

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 via zoom # Meeting ID: 970 7095 0532 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 Curr. LaRocca Asst. Supt. for Spec. Svcs. Sells-Asch Asst. Supt. for Bus. & HR Antoine Dir. of Tech. and Innov. DiMango Principal Frias Principal Huplosky School District Attorney Sheahan School District Attorney Shishko District Clerk Rosamilia Approx. 10 visitors

Convening CONVENING
The meeting was convened at 6:00 p.m. by President Vicente.

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

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

Executive Session EXECUTIVE SESSION
At 6:40 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Oliveri, Seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously to discuss the personnel of a particular company and legal matters. The Superintendent, Asst. Superintendents 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 2/10/21
To approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021 Committee and Special Meeting; COMM. & SPEC. MTG.,
February 23, 2021 – Board of Education Meeting. 2/23/21 BOE MTG.
APPROVED

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

Correspondence CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from the following employees indicating their resignation for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2021 as follows:

- Greg Hart – Music Teacher Wheeler Avenue School
- Corinne Cortes – Math Teacher Howell Road School
- Roxanne MacDonald – Library Media Specialist James A. Dever School
- Eileen Wallace – Reading Teacher James A. Dever School
- Vita Tringone – Classroom Teacher Willow Road School
- Gail Shaw – Classroom Teacher Willow Road School
- Michelle Vitalo – Nurse Willow Road School

Correspondence was received from Donna Pawelsky, Principal Account Clerk in the Business Office indicating her resignation effective March 26, 2021.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Evelyn introduced Principal Frias and Principal Huplosky who presented a power point of their mid-year goals which included fostering a culturally responsive and student-centered environment of dignity and equity that ensures access to opportunities for high level learning for all scholars and to build capacity for technology use in instruction and effective remote learning instructional practices.

Committee Reports

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

Appointment of Noon-Hour Aide

To appoint Arianna Picillo as a Noon-Hour Aide assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School at a rate of \$14 per hour effective March 24, 2021 pending Civil Service approval and fingerprint clearance and unless sooner terminated.

A. PICILLO EMPLOYED AS NOON-HOUR AIDE - WAS

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

Appointment of Noon-Hour Aide

To appoint Susan Peluso as a Noon-Hour Aide assigned to the Willow Road School at a rate of \$14 per hour effective March 24, 2021 pending Civil Service approval and fingerprint clearance and unless sooner terminated.

S. PELUSO EMPLOYED AS NOON-HOUR AIDE - WRS

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

Appointment of Long-Term Substitute Teacher

To appoint Allison Rattoballi as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher in place of Alyssa Bentz at a rate of \$140 per day, effective January 15, 2021 for a period not to exceed 60 days unless otherwise extended by the Board of Education.

A. RATTOBALLI EMPLOYED AS LONG-TERM SUB. TEACHER

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

Appointment of School Nurse

To appoint Elizabeth Reyes as a Registered School Nurse assigned to the Howell Road School on Step 2 (\$46,064) effective March 24, 2021, pending Civil Service approval and fingerprint clearance and in accordance with the VSTA-RN/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

E. REYES EMPLOYED AS REG. SCHOOL NURSE - HRS

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

Appointment of Summer School Principal

To appoint Ruth Peets-Butcher as the Summer School Principal effective July 1, 2021 through August 11, 2021 with a stipend of \$7,000.

R. PEETS-BUTCHER EMPLOYED AS SUMMER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Appointment of Replacement Library Teacher

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves Thomas Mullen as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective April 5, 2021 conditioned upon the continuation of the leave of the teacher whom he is replacing and for the duration of such leave, unless sooner terminated on the teacher's salary schedule BA Step 1 at a rate of \$62,058.

T. MULLEN EMPLOYED AS LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER

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

Leave of Absence Unpaid

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a one (1) year unpaid leave of absence for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year as a reasonable accommodation for a disability to the employee listed on Confidential Schedule "B".

LEAVE OF ABSENCE UNPAID APPROVED

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

Childcare Leave of Absence – Second Year

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the second year Childcare Leave of Absence without pay for Irene Fisher, Speech Teacher at the Willow Road School for the 2021-2022 school year.

I. FISHER CHILDCARE LEAVE OF ABSENCE 2ND YEAR APPROVED

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

**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.*

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 9-21)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignation of Noon-Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Gehan Hemdan, Noon-Hour Aide at the Willow Road School effective March 15, 2021, letter dated March 2, 2021.

G. HEMDAN RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation of Noon-Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Patricia Leach, Noon-Hour Aide at the Howell Road School effective March 2, 2021, letter dated February 25, 2021.

P. LEACH RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Jawanza Wilson, Classroom Aide at Willow Road School effective March 26, 2021, letter dated March 16, 2021.

J. WILSON RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Library Media Specialist

To accept the resignation of Lisa Miller, School Library Media Specialist at the Wheeler Avenue School effective April 5, 2021, letter dated March 12, 2021.

L. MILLER RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation for Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Gregory Hart, Music Teacher at the Wheeler Avenue School effective June 30, 2021, letter dated March 4, 2021.

G. HART RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation for Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Corinne Cortes, Math Teacher at the Howell Road School effective June 30, 2021, letter dated March 2, 2021.

C. CORTES RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation for Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Roxanne MacDonald, Library Media Specialist at the James A. Dever School effective June 30, 2021, letter dated March 10, 2021.

R. MACDONALD
RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Resignation for Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Vita Tringone, Classroom Teacher at the Willow Road School effective June 30, 2021, letter dated March 12, 2021.

V. TRINGONE RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation for Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Gail Shaw, Classroom Teacher at the Willow Road School effective June 30, 2021, letter dated March 12, 2021.

G. SHAW RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation for Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Michelle Vitalo, School Nurse at the Willow Road School effective June 30, 2021, letter dated March 12, 2021.

M. VITALO RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation for Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Eileen Wallace, Reading Teacher at the James A. Dever School effective June 30, 2021, letter dated March 15, 2021.

E. WALLACE RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Resignation of Principal Account Clerk

To accept the resignation of Donna Pawelsky, Principal Account Clerk in the Business Office effective March 26, 2021, letter dated March 18, 2021.

D. PAWELSKY
RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Substitute List

To approve the Substitute List for 2020-2021.

SUBSTITUTE LIST 2020-21
APPROVED

END CONSENT AGENDA – EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Budget Transfers

To approve the following transfers effective March 24, 2021

BUDGET TRANSFERS EFF.
3/24/21 APPROVED

From:

A 2610.502-04	Periodicals-Wheeler	\$ 200
A 2610.508-04	Reference Books-Wheeler	260
A 2610.505-04	Maps/Globes-Wheeler	300
A 2610.506-04	Tapes/Videos-Wheeler	400
A 2610.503-04	A V Supplies-Wheeler	500
A 1620.421-00	Fuel Oil-District	10,000
A 1621.435-02	Electrical-District	18,000
A 1620.444-01	Shade Replacement-District	19,000
A 5540.404-01	Cont Buses-Special Education	133,000
A2110.480-02	Textbooks – Dever	7,653

To:

A 2110.500-04	General Supplies - Wheeler	\$ 200
A 2110.500-04	General Supplies - Wheeler	260
A 2110.500-04	General Supplies - Wheeler	300

A 2110.500-04	General Supplies - Wheeler	400
A 2110.500-04	General Supplies - Wheeler	500
A 1621.501-01	Maintenance-Supplies-District	5,000
A 1620.500-01	Custodial & Cleaning Supplies	5,000
A 1621.436-01	Htg/Vent-Svce Agmts	18,000
A 1621.440-06	Building Renovations	19,000
A 5540.403-01	Cont Buses-Other Non-Public	50,000
A 5540.401-01	Cont Buses-In-District, Public	83,000
A2110.500-02	General Supplies – Dever	7,653

Moved by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Oliveri 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

2021-2022 Proposed Budget (Proposition #1)

That the Board of Education adopts the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$55,226,830 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.

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 18, 2021, and directs the District Clerk to place said propositions in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

PROPOSITION #2 APPROVED

PROPOSITION: Expenditure of no more than \$140,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established on May 15, 2018, to finance projects for the acquisition and installation of smartboards and classroom redesign 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 and classroom redesign at the District’s facilities and sites in the approximate amount of \$140,000, 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 Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000).

Valley Stream UFSD 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 allocate monies from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund, established on May 15, 2018, on the ballot for the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 18, 2021, and directs the District Clerk to place said propositions in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

PROPOSITION #3 APPROVED

PROPOSITION: Expenditure of no more than \$2,300,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established on May 15, 2018, to finance capital improvement projects including extension and renovation of classroom space at the James A. Dever Elementary School and Board Room and Business Office renovation and redesign.

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 projects: extension and renovation of classroom space at the James A. Dever Elementary School and Board Room and Business Office renovation and redesign in the approximate amount of \$2,300,000 and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend from the Reserve Fund therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000).

2021-2022 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 18, 2021 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:

PROPOSITION #4 APPROVED

SHALL the proposed budget of expenditures of Valley Stream Central High School District, Nassau County, New York for the year 2021-2022 be approved in the amount of \$129,566,399 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 Voter Proposition 2021 (Proposition #5)

PROPOSITION #5 APPROVED

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 18, 2021 and directs the District Clerk to place said proposition in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to appropriate and expend the maximum amount of three million six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$3,650,000) from fund balance for the purpose of completing capital improvements as follows:

Replacement of Boilers at North Junior/Senior High School and South Junior/Senior High School, all of the above to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs associated therewith.

Treasurer’s Report

TREASURER’S REPORT
JAN. & FEB. APPROVED

To approve the Treasurer’s Report for January and February 2021.

END CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

Policies for 1st Reading

POLICIES FOR 1ST READING

- Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms – new 0101
- Voting Procedures 2120.2
- Application for Absentee Ballot 2120.2E

Policies for 2nd Reading and Adoption

POLICY FOR 2ND READING
ADOPTED

- 0105 Equity, Inclusivity and Diversity in Education

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

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

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the Facilities Committee meeting scheduled for March 23rd was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27th at 6:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President P. Farrell]

Residency Settlement

RESIDENCY SETTLEMENT
APPROVED

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby ratifies a settlement agreement and release between the District and the individuals listed on Confidential Schedule “A.”

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 2-10)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Memorandum of Agreement – Nassau County Board of Elections

MOA – NASSAU COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
APPROVED

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.

Adoption of District-Wide School Safety Plan

DISTRICT-WIDE SAFETY
PLAN ADOPTED

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Law §2801-a, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen (“District”) is required to adopt a district-wide school safety plan and building-level emergency response plans; and

WHEREAS, the District-wide school safety plan and building-level emergency response plan is to be reviewed by the appropriate school safety team on at least an annual basis, and updated as needed, and

WHEREAS, the District-wide School Safety Team has made recommendations to the Board of Education regarding the above, and the Board of Education has reviewed,

discussed, and approved the District’s preliminary District-wide School Safety Plan and preliminary Building-Level Emergency Response Plan for each of its school buildings in executive session; and

WHEREAS, the District’s preliminary District-wide Safety Plan and a summary of each preliminary Building-Level Emergency Response Plan were posted on the District’s website for public viewing for at least thirty (30) days with an address to which any written comments on the Plans could be sent; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and as more fully discussed in executive session, the Board of Education hereby accepts and re-adopts the District’s District-wide Safety Plan and the Building-Level Emergency Response Plan for each of its buildings;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to file the same with the State Education Department and appropriate law enforcement officials, as required by 8 NYCRR §155.17.

Award of Transportation Consultant Contract

To award the Transportation Consultant Contract, in cooperation with the Nassau County Southwest Transportation Cooperative, to Ashleigh Gets it Done for the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$3,759.50

TRANS. CONSULT.
CONTRACT APPROVED

Consultant Services

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached agreement with Propio Language Services to provide translation services for families and staff members, not to exceed \$7,000 effective April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

PROPIO CONSULT.
SVCS. 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 E5430	14
Dell Latitude E5410	1
IBM Thinkpad S/N LP	2

Desktops

Optiplex 380	1
Optiplex 3020	1
Optiplex 990	2

Smart Boards

SB 660 Series	37
Tatung Plasma Touch Screen	1

Projectors

Teq-Z782WN	26
Epson Powerlite 530	1

Printers

HP LJ 4050N	1
Lexmark E260	4

Misc.

Dell CB	55
Acer CB C740	125

Rules and Regulations for the Annual Election

To approve the Rules and Regulations for the May 18, 2021 Annual Election.

RULES & REGULATIONS
APPROVED

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 2/4, 2/5, 2/8, 2/9, 2/11, 2/22, 2/23, 2/24, 3/1, 3/2, 3/4, 3/5, 3/8, and 3/10/2021.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 2/5, 2/10, 2/12, 2/26, and 3/3/2021.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Consultant Services Agreement – Crossroads Farm

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a Consultant Services Agreement between the District and the Nassau Land Trust, Incorporated for educational resources, training materials, and instruction at Crossroads Farm at Grossmann’s in Malverne with a total cost of \$7,500, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

CROSSROADS FARM
CONSULT. SVCS. AGR.
APPROVED

END CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report of the Attorney

School District Attorney Sheahan reported on the Commissioner of Educations decision addressing recent amendments to regulations governing residency determinations.

High School Report

Trustee Pomerantz reported that the High School district met on March 9th via zoom. The administration, along with the Board of Education are actively planning to celebrate academic, music, arts and sports with our high school students. Also, they hope to have honors programs and graduation ceremonies as permitted. The next meeting of the high school district is scheduled for April 6th at 8:00 p.m. via zoom.

Old Business

There is no old business to report.

New Business

Trustee Vicente reported that there will be a virtual celebration for the Valley Stream Thirteen Education Foundation 25th year anniversary on April 27th at 7:15. p.m.

Executive Session

At 8:55 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Oliveri and carried unanimously to discuss Superintendent’s contract and negotiations. The School District Attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 10:07 p.m. by President Vicente.

RECONVENING

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

MaryAnn Rosamilia
District Clerk