

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 via zoom # Meeting ID: 434 109 318 as authorized by Executive Order of the Governor.

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 Sheahan
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 legal matters, nurse contract negotiations and 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

There were no minutes for approval

Correspondence

There was no correspondence

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Budget Presentation

The 2020-2021 Proposed Budget was presented by Superintendent Evelyn and Assistant Superintendent for Business and HR Antoine.

Committee Reports

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

Appointment of Permanent Substitute Teachers

To appoint Bridget Quin Wallace assigned to the James A. Dever School, effective at a date determined by the Superintendent of Schools through June 30, 2020 at a rate of \$125 per day.

B. QUIN WALLACE
EMPLOYED AS PERM.
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

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

Appointment of Replacement Classroom Teacher

To appoint Doreen Grace as a Leave Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to the James A. Dever School on Step 1MA+30 (\$75,427) effective at a date to be determined by the Superintendent of Schools through June 30, 2020, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the VSTA/Board contract in effect on the date of employment.

D. GRACE EMPLOYED AS
REPLACEMENT
CLASSROOM TEACHER

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

Appointment of Noon-Hour Aide

To appoint Maria Guevara Flores as a Noon-Hour Aide assigned to the Willow Road School at a rate of \$13 per hour effective at a date to be determined by the Superintendent of Schools, pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

M. GUEVARA FLORES
EMPLOYED AS NOON-
HOUR AIDE - WRS

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

Appointment of Long-Term Substitute Teacher

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Amanda Silverman as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher in place of Maureen Morris at a rate of \$140 per day, effective at a date to be determined by the Superintendent of Schools for a period not to exceed 60 days unless otherwise extended by the Board of Education.

A. SILVERMAN EMPLOYED
AS LONG-TERM SUB.
TEACHER

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

Appointment of Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide

To appoint Debra Scala as a Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide at a rate of \$13 per hour effective at a date to be determined by the Superintendent of Schools, pending Civil Service approval.

D. SCALA EMPLOYED AS
SUB. CLASSROOM/NOON
HOUR AIDE

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

Childcare Leave of Absence – Second Year

To approve the second year Childcare Leave of Absence without pay for Pamela Doodnauth, Classroom Teacher at the Willow Road School for the 2020-2021 school year.

P. DOODNAUTH SECOND
YEAR CHILDCARE LEAVE
OF ABSENCE APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 7-9)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignation for Retirement – Special Education Teacher

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Paula Shulman, Special Education Teacher at the Willow Road School, effective June 30, 2020 pursuant to the VSTA Agreement.

P. SHULMAN RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Noon Hour Supervisor

To accept the resignation of Dara Bowen, Noon Hour Supervisor at the Willow Road School effective March 7, 2020, letter dated March 4, 2020.

D. BOWEN RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Substitute List

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for 2019-2020.

2019-2020 SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER LIST APPROVED

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 1-6)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

2020-2021 Proposed Budget (Proposition #1)

That the Board of Education adopts the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$55,303,931 and that the budget be presented to the voters in our District; and that the District Clerk be directed to place this budget, in the above amount, on the ballot in accordance with previous instructions.

VS13 2020-2021 PROPOSED
BUDGET – PROPOSITION #1
APPROVED

District Thirteen Expenditure from Capital Reserve (Proposition #2)

That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the placement of the following propositions to monies from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund, established on May 15, 2018, at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 19, 2020, and directs the District Clerk to place said propositions in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

VS13 EXPENDITURE FROM
CAPITAL RESERVE -
PROPOSITION #2 APPROVED

PROPOSITION: Expenditure of no more than \$160,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established on May 15, 2018, to finance projects for the acquisition and installation of smartboards, classroom redesign, air conditioning equipment and apparatus and the installation of such air conditioning equipment and apparatus at the District’s facilities and sites.

Shall the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen be authorized to expend from the Capital Reserve Fund which was established on May 15, 2018 (“Reserve Fund”) pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, for the following capital improvement project of acquisition and installation of smartboards, classroom redesign, air conditioning equipment and apparatus and the installation of such air conditioning equipment and apparatus at the District’s facilities and sites in the approximate amount of \$160,000, and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend from the Reserve Fund therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars \$(160,000).

District Thirteen Expenditure from Capital Reserve (Proposition #3)

That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the placement of the following propositions to expend monies from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund, established on May 15, 2018, at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 19, 2020, and directs the District Clerk to place said propositions in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

VS13 EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL RESERVE - PROPOSITION #3 APPROVED

PROPOSITION: Expenditure of no more than \$400,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established on May 15, 2018, to finance projects for the renovation of the Willow Road School and Wheeler Avenue School library facilities.

Shall the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen be authorized to expend from the Capital Reserve Fund which was established on May 15, 2018 (“Reserve Fund”) pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, for the following capital improvement project of renovation of the Willow Road School and Wheeler Avenue School library facilities in the approximate amount of \$400,000, and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend from the Reserve Fund therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars \$(400,000).

2020-2021 Central High School District Proposed Budget (Proposition #4)

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the placement of the following voter proposition at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 19, 2020 and directs the District Clerk to forward to the District Clerks of Valley Stream UFSD 13, Valley Stream UFSD 24 and Valley Stream UFSD 30 to place said proposition in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

VSCHSD PROPOSED BUDGET – PROPOSITION #4 APPROVED

SHALL the proposed budget of expenditures of Valley Stream Central High School District, Nassau County, New York for the year 2020-2021 be approved in the amount of \$126,060,126 and that the sum be raised through a levy upon the taxable property in the Valley Stream Central High School District, after first deducting the monies from state aid and other sources, as provided by law.

Central High School District Capital Voter Proposition (Proposition #5)

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the placement of the following voter proposition at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 19, 2020 and directs the District Clerk to place said proposition in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

VSCHSD CAPITAL VOTER PROPOSITION #5 APPROVED

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to appropriate and expend the maximum amount of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund established on May 17, 2016 for the purpose of completing capital improvements as follows:

- Central High School: Renovate and ReSod South Side of Central High School Athletic Field
- Memorial Junior High School: Elevator Replacement; Kitchen and Serving Line Renovations; Teacher’s Entrance Stoop Reconstruction.
- North High School: Tennis Court Renovations; Gymnasium Lobby Refurbishment
- South High School Gymnasium Lobby Refurbishment; Perimeter Fencing Replacement

Budget Transfers

To approve the following transfers effective March 25, 2020.

BUDGET TRANSFERS EFF.
3/25/20 APPROVED

From:

A2110.120-02	Salaries-Teachers-Grades 1 to 3-Dever	\$100,000.00
A2110.120-03	Salaries-Teachers-Grades 1 to 3-Howell	\$100,000.00
A2110.120-04	Salaries-Teachers-Grades 1 to 3-Wheeler	\$100,000.00
A9060.800-01	Hospital & Medical Insurance	\$ 81,000.00
A5540.402-01	Transportation-Non-Public	\$ 65,500.00
A2250.150-02	Special Ed Teachers-Salaries-Dever	\$ 50,000.00
A5540.404-01	Transportation-Special Ed	\$ 47,800.00
A2250.150-03	Special Ed Teachers-Salaries-Howell	\$ 30,000.00
A5540.405-01	Transportation-BOCES	\$ 10,000.00
A1620.444-01	Shade Replacement	\$ 8,000.00
A2010.409-01	Curriculum Dev-Travel	\$ 1,500.00
A1621.501-01	Maintenance-Supplies-District	\$ 1,500.00
A1310.200-01	Business Admin-Equipment & Furniture	\$ 1,000.00
A2010.401-01	Curriculum Dev-Staff Development	\$ 6,021.11
A1621.440-07	Architect/Engineer Consultant	\$ 843.70
A1910.404-01	Insurance-Other	\$ 380.00
A1621.438-01	Maintenance-Plumbing Repairs	\$ 134.12
A9010.800-01	State Employee Retirement System	\$ 20,000.00
A9030.800-01	Social Security	\$ 35,000.00
A1240.200-01	Chief School Admin-Equipment	\$ 1,000.00

To:

A2110.121-04	Salaries-Teachers-Grades 4 to 6-Wheeler	\$300,000.00
A5540.401-01	Transportation-In-District-Public	\$ 81,000.00
A5540.403-01	Transportation-Other-Non-Public	\$ 65,500.00
A2250.150-04	Special Ed Teachers-Salaries-Wheeler	\$ 50,000.00
A5540.403-01	Transportation-Other-Non-Public	\$ 47,800.00
A2250.150-05	Special Ed Teachers-Salaries-Willow	\$ 30,000.00
A5540.403-01	Transportation-Other-Non-Public	\$ 10,000.00
A1621.440-06	Building Renovation	\$ 8,000.00
A2010.490-01	Curriculum Dev-BOCES	\$ 1,500.00
A1621.441-01	Maintenance-Door & Lock Repair	\$ 1,500.00
A1310.409-01	Business Admin-Travel & Meetings	\$ 1,000.00
A2010.151-01	Curriculum Dev-Staff-District	\$ 3,732.95
A2010.151-02	Curriculum Dev-Staff-Dever	\$ 980.64
A2010.151-03	Curriculum Dev-Staff-Howell	\$ 653.76
A2010.151-04	Curriculum Dev-Staff-Wheeler	\$ 326.88
A2010.151-05	Curriculum Dev-Staff-Willow	\$ 326.88
A1621.441-01	Maintenance-Door & Lock Repair	\$ 843.70
A1910.405-01	Insurance Appraisal	\$ 380.00
A1621.437-01	Maintenance-Air Conditioner Repair	\$ 134.12
A1310.400-01	Business Admin-Contractual	\$ 20,000.00
A2110.473-01	Payments to Charter Schools	\$ 35,000.00
A1240.409-01	Chief School Admin-Travel & Meeting	\$ 1,000.00

END CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA – BUSINESS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached amendment to the license and operating agreement between the District and Right at School, LLC and hereby authorizes the Superintendent to take action consistent with such agreement to implement the child-care services authorized under the amendment consistent with and for the duration of the Executive Orders of the Governor of the State of New York declaring a state of emergency which require school districts to develop and submit a plan for child-care services, and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

RIGHT AT SCHOOL AMEND.
TO LICENSE APPROVED

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached agreement with T-Mobile for the purchase of mobile hotspots and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

T-MOBILE AGREEMENT
APPROVED

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, Chairperson]

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

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

Trustee Pomerantz reported, as a result of this extended closure, custodial and maintenance staff have been identified as essential to the ongoing operations of our building and they have been hard at work. The board and the public would like to thank them for their continued efforts under the direct leadership of Mr. Bryan Bortzfield, our Facilities Director. The custodial and maintenance staff have completed or have been working on the following projects, clean and disinfect all high touch surfaces, that is, light switches, door knobs, counters, book shelves, and desks, throughout the district. They are engaged in deep cleaning throughout the district: clean and disinfect all bathrooms, clean and disinfect floors throughout the buildings, re-wax all floors throughout the buildings, deep clean and disinfect auditoriums, stages, gyms, bathrooms and general-purpose rooms. Skim coating and painting hallways and staircases in original part of Wheeler Avenue School. This was originally scheduled for the end of June but the Superintendent saw this window of time as an opportunity to engage contractors in this planned critical refresh of our oldest building. Contractors have been working on the continued installation of new floor tiles in classrooms at Wheeler Avenue School, touching up paint in all buildings, all HVAC filters throughout the building are being changed. Coordination of the installation of the new swing set and safety surface at Willow Road School is ongoing. Delivery of the fence and guard rail are still a few weeks out.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President M. Vicente]

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 1-10)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Consultant Services

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached agreement with Dr. Elizabeth Osborn to provide Risk Assessment Services for a particular student in accordance with the IEP at a rate not to exceed \$900 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

DR. E. OSBORN
CONSULTANT SVCS.
APPROVED

Award of Transportation Consultant Contract

To award the Transportation Consultant Contract, in cooperation with the Nassau County Southwest Transportation Cooperative, to Ashleigh Livingston for the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$3,760.

A. LIVINGSTON TRANS.
CONSULTANT CONTRACT
APPROVED

Approval of the Corrective Action Plan

The Board of Education hereby accepts the Annual Risk Assessment Update pertaining the Internal Controls of District Operations from Nawrocki Smith LLP and hereby approves the attached Corrective Action Plan.

CORRECTIVE ACTION
PLAN APPROVED

Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that effective March 10, 2020, Martin Schiff 547 has been deleted from the district specific rotational selection list.

M. SCHIFF DELETED
FROM IHO ROTATIONAL
LIST APPROVED

School Calendar for 2020-2021

To approve the 2020-2021 school calendar.

2020-2021 SCHOOL
CALENDAR APPROVED

Rules and Regulations for the Annual Election

To approve the Rules and Regulations for the May 19, 2020 Annual Election.

RULES & REGULATIONS
APPROVED

Memorandum of Agreement – Nassau County Board of Elections

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Nassau County Board of Elections and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

NASSAU COUNTY BOARD
OF ELECTIONS MEMO. OF
AGREEMENT APPROVED

Acceptance of Donation

To accept one check in the amount of \$50 from Travelers CyberGrants, Inc. to be used for general school supplies at the James A. Dever School.

DONATION ACCEPTED

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 1/29, 1/30, 2/3, 2/4, 2/10, 2/12, 2/28, 3/2, 3/4, 3/9, and 3/10/2020.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 2/6, 2/12, and 2/26/2020.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

END CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney reported on an appeal regarding transportation to a non-public school. In Commissioner’s Decision 17,813, Petitioner was a “host parent” for a student attending on a Class F-1 Visa. The district denied transportation on the basis that the student was not a resident. The Commissioner noted in the decision, a person with a Class F-1 visa is “(a)n alien having residence in a foreign country which he has no intention of abandoning” and is residing in the United States for the time being and with the sole purpose of education study. The student resided in his home country during July and August of each year. The student’s parent had not surrendered any parental control to the petitioner; the student’s parent retained control over important issues regarding the student, such as medical and educational decisions. The student’s parent also provided financial support for room, board, clothing and other necessities. Noting all these factors, the Commissioner found the petitioner did not carry her burden of establishing there had been a total and permanent transfer of custody and control over the student to petitioner by the student’s parent. Thus, the Commissioner upheld the District’s determination that the student was not a resident, found the District was not arbitrary and capricious, and dismissed the appeal

High School Report

There is no report this month.

Old Business

There is no old business to report.

New Business

There is no new business to report.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

MaryAnn Rosamilia
District Clerk