

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, November 24, 2020.

<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 Bus. & HR Antoine Asst. Supt. for Spec. Svcs. Sells-Asch Asst. Supt. for Curr. LaRocca Dir. of Tech. & Innov. DiMango School District Attorney Shishko District Clerk Rosamilia

Approx. 3 visitors via zoom

*via zoom

Convening

The meeting was convened at 6:47 p.m. by President Vicente.

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 Cavaliere and carried unanimously to discuss legal matters regarding the personnel of a particular corporation. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business and HR, Director of Facilities and School District Attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

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

RECONVENING

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Correspondence

There is no correspondence this month.

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 Committee Meeting and October 27, 2020 Board of Education Meeting,

MINUTES OF 10/20/20 COMM. MTG., 10/27/20 BOE. MTG.,

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

Superintendent's Report

Social Emotional Learning – Three-Tiered Model of Support

Assistant Superintendent Sells-Asch presented a power point on Social Emotional Learning – Three-Tiered Model of Support Update, which included Tier 1 Interventions: promoting positive mental health for all with a focus on promotion and prevention, Tier 2 Interventions: targeted for students at risk and Tier 3 Interventions: for those experiencing challenging behavior or emotions that interfere substantially.

Interschool Mini Grants Presentation – Glorious Dunkerley, President

Glorious Dunkerley, Interschool President presented the Mini Grants to the following recipients in recognition of the Board of Education as follows:

Debra DiBona – Howell Road School – Mindful Movement
Kristina Karouzakis – Willow Road School – Sensory Space
Cindy Gervasi – Wheeler Avenue School – Book of the Month
Christy Taveira – James A. Dever School – Communication Across Online Platforms
Richard Rosenfeld – All Schools - Advanced Gravitrax

Dr. Dunkerley stated that District Thirteen Interschool PTA Council appreciates your willingness, dedication and hard work, going above and beyond your call of duty for our elementary school students. COVID-19 is a test of time as our children, staff and administrators handle and cope with keeping our children safe, challenged and inspired.

Committee Reports

EDUCATION COMMITTEE [F. Chiachiere, Chairperson; G. Cavaliere]

Employment Agreement – Director of Facilities

To approve the Employment Agreement with Bryan Bortzfield, Director of Facilities effective October 15, 2020 through October 14, 2021.

B. BORTZFIELD EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED

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

Employment of Mentor Teachers

To employ Peter Gatto for Elias Gaston (Physical Education Teacher at Willow Road School) as a mentor effective November 25, 2020 at a rate of \$55.71 per hour for no more than 30 hours.

P. GATTO, E. WALLACE
EMPLOYED AS MENTOR
TEACHERS

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

To employ Eileen Wallace for Allison Rattoballi (Permanent Substitute Teacher at James A. Dever School) as a mentor effective November 25, 2020 at a rate of \$55.71 per hour for no more than 30 hours.

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

Approval of Childcare Leave Without Pay – First Year

To approve a first-year Childcare Leave of Absence without pay for Lisa Geary, School Librarian assigned to the Howell Road School for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year. Such leave of absence shall be counted as a full year leave of absence pursuant to Section 5.12.4 of the District’s agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers Association.

L. GEARY FIRST YEAR
CHILCARE LEAVE APPROVED

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

Approval of Clubs for 2020-2021

To approve the clubs for the 2020-2021 school year as listed below:

2020-2021 CLUBS APPROVED

<u>Faculty Member/School</u>	<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Type/Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Denise DeMeo/James A. Dever	Student Council	B Club-Step III	\$3,586
Glenn Guidone/James A. Dever	Jazz/Wind Ensemble	B Club-Step III	\$3,586
Annemarie Gunn/James A. Dever	Book Club	C Club-Step III	\$1,971
Christy Taveira/James A. Dever	Broadcast Club	C Club-Step I	\$1,312
Maria Teh-Bradley/Howell Road	Continental Math	C Club-Step III	\$1,971
Matthew Stashin/Howell Road	Math Olympiads	C Club-Step III	\$1,971
Corinne Cortes/Howell Road	Beginner Spanish	C Club-Step I	\$1,312
Samantha Watson/Howell Road	Photography Club	C Club-Step I	\$1,312
Shareen Best/Howell Road	Book Club	C Club-Step II	\$ 809
Rachel Jean-Claude/Howell Road	Book Club	C Club-Step II	\$ 809
Afshan Nasir/Howell Road	Latin Club	C Club-Step I	\$1,312
Deborah DiBona/Howell Road	Mindful Movement	C Club-Step I	\$1,312
Aleksandra Pettas/Howell Road	Student Council	C Club-Step III	\$ 985.50
Maria Teh-Bradley/Howell Road	Student Council	C Club-Step III	\$ 985.50
Christine DiDio/Wheeler Avenue	Art League	B Club/Step III	\$3,586
Christine Robinson/Willow Road	World Cultures Club	C Club-Step I	\$ 656
Jamey Schechter/Willow Road	World Cultures Club	C Club-Step I	\$ 656
Kristina Karouzakis/Willow Road	Best Buddies Club	C Club-Step I	\$ 656
Lisa Wilson/Willow Road	Best Buddies Club	C Club-Step I	\$ 656

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

Appointment of Noon-Hour Aides

To appoint Jamila Carvan as a Noon-Hour Aide assigned to the James A. Dever School at a rate of \$13 per hour effective November 25, 2020 pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

J. CARVAN, B. SCHULMAN
EMPLOYED AS NOON-HOUR
AIDES

To appoint Benjamin Schulman as a Noon-Hour Aide assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School at a rate of \$13 per hour effective November 25, 2020 pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

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

Appointment of Substitute Classroom/Noon- Hour Aides

To appoint Denise Visceglia as a Substitute Classroom/Noon-Hour Aide at a rate of \$13 per hour effective November 25, 2020 pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

D. VISCEGLIA, A. CALIXTE
EMPLOYED AS SUB. CLASS/
NOON HOUR AIDES

To appoint Alex Calixte as a Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide at a rate of \$13 per hour effective November 25, 2020 pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

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

Appointment of Registered School Nurse

To appoint Jessica Erario as a full time Registered School Nurse for the District on Step 2 (\$46,414) effective November 30, 2020, pending Civil Service approval and in accordance with the VSTA-RN/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

J. ERARIO EMPLOYED AS REGISTERED SCHOOL NURSE

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

Home Instruction

To approve Antonella Sciscioli to provide home instruction, not to exceed 5 hours per week, for a student who will be out of school for approximately 8 weeks effective November 9, 2020 at the District’s home instruction rate of pay of \$45.51 per hour. Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

A. SCISCIOLI TO PROVIDE HOME INSTRUCTION APPROVED

Rescind Resolution

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the resolution of July 7, 2020 to transfer Krystal Rosado from her current tenure and to appoint her as a Special Education Teacher.

K. ROSADO RESOLUTION DATED 7/7/20 RESCINDED

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

Rescind Resolution

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the resolution on November 17, 2020 to appoint Marianne DeMille, long term substitute at the Howell Road School.

M. DEMILLE RESOLUTION DATED 11/17/20 RESCINDED

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

Substitute List

To approve the Substitute List for 2020-2021.

2020-2021 SUBSTITUTE LIST APPROVED

**In order to be eligible for tenure, an individual receiving a probationary appointment as a classroom/special education teacher must receive annual composite or overall APPR ratings of H or E in at least three of the four preceding years, and if the individual receives a rate of I in the final year of the probationary period, he or she will not be eligible for tenure at that time.*

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [P. Farrell, Chairperson; J. Oliveri]

Treasurer’s Report

To approve the Treasurer’s Report for September and October 2020.

TREASURER’S REPORT ENDING 9/30/20 & 10/31/20 APPROVED

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

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective November 25, 2020

BUDGET TRANSFERS APPROVED

From:

A2630.150-16-1	Comp Assisted Instruct-Salaries	\$ 311,885.00
A1621.160-01	Maintenance & Grounds-Salaries	\$ 118,500.00
A1310.160-01	Business Admin- Clerical Salary	\$ 95,500.00
A2010.160-01	Clerical Salaries	\$ 66,303.00
A5510.150-16-1	Transportation-Salaries	\$ 50,000.00
A2815.161-01	Safety Escort-Salaries	\$ 12,000.00

To:

A2630.160-01	Computer Assisted-Support Salaries	\$ 161,885.00
A2630.151-01	Computer Assisted-Director Salary	\$ 150,000.00
A1621.163-01	Maintenance & Grounds-Director	\$ 118,500.00
A1310.151-01	Asst Business Admin-Salary	\$ 95,500.00
A2010.161-01	Curriculum Dev-Clerical	\$ 66,303.00
A5510.150-01	Transportation-Salaries	\$ 50,000.00
A2815.161-02	Safety Escort-Salaries Dever	\$ 6,000.00
A2815.161-04	Safety Escort-Salaries Wheeler	\$ 6,000.00

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, Chairperson; J. Oliveri]

The next meeting of the Policy Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE [T. Pomerantz, Chairperson; W. Stris; G. Cavaliere]

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the Facilities Committee met on November 24, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. Discussion topics included the renovation of the libraries at the Willow Road School and the Wheeler Avenue School. The next meeting of the Facilities Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2020. The time is to be determined. Trustee Cavaliere reported that on November 7, 2020, the Board met at 9:00 a.m. to conduct the annual building

inspections. In attendance, along with the Board, were Superintendent Evelyn, Assistant Superintendent Antoine, Director of Facilities Bortzfield and Maintenance Foreman Prisco. Each building principal provided the tour and highlighted completed projects which included bond work, smart bond and E.P.C., as well as capital work that is still in progress. Major improvements have been made and make a notable difference. Discussions of what can be done to continue our facilities improvement were categorized. The larger projects will need time and planning for the future, whereas the smaller projects can be planned and cared for in the near future.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President P. Farrell]

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

Approval Agreement with Valley Stream UFSD 24

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement with Valley Stream UFSD 24 for the provision of special education services to a student attending a private school within such district and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

VS24 SPECIAL EDUCATION SVCS. APPROVED

Approval Agreement with Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement with Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools for the provision of special education services to a student attending a private school within such district and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

HEWLETT-WOODMERE SPECIAL EDUCATION SVCS. APPROVED

Health and Welfare Contract

To approve the Health and Welfare Contract for a Valley Stream UFSD 13 student attending school in the Seaford UFSD at \$1,102.14 per student (1 student) during the 2020-2021 school year.

HEALTH & WELFARE CONTRACT FOR SEAFORD UFSD APPROVED

Non-Resident Tuition Rate for 2020-2021

In accordance with the New York State Education Department, the tuition rates for 2020-2021: Regular Education Child \$9,945; Special Education Child \$66,917.

2020-2021 NON-RESIDENT TUITION RATE APPROVED

Data Privacy Agreement with Google

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the 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.

DATA PRIVACY AGREEMENT WITH GOOGLE APPROVED

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 10/21, 10/23WRS, 10/23WAS, 10/28, 11/2, 11/4, 11/5, 11/9, 11/10, 11/16 and 11/17/20.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 10/27/20 and 11/13/20.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

END CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney Shishko reported on a CPLR article 78 proceeding commenced by petitioner. The petitioner, a former employee, filed three appeals to the Commissioner of Education after her position as a school psychologist was reduced to part-time by the district. In 2017, the Commissioner dismissed petitioner’s appeals as “procedurally and substantively deficient.” Then, petitioner commenced a CPLR article 78 proceeding against the Commissioner of Education, the Department of Education, and the district. In response, we raised the affirmative defense of lack of personal jurisdiction due to defective service. The Supreme Court held that petitioner failed to properly serve respondents. Also, as the Commissioner is a necessary party, the court held that the entire proceeding should be dismissed for the failure to acquire person jurisdiction over the Commissioner. The third Department affirmed the lower court’s holding. The Third Department explained that the service effectuated by petitioner was defective because she failed to properly serve a copy of the notice of petition on the Attorney General’s office. Also, the court affirmed the Supreme Court’s holding that the entire case should be dismissed due to petitioner’s failure to obtain personal jurisdiction over the Commissioner. Thus, the Third Department concluded that petitioner’s remaining arguments relating to service lacked merit.

High School Report

Trustee Pomerantz reported that Memorial Junior High School hosted its Road Map to High School, College and Career Day. Staff and students wore their favorite college apparel. High School transcripts were shown as was the importance of being a High School freshman. Students were excited to have this insight on life after High School. Memorial Junior High School student were inducted into the National Honor Society. Due to COVID-19, the school was unable to hold its traditional induction. The next High School Committee meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. the next Business meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2020 at 8:00. Both meetings will be held in Cafeteria B at Memorial Junior High School.

Old Business

There is no old business to report.

New Business

Trustee Pomerantz and Trustee Stris attended the virtual NYSSBA meeting on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 8:30-12:30. They reported that all nineteen resolutions recommended by NYSSBA passed. Seven of the eight resolutions not recommended by NYSSBA failed. The eighth not recommended resolution was not voted on due to the lack of a quorum.

Trustee Pomerantz reported on a session that she attended entitled Snapshot 10. Valley Stream Central High School District Superintendent Heidenreich, together with Dr. Phyllis Harrington, Superintendent of the Oceanside School District, discussed the Life of the Superintendent. Topics discussed were board relationship, contracts, gender diversity and racial and ethnic diversity.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:45 p.m. a motion for a two-part Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cavaliere to discuss legal matters regarding the personnel of a particular corporation with the Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent for Business and HR and School District Attorney and an Executive Session to discuss Superintendent’s Evaluation and Policy with School District Attorney. A no vote being heard, the Board President polled the board.

For the first part of Executive Session:

- Trustee Stris – yes
- Trustee Chiachiere – yes
- Trustee Pomerantz – no
- Trustee Farrell – yes
- Trustee Cavaliere – yes
- Trustee Oliveri – yes
- Trustee Vicente - yes

AYES: 6
NOES: 1

The motion passes.

For the second part of Executive Session:

- Trustee Stris – yes
- Trustee Chiachiere – yes
- Trustee Pomerantz – no
- Trustee Farrell – yes
- Trustee Cavaliere – yes
- Trustee Oliveri – yes
- Trustee Vicente - yes

AYES: 6
NOES: 1

The motion passes.

Reconvening

RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 9:38 p.m. by President Vicente.

Quorum

QUORUM

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

Appointment of Architect

APPT. OF MARK DESIGN
ARCHITECTURE
APPROVED

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints the firm Mark Design Architecture to serve as District Architect pursuant to the terms contained in the proposal submitted to the District and subject to receipt of addition documentation, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute an agreement with such firm.

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

The Board reconvened into Executive Session at 9:43 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 10:30 p.m. by President Vicente.

Quorum

QUORUM

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

MaryAnn Rosamilia
District Clerk