

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 via zoom # Meeting ID: 768 4496 3916 as authorized by Executive Order of the Governor.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere		Superintendent Evelyn
Trustee Farrell		Asst. Supt. for Bus. & HR Antoine
Trustee Pomerantz		Dir. of Tech. and Innov. DiMango
Trustee Stris		School District Attorney Shishko
Trustee Vicente		School District Attorney Sheahan
		District Clerk Rosamilia

1 visitor

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 VSTA negotiations. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Director of Technology and Innovation and School District Attorney 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 April 21, 2020 Special Board Meeting - BOCES Budget & Trustee Vote

MINUTES OF 4/21/20 SPEC. MTG.

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

Correspondence  
There is no correspondence this month.

#### **Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

Superintendent Evelyn introduced Assistant Superintendent LaRocca who presented a power point on the creative ways our students are being taught through remote learning.

Assistant Superintendent Antoine presented a power point on updates of Capital Improvement projects district wide.

#### **Committee Reports**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda item 1)**  
*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

*\*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 1-3)**  
*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 Report

To approve the Treasurer's Report for March and April 2020.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
MARCH & APRIL 2020  
APPROVED

Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) - Childcare Services

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached intermunicipal agreement for the provision of childcare services with the Valley Stream Central High School District and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

IMA-CHILDCARE SVCS.  
APPROVED

Memorandum of Agreement – Professional Development Webinars

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the attached memorandum of agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers Association for the provision of a stipend to provide webinars.

MOA - PROF. DEV.  
WEBINARS APPROVED

**END CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**POLICY COMMITTEE** [W. Stris, Chairperson]

There is no report this month.

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

Trustee Pomerantz reported on a Bond update, which included a kitchen addition at the Wheeler Ave. School, kitchen updates in all building, bathroom renovations in all buildings, fire alarm replacement in all buildings and classroom unit ventilators replaced in all building.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President M. Vicente]

**CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 1-8)**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association 2020-2021 Budget and 2020-2021 Slate of Officers and Executive Committee Members

WHEREAS, Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association has submitted its proposed 2020-2021 Budget and proposed 2020-2021 Slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, for the approval of its member boards, the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to record the outcome of the votes and notify Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association of the results.

NASSAU-SUFFOLK SCHOOL  
BD. ASSOC. 2020-2021  
BUDGET AND SLATE OF  
OFFICERS APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Proposed Budget for the 2020-2021 school year (as accepted by N-SSBA's Executive Committee) be, and hereby is approved/not approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Proposed 2020-2021 Slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee (as presented by N-SSBA's Nominating Committee) be, and hereby is approved/not approved.

Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List

BE IT RESOLVED that effective April 17, 2020 and thereafter Ellen Abberbock 600 be appointed to serve as Impartial Hearing Officer for the district.

IHO ROTATIONAL LIST  
APPROVED

Special Education Related Services Vendors

WHEREAS, the Board of Education authorized participation with other Nassau County public school districts for the solicitation of proposals for Special Education Related Services on a cooperative basis, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Roslyn Union Free School District as the Lead Participant for purposes of facilitating and coordinating the solicitation of proposals; and

WHEREAS, proposals have been received, and are being presented to the Board of Education for approval, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the attached master list of vendors provided by the Roslyn Union Free School District and authorizes the use of the vendors as described in the master list, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute contracts with such vendors as needed by the District.

SPEC. ED. RELATED SVCS.  
VENDORS APPROVED

Award – McHugh Furnishings

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby awards a contract for the Classroom Casework Replacement work at James A. Dever, Howell Road, Wheeler Avenue and Willow Road Elementary Schools to McHugh Furnishings the apparent low bidder, in the amount of \$228,949.00 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

MCHUGH FURN. AWARD  
APPROVED

Award – L&J Heating and Air Conditioning

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby awards a contract to L&J Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. pursuant to the Nassau BOCES User Developed Standardized Supply List for HVAC Maintenance and Installation Bid #19/20-060 along with the Owner/Contractor Agreement, General Conditions, and Rider, in the amount not to exceed \$41,224.00, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

L&J HEATING & AIR  
CONDITIONING AWARD  
APPROVED

Rules & Regulations for the Annual Election

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby adopts amended rules and regulations for the June 9, 2020 Annual Election.

RULES AND REGULATIONS  
ADOPTED

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 3/31, 4/21, 4/23, 4/24, 4/28, 4/30, 5/4, 5/5, 5/7, 5/8, 5/11, 5/12, 5/14, and 5/15/2020.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 4/22/2020 and 4/29/2020.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

**END CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Report of the Attorney**

School District Attorney Sheahan reported on an appeal regarding student discipline. In Commissioner’s Decision 17,835, the parent of a student who was suspended for three days for making inappropriate comments and engaging in inappropriate behavior appealed the suspension. The omission dismissed the appeal. In the appeal, the student and the parent admitted the student made inappropriate comments and did not deny the alleged inappropriate behavior had occurred, but rather argued that the punishment was excessive, and the District violated its Code of Conduct when it did not apply progressive discipline. The parent also alleged the Board President’s child witnessed the events and, therefore, was biased and influenced the Board’s decision to uphold the suspension. In light of the student’s admission and the witnesses’ statements, the Commissioner found the District’s punishment was not excessive. Additionally, the Commissioner noted, the District’s Code of Conduct, which recommends progressive discipline “depending on the nature of the violation”, did not bar the District from imposing the three day suspension. Commissioner’s Decision No. 17,835. Further Petitioner offered no evidence the Board President was biased or improperly influenced other board member or school employees. Thus, the Commissioner found the District’s suspension of the student for three days was not excessive, found there was no reversible error, and dismissed the appeal.

**High School Report**

Trustee Farrell reported that this was a month of celebrations for District’s graduating seniors. North High School put signs on the lawns of all graduates, Central and South had drive by parades.

**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 Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Vicente and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

*MaryAnn Rosamilia*

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District Clerk