

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, October 24, 2017.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee Douglas	Superintendent Evelyn
Trustee Farrell		Asst. Supt. for Curr. LaRocca
Trustee Pandit		Asst. Supt. for Bus. & HR Antoine
Trustee Pomerantz		Asst. Supt. for Spec. Svcs. Sells-Asch
Trustee Stris		Principal Ambrosio
Trustee Vicente		Principal Gruen
		Principal Huplosky
		Principal Steele
		Director of Tech. DiMango
		School District Attorney Sheahan
		Attorney Assistant
		District Clerk Rosamilia

Approximately 60 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 7:15 p.m. by President Stris.

CONVENING

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

The Board immediately moved into Executive Session on a motion made by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Pandit and carried unanimously to discuss legal matters, Principal negotiations and Superintendent’s contract. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents & School District Attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:03 p.m. by President Stris.

RECONVENING

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 and August 22, 2017 Board of Education meetings.

MINUTES OF 6/5/17 & 8/22/17
BOE MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from Guercio & Guercio regarding Non-Participation in the National Anthem.

CORRESPONDENCE
GUERCIO & GUERCIO

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

School Board Recognition

Superintendent Evelyn acknowledged School Board Recognition Week and recognized the Board of Education’s hard work and dedication in service on behalf of their commitment to the children and community. Students presented the Board with a collage of poems, essays and works of art.

President Stris thanked everyone and noted that the Board of Education is honored to serve the community.

Interschool Mini Grants Presentation – Espie Nadal, President

Espie Nadal, Interschool President presented the Mini Grants to the following teachers in recognition of the Board of Education:

- Christy Taveira – James A. Dever School – Modern Study Skills & Memory Strategies
- Karen Martorana & Paula Barnick – Howell Road School – Mosaic Tile Mural
- Enrico Perciballi – Wheeler Avenue School – Courtyard Classroom & Native Flowering Plant Butterfly Gardens
- Gail Shaw, Kate Pulvidente & Vita Tringone – Willow Road School - Moving on the right “T-RAK”. RAK stands for Random Acts of Kindness.
- Richard Rosenfeld – District Gifted and Talented Teacher – Cardboard Coasters
- Donna Geidel – Willow Road School – Bottle Cap Mural

RULER Program

Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Sells-Asch presented a power point on Social Emotional Intelligence. She spoke about Social Emotional Learning, why emotions matter and the RULER Program.

Overview of NYS Science Standards and the STEM Curriculum

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum LaRocca presented a power point overview of NYS Science Standards adopted by the Board of Regents in December 2016 with an initial transition beginning July 1, 2017. Currently in Phase 1 – Raise Awareness and Build Capacity of new NYS p-12 Science Learning Standards. New York State is working on a full implementation timeline which is currently in draft form.

STEM projects are at each grade level and all fourth grade classrooms in Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen have STEM enrichment push-in.

Committee Reports

EDUCATION COMMITTEE [M. Vicente, Chairperson; S. Douglas, P. Farrell]

Employment of a Classroom Teacher

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby amends the resolution adopted on August 22, 2017 as follows:

To employ Ruth Peets-Butcher as a Classroom Teacher (Tenure Area: Classroom Teacher K-6), assigned to Howell Road on **Step 1 MA+60 (\$79,584)** on four years’ probation commencing on August 31, 2017 and expiring on August 30, 2021 (*see note below), unless sooner terminated.

R. PEETS-BUTCHER
EMPLOYEMENT AGREEMENT
AMENDED

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

**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.*

Resignation of Noon Hour Supervisor

To accept the resignation of Joseph Rasulo, Noon Hour Supervisor at the James A. Dever School effective September 29, 2017.

J. RASULO RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Resignation of Permanent Substitute Teachers

To accept the resignation of the following Permanent Substitute Teachers:

- a. Maria Salcedo-Hafker, effective November 1, 2017
- b. Robyn Siegel, effective October 20, 2017

M. SALCEDO-HAFKER,
R. SIEGEL RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Resignation of Noon Hour Aides

To accept the resignation of the following Noon Hour Aides

- a. Yasmin Sallam, effective October 3, 2017
- b. Trina Scheiler, effective October 16, 2017
- c. Raquel Renteria effective October 27, 2017

Y. SALLAM, T. SCHEILER,
R. RENTERIA RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

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

Employment Agreement – Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

To approve the Employment Agreement with Lisa Sells-Asch, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

L. SELLS-ASCH EMPLOYMENT
AGREEMENT APPROVED

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

Employment Agreement – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

To approve the Employment Agreement with Judith LaRocca, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

J. LAROCCA EMPLOYMENT
AGREEMENT APPROVED

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

Employment of Teaching Assistant

To employ Patricia Sullivan as a Teaching Assistant assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School in accordance with the VSTA-TA contract in effect on the date of employment at \$28,569 effective October 25, 2017.

P. SULLIVAN EMPLOYED AS TEACHING ASST. - WHEELER AVENUE SCHOOL

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

Employment of Teaching Assistant

To employ Daysi Felicciardi as a Teaching Assistant assigned to the Willow Road School in accordance with the VSTA-TA contract in effect on the date of employment at \$28,569 effective October 25, 2017.

D. FELICCIARDI EMPLOYED AS TEACHING ASST. - WILLOW ROAD SCHOOL

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

Employment of Noon Hour Aide

To employ Irene Cavaliere as a Noon Hour Aide at a rate of \$12.25 per hour effective October 25, 2017 and unless sooner terminated, pending Civil Service approval.

I. CAVALIERE EMPLOYED AS NOON-HOUR AIDE

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

Employment of Noon Hour Aide

To employ Saima Tabassum as a Noon Hour Aide at a rate of \$12.25 per hour effective October 25, 2017 and unless sooner terminated, pending fingerprint clearance and Civil Service approval.

S. TABASSUM EMPLOYED AS NOON-HOUR AIDE

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

Employment of Classroom Aide

To employ Maria Napolitano as a Classroom Aide on Step 1 (\$16,887) assigned to the Willow Road School effective October 25, 2017 and unless sooner terminated.

M. NAPOLITANO EMPLOYED AS CLASSROOM AIDE

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

Employment of Classroom Aide

To employ Dawn Moreno as a Classroom Aide on Step 1 (\$16,887) assigned to the Willow Road School effective October 25, 2017 and unless sooner terminated, pending Civil Service approval.

D. MORENO EMPLOYED AS CLASSROOM AIDE - WILLOW ROAD SCHOOL

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

Employment of Permanent Substitute Teachers

To employ the following Permanent Substitute Teachers at a rate of \$125 per day effective November 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and unless sooner terminated:

- a. Kristin Howe @ Willow Road School
- b. Kelly McDonough @ James A. Dever School

K. HOWE, K. MCDONOUGH, C. COHN EMPLOYED AS PERM. SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

To employ the following Permanent Substitute Teachers at a rate of \$125 per day effective October 25, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and unless sooner terminated:

- a. Christine Cohn @ James A. Dever School

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

Employment of Long Term Substitute Teacher

To employ Jillian Sarro as a long term substitute teacher at the James A. Dever School effective November 13, 2017 for a period not to exceed 60 days, unless otherwise extended by the Board of Education at a rate of \$140 per day.

J. SARRO EMPLOYED AS LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

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

Employment of Long Term Substitute Teacher

To employ Dale Cohen as a long term substitute teacher at the Willow Road School effective November 6, 2017 for a period not to exceed 60 days unless otherwise extended by the Board of Education at a rate of \$140 per day.

D. COHEN EMPLOYED AS LONG TERM SUB. TEACHER - WILLOW ROAD SCHOOL

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

Employment of Noon Hour Supervisor

To employ Carmen Lorenzo Skrine as the Noon Hour Supervisor assigned to the Howell Road School at a rate of \$40 per hour for 2 hours 40 minutes per day, effective October 25, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and unless sooner terminated.

C. LORENZO SKRINE
EMPLOYED AS NOON-HOUR
SUPERVISOR – HOWELL ROAD
SCHOOL

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

Employment of Noon Hour Supervisor

To employ Ellen McNulty-Guzman as the Noon Hour Supervisor assigned to the James A. Dever School at a rate of \$40 per hour for 2 hours 40 minutes per day, effective October 25, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and unless sooner terminated, pending fingerprint clearance.

E. MCNULTY-GUZMAN
EMPLOYED AS NOON-HOUR
SUPERVISOR – JAMES A. DEVER

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the Substitute Teacher list for the 2017-2018 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST
2017-2018 APPROVED

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

Rescind Resolution to Employ Long Term Substitute

To rescind the resolution to employ Dale Cohen as a Long Term Substitute at the Willow Road School, effective November 6, 2017 at a rate of \$140 per day.

D. COHEN EMPLOYMENT
LONG-TERM SUB. RESCINDED

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

Employment of Long Term Substitute

To employ Ashley Librizzi as a long term substitute teacher at the Willow Road School effective November 6, 2017 for a period not to exceed 40 days unless otherwise extended by the Board of Education at a rate of \$140 per day.

A. LIBRIZZI EMPLOYED
LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [F. Chiachiere, Chairperson; V. Pandit, M. Vicente]

The Business Committee met on October 24th in the Business Office. The Independent Audit Report prepared by D’Arcangelo & Company was discussed.

Treasurer’s Report

To approve the Treasurer’s Report for September 2017.

TREASURER’S REPORT ENDING
9/30/17 APPROVED

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

Independent Audit Report

To accept the independent audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 prepared by D’Arcangelo & Co.

D’ARCANGELO & CO.
INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
ACCEPTED

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

Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective October 25, 2017:

BUDGET TRANSFERS EFF.
10/25/17 APPROVED

From:

A9731.600.01 BANS-Principal \$55,000

To:

A1310.400.01 Business Admin-Contractual \$ 5,000
A1621.440.06 Building Renovations \$50,000

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

Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program with Eastern Suffolk BOCES

WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

JOINT MUNICIPAL COOP. BID.
PROG./EASTERN SUFFOLK
BOCES APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream UFSD 13 educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the “Participant”) is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 119-0 and Education Law Section 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law Section 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES' standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least (5) days prior to such meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law Section 119-0.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [V. Pandit, Chairperson; M. Vicente, F. Chiachiere]
Trustee Pandit reported that the Policy Committee met on Monday, October 16th in the Board Room. The following policies are under review:
4526.1 Internet Safety
5460 Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting
5152 Admission of Non-Resident Students
1530 Smoking on School Premises

FACILITIES COMMITTEE [T. Pomerantz, Chairperson; P. Farrell]
Trustee Pomerantz reported that the Facilities Committee met on Tuesday, September 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Business Office. Present were Assistant Superintendent for Business and HR Antoine, Clerk of the Works Lukaszewicz, President Stris and Trustee Pomerantz. Items discussed were lights for the front of the buildings at Willow Road and Howell Road School. The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Business Office.

An owner's meeting took place on October 18, 2017 with the contractors working on the bond. The next phase will include window glazing for all the windows in all the buildings as needed. Damaged windows will be replaced with clean tinted shatter-proof glass. The next phase will also include new classroom doors. All work will begin after the school day with no interruption to student instruction.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President V. Pandit]

Approval of Contract with St. Joseph's College
To approve the contract between St. Joseph's College Nursing Department and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for the 2017-2018 school year and authorize the Superintendent to sign said contract.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
NURSING DEPT. CONTRACT
APPROVED

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

BOCES Budget Advisory Committee

To appoint Jennifer Oliveri to the BOCES Budget Advisory Committee for the 2017-2018 school year.

J. OLIVERI APPOINTED
BOCES BUDGET ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

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

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 9/25, 9/26, 10/2, 10/3, 10/4H, 10/4Wi, 10/6, 10/16/2017.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated October 11, 2017.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Home Instruction

To approve home instruction for a student from October 4 – October 31, 2017.
Tutor: Debora O’Connor.

HOME INSTRUCTION
APPROVED

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

Acceptance of Donation

To accept a donation of five (5) boxes of school supplies from Fed Ex to the Wheeler Avenue School with an approximate value of \$200.

FED EX DONATION ACCEPTED

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

Report of the Attorney

Attorney John Sheahan reported on a recent decision whereby the Commissioner of Education dismissed an appeal challenging a school district’s determination that a student was not entitled to attend the district’s school on a tuition free basis.

High School Report

Trustee Pomerantz reported that Valley Stream Central High School District Board of Education met on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Students from North High School, South High School and Central High School were honored and presented with certificates for earning Advanced Placement Scholars.

The next Committee meeting of the Valley Stream CHSD is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2017 in the Board Room.

The next Board of Education meeting of the Valley Stream CHSD is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 in the cafeteria of Memorial Junior High School.

Old Business

NYSSBA Annual Convention and Educational Expo

President Stris reported on the NYSSBA Annual Conference he attended with Trustee Pomerantz and Trustee Chiachiere on October 12 through October 14, 2017. The Commissioner of Education was among the speakers and spoke about the Board of Regents adoption of the Next Generation K-12 English Language Arts and Math Standards.

Key takeaway from the conference include:

- The Commissioner described the process of review and feedback that supported the Next Generation Standards adoption, including the opportunities for input from educators and parents.
- In order to support a deliberate and unrushed transition to the Next Generation Standards, New York State is delaying implementation of new assessments until 2021, allowing a gradual implementation period for the Next Generation Standards.
- Until 2021, shortened versions of the current grade 3-8 ELA and Math New York State Assessments will be in place. Both Math and ELA New York State Assessments Grades 3-8 will take two days instead of three to administer.
- Every question on the shortened Grades 3-8 New York State Assessment will be selected, reviewed, or written by New York State teachers before the test is finalized.
- Until 2021, Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Assessments will assess the standards that remain the same from Common Core to Next Generation only.

Law Conference

- Resolution #9 on PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) passed. It stated “Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation which would amend Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law to permit school districts, at their option to be necessary parties to Payment in-Lieu-of-Taxes (“PILOT”) agreements.”
- The Associations by-laws were amended to expand membership on the Board of Directors to include the New York State Caucus of Black School Board Members.
- Other items discussed at law conference included:
 - ✓ Shift in Federal Education Policy;
 - ✓ School Districts Responsibility towards Undocumented Students;
 - ✓ School Board member free speech rights;
 - ✓ New laws that affect education;

- ✓ Staff emails and text to parents and students; and
- ✓ The new Plan on how the State of New York will implement the Federal law entitled “Every Student Succeed Act”.

Many interesting workshops were held. One in particular was the Friday, October 13th entitled “Shared Leadership: The Boards Presidents/Superintendent Partnership” presented by Superintendent Bill Heidenreich, VSCHSD and Trustee Frank Chiachiere.

New Business

Trustee Pomerantz attended the New York Teacher’s Summit held at SUNY Old Westbury on Monday, October 9, 2017. Valley Stream Thirteen’s Instructional Math Coach, Mr. John Frias presented a workshop entitled “Developing Authentic Learning the Productive Struggle”. It was an excellent presentation regarding the misconceptions of students’ struggles in the classroom in the area of mathematics.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:17 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously to discuss legal matters and transportation. The Superintendent and Attorney was invited to attend.

Reconvening

RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 10:20 p.m.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Rosamilia

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District Clerk