

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Board Room of the James A. Dever School on Tuesday, December 18, 2007.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee DiSibio	Superintendent Lison
Trustee Evans	Trustee Subbiondo	Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Gorham	District Clerk Michels	Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Trustee Greco Jacobs		Building Principal Gruen
Trustee Stris		No Visitors

Convening
The meeting was convened at 7: 12 p.m. by President Stris. CONVENING

Quorum
Five 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 Evans, seconded by Trustee Gorham and carried unanimously. The Superintendent was invited to attend. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening
The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 p.m. by President Stris. RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Quorum
Five members being present, a quorum was determined QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes
To approve the minutes of the November 27 and December 1, 2007 meetings. MINUTES APPROVED FOR 11/27 AND 12/1 MEETINGS

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

Correspondence
A letter was received from Ken Cummings requesting a meeting of the Joint Boards. CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent Lison reported that teachers and students have been very busy preparing for the holiday concerts, as well as charitable events. Upon our return in January, students will be taking the NYS ELA tests in grades 3-6 during the weeks of January 7 and 14. Dr. Lison wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Healthy New Year.

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides
To add Ligia Arroyo and Galina Lambert as substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides. NHA/CRA SUBSTITUTES

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, D. Evans]

Salary Increment
To approve the salary increment for Donna Buehre from 11MA+45 to 11MA+60 effective September 1, 2007. D. BUEHRE SALARY INCREMENT APPROVED

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

The following items were approved under a consent agenda and moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously.

Child Care Leave of Absence - 1st Year
To approve a 1st year of Child Care Leave of Absence for Kathleen Ianuale, Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School, effective December 4, 2007 through June 30, 2008. 1ST YEAR CCL APPROVED K. IANUALE

Child Care Leave of Absence - 1st Year
To approve a 1st year of Child Care Leave of Absence for Annmarie Ciociano, Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School, effective December 4, 2007 through June 30, 2008. 1ST YEAR CCL APPROVED A. CIOCIANO

Child Care Leave of Absence - 1st Year
To approve a 1st year of Child Care Leave of Absence for Kathy Jo Stack, Special 1ST YEAR CCL APPROVED K. STACK

Education Teacher at James A. Dever and Howell Road Schools effective December 5, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Employment of Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Christine Gersitz as a Replacement Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School effective December 5, 2007 through June 30, 2008 on Step 2 MA (\$60,238) and unless sooner terminated.

C. GERSITZ EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CRT

Employment of Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Erin Morgan as a Replacement Classroom Teacher at Wheeler Avenue School effective December 5, 2007 through June 30, 2008 on Step 1 BA (\$50,125) and unless sooner terminated.

E. MORGAN EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CRT

Employment of Replacement Special Education Teacher

To employ Christine Sgalardi as a Replacement Special Education Teacher at James A. Dever and Howell Road Schools effective December 5, 2007 through June 30, 2008 on Step 1 BA (\$50,125) and unless sooner terminated.

C. SGALARDI EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT SE TEACHER

Employment of Replacement ESL Teacher

To employ Andrea Cooper as a Replacement ESL Teacher at Willow Road School effective December 10, 2007 through June 30, 2008 on Step 3MA (\$62,281) and unless sooner terminated.

A. COOPER EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT ESL TEACHER

ELA Before/After School Program

To extend the ELA Before/After School Program through January 4, 2008.

ELA PROGRAM EXTENDED TO 1/4/08

Substitute Teacher List

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST UPDATED AND APPROVED

BUSINESS [C. Subbiondo, J. DiSibio]

Treasurer's Report

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

TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTED

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

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

To adopt the IRS mileage reimbursement rate of \$.505 effective January 1, 2008.

MILEAGE RATE INCREASED TO \$.505 EFFECTIVE 1/1/08

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

Change Order - Best Roofing of New Jersey - Project #280213-02-0-001-023

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board Of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves Change Order #1 in the amount of \$5,000 (deductions in the original contract amounts) in connection with the contract with Best Roofing of New Jersey for the roof work at the James A. Dever School.

CHANGE ORDER APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Gorham, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs 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

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Review dated 11/13, 11/16, 11/19, 11/20, 11/26, 11/28, 12/3D, 12/3Wi, 12/5, and 12/10/07.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Review dated 11/16, 11/20, and 12/12/07.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Approval of Home Instruction

To approve home instruction for a 4th grade student at Howell Road School, intermittently for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year. Tutor: Lisa Ellis

HOME INSTRUCTION APPROVED

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

Approval of Donations

To approve a donation of \$250 from the Willow Road School PTA to purchase a tree, planted at the Willow Road School, in memory of Isaac Tress, a dedicated member of

DONATION APPROVED

the Valley Stream Thirteen community for over 50 years.

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

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

No report this month since the attorney was not present at this meeting.

Old Business

Trustee Greco Jacobs commented on the memo from Assistant Superintendent for Business Brosnan regarding Green Cleaning and praised her for the manner in which she has moved the district toward being "Green." Trustee Greco Jacobs asked if the use of anti-bacterial soap, to be used in the classrooms, is included on our supply list. Mrs. Brosnan advised that it will be included next year.

There were some questions regarding the memo from attorneys Lamb & Barnosky concerning cancer screening and nursing mothers at the work place; the district will allow ½ day for cancer screening; and mothers are permitted to pump breast milk at designated rooms in the district. Trustee Stris requested that these items be addressed at the next Leadership Team meeting.

At the Building Inspections, President Stris asked for prices for additional acoustical panels and windows at Wheeler Avenue School.

All schools are now recycling. The village of Valley Stream picks up at Wheeler and the Town of Hempstead picks up at Dever, Howell and Willow.

New Business

Resolution to Approve Memorandum of Agreement

MOA WITH CAS FOR HEALTH DECLINATION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement dated December 18, 2007 between the District and the Valley Stream Council of Elementary Associations, Affiliate of CAS regarding health insurance declination payments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute the resulting collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

Change in Civil Service Title

M. SISON APPOINTED AS A SR. TYPIST CLERK

To change the Civil Service Title for Marjorie Sison from Typist Clerk to Senior Typist Clerk effective January 1, 2008 on Step 4 (\$39,145).

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

Acceptance of a Donation

DONATION ACCEPTED

To accept a donation of a scanner for use in Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen from Michael Mastrocinque, with an approximate value of \$30.

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

ESL Before/After School Program

A. COOPER EMPLOYED TO WORK THE ELA PROGRAM

To employ Andrea Cooper to work the ESL Before/After School Program effective December 17, 2007 through May 2, 2008 for two hours per week at her hourly rate of pay.

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

President Stris requested that Trustee Chiachiere be added to the VSTA Negotiating Committee. Said Committee was originally established at the Reorganization meeting in July.

TRUSTEE CHIACHIERE ADDED TO THE VSTA NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE

President Stris wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meredith Brosnan

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Acting District Clerk