

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 via zoom # Meeting ID: 970 7095 0532 as authorized by Executive Order of the Governor.

<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b>	<b><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u></b>
Trustee Cavaliere Trustee Chiachiere Trustee Farrell Trustee Oliveri 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
		Approx. 15 visitors

A public hearing began at 7:00 p.m. Assistant Superintendent for Business and HR presented the Valley Stream Thirteen Safety Plan update.

Convening CONVENING  
The meeting was convened at 7:22 p.m. by President Vicente.

Quorum QUORUM  
Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

Executive Session EXECUTIVE SESSION  
The Board immediately moved into Executive Session on a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz and carried unanimously to discuss contractual nurse negotiations, legal matters and Superintendent's contract. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business and HR, and School District Attorneys were invited to attend.

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

Quorum QUORUM  
Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Approval of the Minutes MINUTES OF 12/9/20.  
To approve the minutes of the December 9, 2020 Committee and Special Meeting; COMM. & SPEC. MTG.,  
December 16, 2020 Board of Education Meeting. 12/16/20 BOE MTG.  
APPROVED

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

Correspondence CORRESPONDENCE  
A thank you card was received from the Mancini family. Mancini family  
Correspondence was received from Assistant Superintendent Lisa Sells-Asch Asst. Supt. L. Sells-Asch  
Indicating her resignation for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2021

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

Superintendent's Report  
Superintendent Evelyn introduced Director of Technology and Innovation DiMango who presented a power point on Technology Department updates which included STEAM Instruction, hardware and equipment, software and instructional platforms, security and support and professional development. Director of Technology DiMango introduced teachers Amanda Roach, Susana Sousa, Amanda Agosta, SheMeika Charles and Kristen Lees who presented power points demonstrating lessons taught to students both in school and remote.

**Committee Reports**

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

Substitute List  
To approve the Substitute List for 2020-2021.

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

Approval of Teacher to Instruct In-Service Course

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves Cindy Gervasi to instruct an in-service course entitled “Phonological Awareness and the Heggerty Program” not to exceed fifteen (15) hours at a rate of \$69.32.

C. GERVASI TO INSTRUCT IN-SVC. COURSE APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Farrell 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 medical reasons for approximately 8 weeks effective January 4, 2021 at the District’s home instruction rate of pay of \$45.51 per hour.

A. SCISCIOLI TO PROVIDE HOME INSTRUCTION APPROVED

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

Rescind Appointment

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the resolution of November 24, 2020 to appoint Benjamin Schulman as a Noon-Hour Aide.

B. SCHULMAN 11/24/20 RESOLUTION RESCINDED

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

Rescind Appointment

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the resolution of December 16, 2020 to appoint Deirdre Benincasa as a Noon-Hour Aide.

D. BENINCASA 12/16/20 RESOLUTION RESCINDED

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

Appointment of Replacement Speech Teacher

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves Lauren Dooley as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective January 27, 2021 conditioned upon the continuation of the leave of the teacher whom she is replacing and for the duration of such leave, unless sooner terminated on the teachers’ salary schedule MA Step 1 at a rate of \$72,173.

L. DOOLEY EMPLOYED AS LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER

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

Appointment of Long-Term Substitute Teacher

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Bettina Berghammer as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher in place of Kimberly Ward at a rate of \$140 per day, effective February 1, 2021 for a period not to exceed 60 days unless otherwise extended by the Board of Education.

B. BERGHAMMER EMPLOYED AS LONG-TERM SUB. TEACHER

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

Credit for Advanced Study

To approve the credit for advanced study effective February 1, 2021 as listed in accordance with the VSTA/Board Agreement:

CREDIT FOR ADVANCED STUDY

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Kristina Karouzakis (Willow Road School)	2MA	2MA+15
Marcella Capobianco (Wheeler Avenue School)	4MA	4MA+15
Alyssa Ventura (James A. Dever School)	14MA	14MA+15
Stephanie Lotito (James A. Dever School)	5MA	5MA+15
Samantha Watson (Howell Road School)	3.5MA	3.5MA+15

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

**CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 9-13)**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignation of School Nurse

To accept the resignation of Sasha Hernandez, School Nurse at the Howell Road School, effective January 22, 2021, letter dated January 4, 2021.

S. HERNANDEZ RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation of Leave Replacement Speech Teacher

To accept the resignation of Paige Swantek, Leave Replacement Speech Teacher at the Willow Road School, effective January 15, 2021, letter dated January 4, 2021.

P. SWANTEK RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Ida Ammatuna, Classroom Aide at the Willow Road School, effective January 20, 2021, letter dated January 6, 2021.

I. AMMATUNA RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation of Art Teacher

To accept the resignation of Christine DiDio, Art Teacher at the Wheeler Avenue School, effective February 12, 2021, letter dated January 11, 2021.

C. DIDIO RESIGNATION  
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

To accept the resignation of Lisa Sells-Asch, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, effective July 1, 2021, letter dated December 4, 2020.

L. SELLS-ASCH  
RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

*\*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.*

**END CONSENT AGENDA – EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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

Treasurer’s Report

To approve the Treasurer’s Report for December 2020.

TREASURER’S REPORT  
12/31/20 APPROVED

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

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

To adopt the IRS mileage rate of \$.56 per mile effective January 1, 2021.

IRS MILEAGE RATE  
ADOPTED

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

COVID-19 TOH Grant of Funds

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts a Grant of Funds from the Town of Hempstead for reimbursement for COVID-19 related expenditures which have not been submitted for reimbursement to any other entity in the amount of \$150,000 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

COVID-19 TOH GRANT  
OF FUNDS ACCEPTED

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

Budget Transfers

To approve the following transfers effective January 20, 2021

BUDGET TRANSFERS  
APPROVED

*From:*

A9060.802-01	Medical Insurance-Retirees	\$ 50,000.00
A2250.154-05	Special Ed-Teaching Asst – Willow	\$ 30,000.00
A9060.801-01	Dental Insurance	\$ 11,000.00
A2815.161-01	Safety Escort-Salaries	\$ 6,000.00
A1430.400-01	Personnel-Contractual	\$ 5,000.00
A1010.500-01	Board of Ed-Supplies	\$ 1,000.00

*To:*

A1310.400-01	Business Admin-Contractual	\$ 50,000.00
A2250.154-02	Special Ed-Teaching Asst – Dever	\$ 30,000.00
A1060.420-01	District Meeting-Election Contractual	\$ 11,000.00
A2815.161-02	Safety Escort-Salaries – Dever	\$ 6,000.00
A1060.400-01	District Meeting-Election Workers	\$ 5,000.00
A1060.500-01	District Meeting-Supplies	\$ 1,000.00

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

Change Orders

**Change Order #1 – Sunrise Power Solutions, LLC.**

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #1 in connection with the Sunrise Power Solutions, LLC. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IIIB and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

CHANGE ORDERS  
APPROVED

**James A Dever School                      SED # 280213-02-0-001-036                      \$12,453.00**

The change order is for the contractor to move 2 ½” EMT for auditorium Roof Top Unit that penetrated the floor where new doorway will be placed, contractor to trouble shoot 2 outlets in the faculty room, contractor to provide labor & material to run new power line to existing exhaust fan on roof of kitchen, and for contractor to disconnect power from incorrectly installed ceiling heating unit. Back charge will be issued to Mechanical Contractor.

**Howell Road School                      SED # 280213-02-0-002-024                      \$ 585.00**

The change order is for the contractor to provide labor & materials to disconnect power from incorrectly installed ceiling heating unit. Back charge will be issued to Mechanical Contractor.

**Wheeler Avenue School** SED # 280213-02-0-003-028 \$ 1,404.89

The change order is a credit for entire unused allowance (-\$10,000). Contractor will replace existing feed to cafeteria lights, remove cameras located in the new kitchen addition, install new outlet for condensing pump, install detectors in the multi-purpose room and on the Roof Top Unit, and extend power & control feed to upper roof of kitchen.

**Willow Road School** SED # 280213-02-0-004-021 \$ 585.00

The change order is for the contractor to provide labor & materials to disconnect power from incorrectly installed ceiling heating unit. Back charge will be issued to Mechanical Contractor.

**Change Order #1 – Inshallah Mechanical Corp.**

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #1 in connection with the Inshallah Mechanical Corp. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IIIB and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

**James A Dever School** SED # 280213-02-0-001-036 \$-3,085.00

The change order is a credit for unused allowance and for additional labor required by Electrical Contractor to rewire ceiling hung heating unit.

**Howell Road School** SED # 280213-02-0-002-024 \$-3,085.00

The change order is a credit for unused allowance and for additional labor required by Electrical Contractor to rewire ceiling hung heating unit.

**Wheeler Avenue School** SED # 280213-02-0-003-028 \$ -908.44

The change order is a credit for unused allowance, additional labor required by Electrical Contractor to rewire ceiling hung heating unit, credit for extension of power & controls for rooftop condenser unit, and a credit for installation of four (4) duct detectors by others. Contractor will provide labor & materials to remobilize rig walk-in box condenser due to delay in construction by BHS.

**Willow Road School** SED # 280213-02-0-004-021 \$-3,085.00

The change order is a credit for unused allowance and for additional labor required by Electrical Contractor to rewire ceiling hung heating unit.

**Change Order #2 – Botto Mechanical Corp.**

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #2 in connection with the Botto Mechanical Corp. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IIIA & IIIB and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

**James A Dever School** SED # 280213-02-0-001-036 \$-10,000.00

The change order is a credit for entire unused allowance (-\$10,000).

**Wheeler Avenue School** SED # 280213-02-0-003-027 \$-6,885.00

The change order is a credit for entire unused allowance (-\$10,000). Contractor will remove two (2) additional grease interceptors located in existing basement cafeteria and to redirect gas pipe in boiler room that services hot water heater.

**Change Order #2R – Stalco Construction Inc.**

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #2R in connection with the Stalco Construction Inc. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IIIB and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

**James A Dever School** SED # 280213-02-0-001-036 \$-1,255.00

The change order is a credit (-\$1,875.00) for the contractor to furnish 4” wall tile in lieu of 6” wall in same color as specified and for the contractor to remove & replace broken ceiling grid & tile from work performed by BHS Foodservice Solutions after installation of pot rack in new kitchen addition.

**Howell Road School** SED # 280213-02-0-002-024 \$-1,875.00

The change order is a credit for the contractor to furnish 4” wall tile in lieu of 6” wall in same color as specified.

**Wheeler Avenue School** SED # 280213-02-0-003-028 \$-1,875.00

The change order is a credit for the contractor to furnish 4” wall tile in lieu of 6” wall in same color as specified.

**Willow Road School** SED # 280213-02-0-004-021 \$-1,255.00

The change order is for the contractor to tube up six (6) LED drivers for lighting at new serving line location.

**Change Order #3 – Stalco Construction Inc.**

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #3 in connection with the Stalco Construction Inc. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IIIB and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

**James A Dever School                      SED # 280213-02-0-001-036                      \$ -620.00**

The change order is a credit for the removal & replacement of broken ceiling grid & tile from work performed by BHS Foodservice Solutions after installation of pot rack in new kitchen addition.

**Willow Road School                      SED # 280213-02-0-004-021                      \$ -620.00**

The change order is a credit for the removal & replacement of broken ceiling grid & tile from work performed by BHS Foodservice Solutions after installation of pot rack in new kitchen addition.

**Change Order #7 – Stalco Construction Inc.**

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #7 in connection with the Stalco Construction Inc. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IIIB and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

**Wheeler Avenue School                      SED # 280213-02-0-002-028                      \$ 4,433.42**

The change order is for the contractor to move kitchen equipment from existing cafeteria to new building addition cafeteria, to infill wall in corridor/stairwell leading to unexcavated crawlspace where HVAC duct work was removed, and to furnish & install access panel for existing junction box.

**Change Order #1 – Stalco Construction Inc.**

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #1 in connection with the Stalco Construction Inc. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IV and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

**James A Dever School                      SED # 280213-02-0-001-038                      \$ 8,427.70**

The change order is for the contractor to provide all labor and materials to abate Insulation located behind the demoed benches in rooms 101 & 102 and to provide labor and materials to remove ¾” concrete backing located behind existing art room chalk boards to accommodate new case work. Contractor will also paint exposed concrete wall.

**Howell Road School                      SED # 280213-02-0-002-026                      \$ 4,657.75**

The change order is for the contractor to provide labor and materials to remove ¾” concrete backing located behind existing art room chalk boards to accommodate new case work. Contractor will also paint exposed concrete wall.

**Willow Road School                      SED # 280213-02-0-004-023                      \$17,730.67**

The change order is for the contractor to provide all labor and materials to construct (14) 10ft x 9ft deep drywells in lieu of (11) 10ft x 11 ft deep drywells due to change in the existing ground water table. Contractor will provide all labor and materials to abate Insulation located behind the demoed benches in rooms 28 & 29. Contractor will also provide labor and materials to remove ¾” concrete backing located behind existing art room chalk boards to accommodate new case work and will also paint exposed concrete wall.

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

**IJZ Settlement Agreement**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Settlement Agreement and General Release in the matter of IJZ Associates, Inc. v. Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen, Index Number: 615284/2019 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

IJZ SETTLEMENT AGR.  
APPROVED

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

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

There is no report this month.

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

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the Facilities Committee met on January 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom. Discussion was held regarding new construction of the Willow Road and Wheeler Avenue School libraries which is set to begin in early summer of 2021. The next meeting of the Facilities Committee is scheduled for February 23, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. via zoom.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President P. Farrell]

Consultant Contract – Inservice Courses and Literacy Consulting Services

RESOLVED the Board of Education hereby approves the consultant services contract with Distinctive Educators Institute, Inc. to provide a fifteen (15) hour in-service course on writing for teachers not to exceed \$3,125 and authorizes Board President to execute same.

DISTINCTIVE EDUCATORS  
INSTITUTE CONSULTANT  
CONTRACT APPROVED

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

**CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 2-7)**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Special Education Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting (SEDCAR) Contracts

To approve SEDCAR contracts between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and the below for the 2020-2021 school year and authorizes the Board President to execute same:

SEDCAR CONTRACTS  
2020/2021 APPROVED

ACDS

Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc.  
Brookville Center for Children's Services, Inc.  
Cerebral Palsy of Nassau County  
Green Chimneys  
The Hagedorn Little Village School  
Hebrew Academy for Special Children, Inc.  
Interdisciplinary Center for Child Development  
Just Kids Early Childhood  
Kidz Therapy Services  
Lexington School for the Deaf  
Martin De Porres  
Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf  
Nassau BOCES  
School for Language and Communication Development (Tiegerman)  
Variety Child Learning Center

NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Report for the Proposed Library Projects

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is considering renovations at the Wheeler Avenue Elementary School, Willow Road Elementary School, James A. Dever Elementary School, - Administration Conference Room Renovation, and James A. Dever Elementary School, - Addition and Alterations, (the "Project").

SEQRA PROPOSED  
LIBRARY PROJECTS  
APPROVED

**WHEREAS**, the Project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the SEQRA Regulations declare Type II actions to be actions that

have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the project and has determined, based upon the recommendation from Mark Design Studios in connection with its review and examination of the Project, that the Project is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(2) of the SEQRA Regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen hereby declares itself as the lead agency on the Project in connection with the requirements of SEQRA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the District's Architect Mark Design Studios, the Board of Education hereby determines that the above-referenced proposed Project is a Type II action, which requires no further review under SEQRA.

Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List

BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 13, 2021 James Monk be deleted from the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.

J. MONK DELETED FROM  
IHO LIST APPROVED

Donation of Toys

To accept a donation of fifteen (15) toys for the Howell Road School from Senator Todd Kaminsky with an estimated value of \$300.

DONATION ACCEPTED

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 11/23, 12/7, 12/14, 12/18, 1/11, 1/13, and 1/19/2021.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 12/8, 12/16, 1/7, and 1/13/2021.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

**Report of the Attorney**

School District Attorney Sheahan reported on a lawsuit commenced by the Farmingdale Public Library seeking monetary damages in excess of \$250,000 and a declaration that it is entitled to a portion of the payments in lieu of taxes received by the Farmingdale school district each year from the Long Island Power Authority. The library also sought a declaration that LIPA make such payments directly to the library. On January 7, 2021, Judge Julianne T. Capetola of the Nassau County Supreme Court issued a decision dismissing the lawsuit on the basis that the library lacked standing to challenge the district’s determination as to how the LIPA PILOTs should be allocated. The decision is significant for school districts as it offers a significant level of deference to their decisions regarding the allocation of property taxes and other revenues.

**High School Report**

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the High School Board met on January 12, 2021 and appointed a new acting Superintendent, Dr. Wayne Loper to the High School District. The next High School meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. via zoom.

**Old Business**

There is no old business to report.

**New Business**

There is no new business to report.

Executive Session

At 9:02 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Cavaliere and carried unanimously to discuss contractual nurse negotiations, legal matters and Superintendent’s contract. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business and HR, and School District Attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

\*The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Business and HR left the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 10:17 p.m. by President Vicente.

RECONVENING

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

*MaryAnn Rosamilia*

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District Clerk