

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the auditorium of the Wheeler Avenue School on Tuesday, February 23, 2010.

<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b>	<b><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u></b>
Trustee Chiachiere*		Superintendent Lison
Trustee DiSibio		Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Evans		Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Trustee Gartner		Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Greco Jacobs		District Clerk Michels
Trustee Speranza*		Building Principal Capozzoli
Trustee Stris		Building Principal Gruen
		Building Principal Huplosky
		Building Principal Zerillo
		Approximately 65 Visitors

Convening CONVENING  
The meeting was convened at 5:00 p.m. by President DiSibio.

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

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

Convening RECONVENING  
The Budget Meeting was convened at 5:30 p.m. by President DiSibio. Superintendent Lison and Assistant Superintendent for Business Brosnan presented the 2010-2011 proposed budget.

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

Executive Session EXECUTIVE SESSION  
At 7:30 p.m. a motion to move into Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously to discuss negotiations. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and the attorney were invited to attend.

Reconvening RECONVENING  
The meeting was reconvened at 8:05 p.m. by President DiSibio.

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

\*Trustee Speranza left the meeting  
\*Trustee Chiachiere arrived at 8:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome  
President DiSibio welcomed all in attendance and thanked Principal Zerillo for hosting the meeting this month. He pointed out the exits in the room.

Approval of the Minutes MINUTES OF 1/19, 1/26 MEETINGS APPROVED  
Resolution: To approve the minutes of the January 19 and January 26, 2010 meetings.

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

Correspondence CORRESPONDENCE  
Memo from Frazer & Feldman re: Contracts and Competitive Bidding Thresholds

Letters from (1) Michael Giovinazzo, Office of State Comptroller acknowledging receipt of Corrective Action Plan and (2) James A. Dever PTA regarding a donation.

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**  
Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent Lison reported that the proposed budget for 2010-2011 is \$41,341,680 which is an increase of .85% from the 2009-2010 budget. The Board will discuss the proposed budget later this evening and at the March 16<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. The item will be placed on the March 23<sup>rd</sup> agenda for the Board Meeting. The first Budget Ambassador meeting will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and everyone is welcome to attend. Budget Ambassadors are the key communicators of the district in conveying budget information to the community. Contact Denise Michels in the District Office if you are interested in attending. The Valley Stream PTA Council will host the Annual Legislative Breakfast on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Following this meeting the four Valley Stream districts will discuss shared services. An All-County Art Exhibit will

be held at the Ruth S. Harley University Center at Adelphi University on March 21<sup>st</sup> with several District 13 students participating from the four buildings.

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Sandra Ambrico as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Howell Road School effective February 2, 2010.

S. AMBRICO RESIGNATION  
ACCEPTED

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

**Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION** [F. Chiachiere, J. Gartner]

Christine Zerillo, Principal of Wheeler Avenue School, introduced the students who did a character education presentation, and Principal Zerillo gave a presentation on Extended Learning Opportunities.

Employment of a Replacement Teacher

To employ Erin Morgan as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to Willow Road School on Step 2BA+15 (\$58,399) effective March 2, 2010 through June 30, 2010 and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

E. MORGAN EMPLOYED AS A  
REPLACEMENT CRT

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

Salary Adjustment

To adjust the salary step for Stephanie Iannone to Step 1 MA (\$64,632) effective December 8, 2009 based on official transcripts received.

S. IANNONE SALARY  
ADJUSTED

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2009 –2010 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST  
UPDATED AND APPROVED

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

**BUSINESS** [J. Greco Jacobs, D. Evans]

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
ACCEPTED

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE** [W. Stris, T. Speranza]

Policies for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption

To adopt the following policies:

POLICIES & REGS. ADOPTED

- 1225 Relationship With Local Educational Foundation
- 2521-R Expense Reimbursement Regulations for the Board of Education
- 6830-R Expense Reimbursement Regulations for District Employees

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President F. Chiachiere]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 1/12, 1/14, 1/15, 1/21, 1/22, 1/26, 1/27, 1/28, 1/29/10.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Review

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Review dated 1/20/10.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Chairperson for CSE and CPSE Meetings

To appoint Deena A. Sherman, Ph.D. to chair CSE and CPSE meetings, as deemed appropriate by the Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, and complete all accompanying paperwork and IEP development associated with this task. The compensation shall be \$700 per day, not to exceed \$14,000 for the 2009-2010 school year; and shall be paid through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Grant; effective March 1, 2010.

D. SHERMAN APPOINTED AS  
CSE/CPSE CHAIRPERSON

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

Acceptance of a Gift

To accept a gift from the James A. Dever PTA in the amount of \$454.25 to purchase a bench for the Dever playground.

GIFT FROM JAD PTA ACCEPTED

On the Question:

In accordance with Board Policy 2360, Trustee Stris submitted the following statement. "I appreciate and support the efforts of the Dever School PTA to donate a bench to the district. I am glad that the portion of money from the Teacher Center for this bench, came from grant money and not directly from the district's taxpayer share. Having taxpayer money pass through the Center for a bench could possibly be perceived as an inappropriate expense."

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

SCOPE Before/After School Letter of Intent for 2010-2011

To accept the Letter of Intent from SCOPE for the Before and After School Child Care Program for the 2010-2011 school year.

SCOPE LETTER OF INTENT FOR  
BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROG.  
2010-2011 ACCEPTED

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

Informational: Expiration of Trustee Terms

Office of Joseph DiSibio, Member of Board of Education, for a three-year term effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013

INFORMATIONAL: TERMS  
FOR BOARD OF ED. SEATS  
EXPIRE

Office of Joan Gartner, Member of Board of Education, for a three-year term effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013

**Report of the Attorney**  
Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported that youngsters displaced by the earthquake in Haiti who are residing with relatives can attend the school district in which the relative resides under the Homeless Act. Solicitation of charitable funds for Haiti victims from children on school property and during school hours is prohibited. Fundraisers should be outside school hours and off school property.

Executive Session

At 8:53 p.m. a motion to move into Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously to discuss negotiations. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and the attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

President DiSibio reconvened the meeting at 9:35 p.m. to discuss the proposed budget.

RECONVENING

Executive Session

At 9:50 p.m. a motion to move into Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously to discuss personnel of a particular person. The Superintendent was invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

President DiSibio reconvened the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

RECONVENING

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Gartner, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

*Denise Michels*  
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District Clerk