

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 via zoom # Meeting ID: 958 7994 8654 as authorized by Executive Order of the Governor.

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

Approx. 85 visitors

Convening
The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

CONVENING

Quorum
Seven 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 Attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening
The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

RECONVENING

Quorum
Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Correspondence
There is no correspondence this month.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Evelyn congratulated the 6th grade students upon achieving graduation and is proud of their accomplishment and wishes them the best in the future. Superintendent Evelyn wished the retirees many years of happiness as they journey into the next phase of their lives and thanked them for their many years of service to the children of Valley Stream Thirteen.

Superintendent Evelyn presented a power point on the re-vote election budget.

Committee Reports

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

Tenure Candidate – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
After reviewing the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended that Judith LaRocca, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction be granted tenure effective July 1, 2020.

J. LARocca TENURE
APPROVED

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

Tenure Candidate – Principal
After reviewing the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, the Superintendent recommends Rosalie Ambrosio, Principal of the Willow Road School be granted tenure effective July 1, 2020.

R. AMBROSIO TENURE
APPROVED

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

Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher
After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends SheMeika Charles, Special Education Teacher assigned to Howell Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2020.

S. CHARLES TENURE
APPROVED

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

Tenure Recommendation – Music Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Christie Mancuso, Music Teacher assigned to Howell Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2020.

C. MANCUSO TENURE
APPROVED

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

Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Adrienne Mehan, Special Education Teacher assigned to Howell Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2020.

A. MEHAN TENURE
APPROVED

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

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Alyssa Gress, Classroom Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2020.

A. GRESS TENURE
APPROVED

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

Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Jennifer Lio, Special Education Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2020.

J. LIO TENURE
APPROVED

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

Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Valerie Valinoti, Special Education Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2020.

V. VALINOTI TENURE
APPROVED

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

Tenure Recommendation – Music Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Amanda Agosta, Music Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2020.

A. AGOSTA TENURE
APPROVED

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

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Michele Lepe, Classroom Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2020.

M. LEPE TENURE
APPROVED

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

Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Lisa Roberti, Special Education Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2020.

L.ROBERTI TENURE
APPROVED

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

Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Katherine Pulvidente, Classroom Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2020.

K. PULVIDENTE TENURE
APPROVED

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

Rescind Appointment – Summer School Principal

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the appointment of Ruth Peets-Butcher as the Summer School Principal effective July 1, 2020 through August 14, 2020 with a stipend of \$7,000.

R. PEET-BUTCHER APPT.
AS SUMMER SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL RESCINDED

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

CONSENT AGENDA - EDUCATION COMMITTEE - (Agenda items 14 to 20)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Memorandum of Agreement – Valley Stream Council of Elementary Associations
RESOLVED, THE Board of Education hereby ratifies the attached memorandum of agreement with the Valley Stream Council of Elementary Associations.

MOA-VS COUNCIL OF
ELEM. ASSOC. APPROVED

Memorandum of Agreement – Valley Stream Teachers Association
RESOLVED, THE Board of Education hereby ratifies the attached memorandum of agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers Association.

MOA-VS TEACHERS ASSOC.
APPROVED

Summer Employment – Special Education Program Staff
To employ the following for the summer Special Education Program effective July 6, 2020 through August 14, 2020 (8:30 am – 11:30 am) and unless otherwise stated, at their hourly rate of pay:

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT-
SPEC. ED. PROG. STAFF
APPROVED

Special Education Teachers:

- Maureen Byrnes (Not to exceed 10 hours per week)
- Erica Ulsheimer (Not to exceed 15 hours per week)
- Antonella Sciscioli (Not to exceed 15 hours per week)
- Greer Korshin (Not to exceed 15 hours per week)

Teacher Assistants: (All not to exceed 15 hours per week)

- Kristina Lepkowski (Badome)
- Deanna Gisonda

Teacher Aides: (All not to exceed 15 hours per week)

- Elaine Bringas
- Colleen Acardi
- Gaetana Rigano
- Sherry BiPath

Speech Teachers:

Caroline Farella (Rate of pay to be determined per contract not to exceed 15 hours per week)

Occupational Therapist:

Christina DelGais (Not to exceed 8 hours per week)

Nurse (RN)

Tricia Mercier (Not to exceed 15 hours per week)

Summer ENL Program: July 6, 2020 – July 24, 2020, 8:30-11:30 am

Paula Barnick (Not to exceed 15 hours per week)
Susana Sousa (Not to exceed 15 hours per week)

SUMMER ENL PROG.
APPROVED

Credit for Advanced Study

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

CREDIT FOR ADV. STUDY
APPROVED

	FROM	TO
Heather Cea (WAS)	5MA+30	5MA+45
Elizabeth Suarez (WAS)	4MA	4MA+15
Janis Boremski (JAD)	12.5MA+30	12.5MA+45

Resignation for Retirement - Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Barbara Kennedy, Classroom Aide at the Howell Road School, effective June 26, 2020, letter dated June 11, 2020.

B. KENNEDY RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Part-time Typist Clerk

To accept the resignation of Audrey Chiang, Part-time Typist Clerk in the Business Office, effective June 30, 2020, letter dated June 16, 2020.

A. CHIANG RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

*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 - BUSINESS COMMITTEE - (Agenda items 1 to 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

Cooperative RFP for Temporary Personnel Services

RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Education hereby accepts the contract from Kelly Services Inc. for Temporary Personnel Services for the 2020-2021 school year, in accordance with the Cooperative RFP between Valley Stream Union Free School District 13, Valley Stream Union Free School District 24, Valley Stream Union Free School District 30 and Valley Stream Central High School District and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

COOP RFP FOR TEMP. PERSONNEL SVCS. KELLY SERVICES, INC. APPROVED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these services are to be performed in accordance with the provisions contained in the RFP and the Proposals.

Assignment for Benefit of Creditors

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFS District Thirteen hereby authorizes the law firm of Guercio & Guercio, LLP to file a proof of claim in the New York State Supreme Court Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors proceeding referenced on Confidential Schedule “A”.

ASSIGN. FOR BENEFIT OF CREDITORS APPROVED

END CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTEEN CALLING A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO BE HELD ON OR AFTER TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2020 AND ADOPTING A GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONIES AS IF UNDER A CONTINGENCY BUDGET PENDING THE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING.

SPECIAL DISTRICT MTG. OF QUALIFIED VOTERS TO BE HELD 7/9/20 APPROVED

RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen, as follows:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the District shall be held on or after Tuesday, July 9, 2020 for the purpose of voting upon the annual appropriation to fund the operations of the School District in the 2020-2021 school year.

Section 2. The District Clerk and Administration are hereby authorized to take any action necessary to comply with the process for such election which may be determined by and subject to a future Executive Order of the Governor of the State of New York including but not limited to providing notice of such Special District Meeting, providing for any authorized method of voting, and scheduling of a Budget Hearing.

Section 3. Pending the Special District Meeting and subject to results of such Meeting, the Board of Education hereby adopts a General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 to be limited to the expenditures authorized under Education Law § 2023 in the amount of \$53,919,193. This will result in a budget increase of 1.56% and an estimated tax increase of \$0 per \$100 of assessed valuation, or 0%.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Farrell, and duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

The clerk was asked to poll the board:

- Trustee Stris – yes
- Trustee Pomerantz – yes
- Trustee Farrell – yes
- Trustee Vicente – yes
- Trustee Cavaliere – yes
- Trustee Oliveri – yes
- Trustee Chiachiere - yes

AYES: 7
NOES: 0

The resolution was declared adopted.

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, Chairperson]

There is no report this month.

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

Trustee Pomerantz reported that in compliance with ADA, the elevator at the Wheeler Avenue School is 95% complete. Plumbing and electric continues to be updated throughout the District. The basement windows at the Wheeler Avenue School are being replaced this summer as part of the Phase IV bond work. The Willow Road and Howell Road School's parking lots are being restructured.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President M. Vicente]

Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Workers Compensation Reserve Fund

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Workers Compensation Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2020.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO
WORKERS COMP. RESERVE
FUND APPROVED

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

Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Unemployment Reserve Fund

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Unemployment Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2020.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO
UNEMP. RESERVE FUND
APPROVED

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

Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Employers Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Employers Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2020.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO
EMPL. RETIREMENT CONT.
FUND APPROVED

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

Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Teachers Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to the TRS Sub-Fund on or before June 30, 2020.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO
TEACHERS RETIREMENT
CONT. RESERVE FUND
APPROVED

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

Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2020.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO
EMPL. BENEFIT ACCRUED
LIAB. RESERVE FUND
APPROVED

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

Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Liability Reserve Fund

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Liability Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2020.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO
LIABILITY RESERVE FUND
APPROVED

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

Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Capital Reserve Fund

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund established in May 2018 on or before June 30, 2020.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
APPROVED

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

Acceptance of Kiln Bid

RESOLVED, THE Board of Education hereby accepts the high bid of fifteen dollars (\$15) for the disposal of a Skutt Electric Kiln Model LT-3K which has deemed to be obsolete and cannot be salvaged or utilized effectively or economically pursuant to District Policy 6900.

ACCEPTANCE OF KILN
BID APPROVED

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

Acceptance of Kiln Bid

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the high bid of \$50.00 for the disposal of an Amaco Electric Kiln Model # HF97SF which has deemed to be obsolete and cannot be salvaged or utilized effectively or economically pursuant to District Policy 6900.

ACCEPTANCE OF KILN
BID APPROVED

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

Memorandum of Agreement – Suburban Bus Transportation

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached memorandum of agreement with Suburban Bus Transportation, Inc. and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

MOA-SURBURBAN BUS
TRANS. APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE- (Agenda items 11-16)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Destruction of Cast Ballots Annual Budget Vote and Election May 21, 2019

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, 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 all cast ballots resulting from such Annual Budget Vote and Election; and
WHEREAS, the Record Retention and Disposition Schedule ED-1 provides for the destruction of such ballots after one (1) year from the date of the Annual Budget Vote and Election; and
WHEREAS, at least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of the Annual Budget Vote and Election held on Tuesday, 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 cast ballots resulting from the May 21, 2019 Annual Budget Vote and Election.

DESTRUCTION OF CAST
BALLOTS 5/21/19 ELECTION
APPROVED

Disposal of Obsolete, Surplus or Unusable District Property

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 hereby declares the articles of property listed below are obsolete and cannot be salvaged or utilized effectively or economically by the school district; and hereby directs the Facilities Department to have these items disposed of in accordance with District Policy 6900.

DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE,
SURPLUS AND UNUSABLE
DISTRICT PROPERTY
APPROVED

Laptops

Dell Latitude E6400 (2008) 23
Dell Latitude E5410 (2010) 12

Desktops

Optiplex 3010 1
Optiplex 380 33
Optiplex 755 2
Optiplex 760 1
Optiplex 390 13
Optiplex 990 7

SMARTBoards and Projectors

Epson 2
Mitsubishi 2
NEC 28
Teq 5
Smartboard 9

Printers

HP LJ 4050N 1
HP LJ Pro 400 M401 1
HP LJ Pro 400 M451 1
Lexmark E260 3
Lexmark E460 3
Lexmark MS510 10

Monitors

Dell P1911T 36
Acer V173 1

Acer V196HQL	1
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Chromebook charging cart	1
iPod charging cart	2
iPod	32
Macbook	4
iPad	1
Flat screen plasma TV	1
Acer chromebook C740	245

Acceptance of Donation

DONATION ACCEPTED

To accept one check in the amount of \$1,000 from New York Life Company’s “Your Cause” Charitable Trust. The check will be used for general school supplies at the James A. Dever School.

Acceptance of Donation

DONATION ACCEPTED

To accept a donation of a Buddy Bench donated by the Class of 2020 at the Wheeler Avenue School with an estimated value of \$913.79.

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 5/26, 6/2, 6/3 and 6/8/2020.

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 5/27/2020.

END CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney John Sheahan reported on an appeal regarding a personnel matter. In Commissioner’s Decision 17,838, a tenured teacher was placed on paid leave pending an investigation into a disciplinary matter. Thereafter, the District’s Superintendent issued counseling memorandum suggesting the employee attend classes on anger management and effective classroom management. The employee failed to attend the classes before returning to work. The District reinstated the employee but did not assign her to a classroom. Instead, the District assigned the employee to perform administrative duties in the District’s central office. The employee challenged the District’s actions and thereafter resigned from her position. The Commissioner dismissed the appeal in part because the employee had resigned. However, the Commissioner upheld the District’s decision to reassign the teacher to administrative work and declined to accept the employee’s characterization of the counseling memorandum as a disciplinary action thereby affirming a school district’s right to assign employees as needed and to issue non-disciplinary counseling memoranda to employees.

High School Report

Trustee Farrell reported that the High School District held virtual award ceremonies on June 12th for athletics and June 16th for academics. Graduates will have their virtual graduation on their scheduled graduation date.

Old Business

There is no old business to report.

New Business

There is no new business to report.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:00 p.m., a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously to discuss the personnel of a particular person and legal matters. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and School District Attorney was invited to attend.

Reconvening

RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 10:05 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

Quorum

QUORUM

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

MaryAnn Rosamilia
District Clerk