

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the auditorium of the Howell Road School on Tuesday, October 23, 2007.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Trustee Chiachiere
Trustee DiSibio
Trustee Evans
Trustee Gorham*
Trustee Greco Jacobs
Trustee Stris
Trustee Subbiondo

OTHERS PRESENT

Superintendent Lison
Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Director of Special Services Sells-Asch
School District Attorney Frazer*
District Clerk Michels
Building Principal Capozzoli
Building Principal Gruen
Building Principal Huplosky
Building Principal Zerillo
Approximately 100 Visitors

Convening

The meeting was convened at 6:10 p.m. by President Stris.

CONVENING

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined

QUORUM

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss personnel of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Subbiondo, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Attorney Frazer arrived at 7:30 p.m.

*Trustee Gorham arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Reconvening

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

RECONVENING

President Stris explained where the exits were and how to proceed in the event of an emergency.

Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was held for Norman Lieben, past attorney for the school District and the flags were flown at half mast.

Welcome

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

Resolution: To approve the minutes of the September 18, and October 16, 2007.

MINUTES OF 9/18 & 10/16
MEETINGS APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Subbiondo and carried unanimously.

Correspondence

No correspondence this month.

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent Lison gave the following report: The Time Capsule Ceremony was held on October 19th at the James A. Dever School. Memorabilia from the 1964-65 World's Fair and the Chunky Exhibit, as well as memorabilia from 2007 were included in the time capsule that will be re-opened in 100 years. The Fantastic Four Basketball Tournament was held that evening at Howell Road School. This event was sponsored by Assemblyman Alfano and Assemblyman Barra. The next tournament will be held in May 2008. Governor Spitzer declared the week of October 26 as School Board Recognition Week. His proclamation was read by the Superintendent. Dr. Lison thanked each Board Member for their dedication and hard work. Trustee Debra Evans was presented with a certificate from New York State School Boards Association for 40 credits earned in leadership development.

Frank Huplosky, Principal, Howell Road School welcomed everyone for attending the meeting and thanked the Board of Education for the hard work and dedication to the District as well as the community. Janet Gonzalez, 5th Grade Teacher at Howell Road School, introduced teachers and students from grades K-6. Each grade adopted a Board Member in honor of Board of Education Week as follows: Kindergarten - Trustee Greco Jacobs; 1st Grade Trustee Gorham, 2nd Grade Trustee Chiachiere; 3rd Grade Trustee Subbiondo, 4th Grade Trustee Evans; 5th Grade Trustee DiSibio; and 6th Grade Trustee Stris. The Board of Education members thanked the students and teachers and they look forward to working with the classes.

Michelle D'Elia, President, Interscholar PTA, presented the following Mini Grants:

James A. Dever "Construction Works!" - Richard Rosenfeld, "Read to Me" - Eileen Wallace
Howell Road "Coaster Dynamics" - Richard Rosenfeld
Wheeler Avenue "Pathway of Peace" - Jayne Carey

President Stris again thanked the administrative staff, teachers, parents and students for their presentations.

Employment of a Clerk Typist L. DEMARTINI EMPLOYED AS A CLERK TYPIST
To employ Laura DeMartini as a 12-month Typist Clerk assigned to the Special Education Office on Step 1 (\$31,963) effective October 29, 2007 and unless sooner terminated.

Moved by Trustee Subbiondo, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

Change in Employment Status J. LYNCH CHANGED TO FT CRA
To change the employment status for Joanna Lynch from a .5 Classroom Aide to a full time Classroom Aide effective September 5, 2007 on Step 2 (\$15,409).

Moved by Trustee Subbiondo, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

Approval of Additional Time for a Classroom Aide C. GATT APPROVED FOR 50 ADDITIONAL MINUTES
To approve an additional 50 minutes per day for Christina Gatt, part time Classroom Aide, assigned to Willow Road School effective September 20, 2007.

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

Employment of a Classroom Aide R. VALINOTI EMPLOYED AS A CRA
To employ Renee Valinoti as a Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$14,799) effective September 24, 2007.

Moved by Trustee Gorham, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide M. KEIDEL RESIGNED AS A NHA
To accept the resignation of Marion Keidel as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Wheeler Avenue School effective October 19, 2007.

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Gorham and carried unanimously.

Employment of a Classroom Aide M. KEIDEL EMPLOYED AS A CRA
To employ Marion Keidel as a Classroom Aide on Step 1 (\$14,799) assigned to the James A. Dever School effective October 22, 2007.

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously.

Emergency Conditional Employment of a Part-time Classroom Aide L. BRIGAGLIANO EMPLOYED AS A .5 CRA
To conditionally employ Lisa Brigagliano as a part-time (.5) Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1 (\$14,799) effective October 4, 2007.

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Gorham and carried unanimously.

Emergency Conditional Employment of a Noon Hour Aide M. FICO EMPLOYED AS A NHA
To conditionally employ Maria Fico as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Wheeler Avenue School at \$10.10 effective September 24, 2007.

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Gorham and carried unanimously.

Emergency Conditional Employment of a Noon Hour Aide C. CARLINO EMPLOYED AS A NHA
To conditionally employ Cathy Carlino as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Willow Road School at \$10.10 effective October 3, 2007.

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously.

Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide L. JOHNSON ADDED AS A SUB NHA/CRA
To add Lisa Johnson as a substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide effective October 10, 2007.

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Subbiondo and carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, D. Evans]

Employment of a Reading Teacher E. SWEENY EMPLOYED AS A READING TEACHER
To employ Elizabeth Sweeny as a Reading Teacher assigned to Howell Road School on Step 10MA+60 (\$91,174) effective December 4, 2007 on two years probation.

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

Salary Increments

SALARY INCREMENTS

To approve the Salary Increments effective September 1, 2007 as listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Elena Bagge	5MA	5MA+15
Deborah Hastings	10MA+45	10MA+60
Mary Ellen Kefalogiannis	5MA+30	5MA+45
Susan Simeone	6MA+45	6MA+60

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

GATE Advancements

GATE ADVANCEMENTS

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the GATE advances according to the Board/VSTA contract as listed:

Step 9 to Step 10

Michelle DiScala effective October 1, 2007

Josette Noto-Matozzo effective October 16, 2007

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

Substitute Teacher List

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST
UPDATED AND APPROVED

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2007-2008 school year.

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

Education Report

Frank Huplosky, Principal Howell Road School reported on the many programs offering "Parents as Partners." Several parents and students participated in this presentation. Trustee Chiachiere thanked the Howell community for the informative and enlightening presentation. President Stris stated that he has seen hundreds of Ed Reports and this one was special and truly reflective of a parent partnership.

BUSINESS [C. Subbiondo, J. DiSibio]

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT
ACCEPTED

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2007.

Moved by Trustee Subbiondo, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

Auditor's Report

AUDIT REPORT ACCEPTED

To accept the Auditor's Report for the 2006-07 year.

Moved by Trustee Subbiondo, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

Transportation Contracts 2007 -2008

2007-2008 TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTS APPROVED

To approve the following contract extensions at May CPI of 2.5% and new transportation contracts as bid on May 25, 2007 by the Southwest Quadrant for the Fall 2007.

Acme Transportation

Hamza School*	3 students	\$1423.62 per pupil per month \$113.20 per add'l pupil per month
Henry Viscardi	1 student Matron	\$1230 per pupil per month \$1845 per month
Maria Montessori	2 students	\$1145.35 per pupil per month
St. Agnes	1 student	\$1732.25 per pupil per month
Waldorf School*	4 students	Price of van/by # students in SW Quad 6 Hr van \$4243.71 per month

DDI Transportation

DDI Residential	1 student	\$90.09 per pupil per day
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Independent Coach

Lawrence/Woodmere*	5 students	\$1818.69 per pupil per month \$242.49 per add'l pupil per month
St. Raymond's	3 students	\$615.00 per pupil per month \$205.00 per add'l pupil per month
UCP	3 students	\$3987 per van per month includes 1 nurse and 1 Matron

Suburban Bus

Blessed Sacrament	Van	\$3585.87 per van per month
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BOCES Jerusalem Ave School	3 students	\$402.81 per pupil per month
	Matron	\$1704.73 per month
Bowling Green	Van	\$3585.87 van per month
Crescent School	2 students	\$1475 per pupil per month
		\$200 per add'l pupil per month
Dever Van	1 Van	\$3585.87 per van per month
	Matron	\$1764.12 per month
Muslim Elementary School	1 Van	\$3585.87 per pupil per month
NY Learning Inst.	1 student	\$3585.87 per van per month
	Matron	\$1764.12 per matron per month
Our Lady of Peace*	7 students	\$914.09 per pupil per month
		\$328.34 per add'l pupil per month
Shaw Avenue	1 student	\$1226.93 per pupil per month
Summit Lane	2 students	\$1841.93 per pupil per month
		\$273.68 per add'l pupil per month
St Anne's	Van	\$3585.87 per van per month
St. Catherine's	2 Vans	\$3585.87 per van per month
Whispering Pines	1 Van	\$3585.87 per van per month
Willow Rd Van	3 Vans	\$3162.59 per van per month
	6 Matrons	\$1641.69 per matron per month
<u>Veterans</u>		
Growing Life	4 students	\$345.23 per pupil per month
HANC	1 student	\$1127.50 per pupil per month
St Thomas	1 student	\$408.98 per pupil per month
In-District Buses	12 buses	\$5579.21 per bus per month
<u>WE Transport</u>		
Covert	1 student	\$828.02 per pupil per month
	Matron	\$1833.47 per matron per month
Grace Lutheran	2 students	\$594.11 per pupil per month
Notre Dame	2 students	\$1212 per pupil per month
Our Lady of the Snows	2 students	\$848.72 per pupil per month
Sacred Heart (Cambria Heights)	2 students	\$1555.01 per pupil per month
St. Aidan	2 students	\$1000 per pupil per month
St Joseph	1 student	\$581.31 per pupil per month

* (Final price determined by # of students on Quad route)

Moved by Trustee Subbiondo, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE [B. Gorham, J. Greco Jacobs]

No report this month.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President D. Evans]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Resolution: To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Review dated 9/7, 9/19 BOCES RK, 9/19 UCP, 9/26, 9/27, 10/1, 10/4D, 10/4Wh, and 10/11/07.

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee and Greco Jacobs carried unanimously.

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Resolution: To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Review dated 8/8, 9/19, 9/28, and 10/10/07.

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Gorham and carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Donations

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

a) To accept the donation of a new violin from Julie Hammel with an approximate value of \$100 for use at Wheeler Avenue School.

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs with thanks, and carried unanimously.

b) To accept the donation of classroom materials and accessories from The Rokenbok Company, with an approximate value of \$500 for use by the sixth graders at the James A. Dever School.

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Gorham with thanks and carried unanimously.

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

School Attorney Frazer gave a report on Transportation. In accordance with New York State Law, students are required to be transported to school if they reside more than two miles from school, up to 15 miles. Distance is measured from home to school. School District residents can vote to modify the mileage requirement, but Boards of Education determine how the distance is measured. Valley Stream District Thirteen voters approved that students in the district receive transportation if they reside more than one-half mile in Grades K-3 and more than one mile in grades 4-6.

New Business

Trustee Chiachiere commended Mr. Lou Panacciulli, Music Teacher at Howell Road School, for his participation in providing fund raising concerts for schools with students with special needs. Mr. Panacciulli is the Director of the Nassau Pops Symphony Orchestra.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:47 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Subbiondo, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously, an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel of a particular person.

Reconvening

RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 10:50 .m. by President Stris.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Subbiondo and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Denise Michels
District Clerk