School Medical Inspector at a date and time to be set by the Superintendent of Schools and to bring any relevant medical documentation to such examination.

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

Superintendent's Contract

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached employment agreement by and between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 and Constance Evelyn for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
CONTRACT APPROVED

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

Appointment of Summer School Principal

To appoint Ruth Peets-Butcher as the Summer School Principal effective July 1, 2020 through August 14, 2020 with a stipend of \$7,000.

R. PEETS-BUTCHER
APPOINTED AS SUMMER
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

MaryAnn Rosamilia
District Clerk