

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 on Tuesday, May 24, 2011.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee Gartner	Superintendent Lison
Trustee DiSibio	Trustee Stris	Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Douglas		Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Trustee Evans		Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Greco Jacobs		School District Attorney Frazer/Michael Perna
		Building Principal Capozzoli
		Building Principal Gruen
		Building Principal Huplosky
		Building Principal Zerillo
		Approximately 50 Visitors

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

CONVENING

Quorum
Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session
An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss employment history of a particular person and negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (Taylor Law) on a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Greco-Jacobs and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, and attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum
Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes
To approve the Minutes of the April 13, April 27 and May 17, 2011 meetings.

MINUTES OF 4/13, 4/27 & 5/17/11
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence
Memos received from Frazer & Feldman:

- Special Education Updates
- Student Registration Guidelines
- Placements of Students with Disabilities & Emergency Interim Placements

CORRESPONDENCE

Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent Lison reported that on May 17th the community approved the 2011-2012 spending plan. Thank you to all our Budget Ambassadors, teachers, and staff for their help in getting the word out to the community about our points of pride and to exercise their right to vote. On June 13th, students will enjoy Board Game Day as the winner of the Democracy in Action student vote. Students were busy taking NYS Assessments in ELA and Math during the first two weeks in May. Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Sells-Asch and students were busy making tie-dyed t-shirts for the participants in the Empire Games. On May 6th students participated in a Volley Ball Tournament sponsored by John Ciotti. Dr. Lison thanked Assistant Superintendent Brosnan and the physical education teachers for coordinating this event. Wheeler Avenue School students participated in NYSSMA at Hofstra University where they demonstrated their musical talents. Principal Zerillo reported that the students were “phenomenal.” Howell Road students and parents visited the Brookville Preserve where they participated in a guided tour and hiked through the wilderness exploring nature. Students at James A. Dever School celebrated Arbor Day by planting flowers, and a tree was planted in memory of Frances Freeman. The new program for assessing in-coming kindergarten students, Dial 4, was implemented this year. Assistant Superintendents Brosnan and Roth head the Grants Committee and with the assistance of several teachers research different grants that are available to school districts. Elizabeth Sweeny, teacher at Howell Road School, was awarded the Lowe’s Grant for \$4700 and she will use it to build an outdoor reading area for students.

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement for Josephine Wisnewski, Building Aide at James A. Dever School, effective July 1, 2011.

J. WISNEWSKI RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously. President Chiachiere thanked Mrs. Wisnewski for 37 years of dedicated service to the students and teachers at James A. Dever School.

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [J. Gartner, S. Douglas]

Education Report

Students involved in the four Student Councils explained their roles as officers and described the community services provided. They explained the democratic process and their role in Democracy in Action. A photo story, highlighted with pictures, showed the student councils in action.

President Chiachiere thanked the students and teacher advisors for their contributions to the community.

Employment of a Reading Teacher

To employ Jennifer Ferreiro as a Reading Teacher assigned to James A. Dever School, effective September 1, 2011 on Step 5MA+30 (\$79,994) on two years' probation and in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect at the time of employment.

J. FERREIRO EMPLOYED AS A READING TEACHER

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement for Diane Byrnes, Nurse at the Willow Road School effective July 1, 2011 and in accordance with Article 14 of the Registered Nurses' Unit of the VSTA and the Board of Education.

D. BYRNES RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. President Chiachiere thanked Mrs. Byrnes for her years of service and dedication to the students of Willow Road School and the District.

Stipend for Testing Coordinator

To approve a stipend of \$850 (pro-rated) for Deborah Campbell-DiBona, Testing Coordinator, effective April 1, 2011.

D. CAMPBELL-DIBONA APPROVED AS A TESTING COORDINATOR

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2010-2011 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST UPDATED AND APPROVED

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

BUSINESS [J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2011.

TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTED

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

Budget Transfer

To approve the following budget transfers effective May 25, 2011.

BUDGET TRANSFER APPROVED

<i>From:</i>		
A9952.900.01	Transfer-Special Aid Fund	\$97,987
<i>To:</i>		
A1620.500.01	Custodial & Cleaning Supplies	\$ 2,000
A2110.473.01	Payments to Charter Schools	15,487
A2010.490.01	BOCES-Curriculum Development	18,300
A2250.490.01	Special Ed-BOCES Tuition	38,000
A2610.490.01	Library Automation-BOCES	3,000
A2630.490.01	Comp Assisted Instruct-BOCES	18,000
A2110.492.01	BOCES-Outdoor Education	3,200

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

Contract Services with Zycron Industries

To approve the services of Zycron Industries to provide Medicaid tracking and billing services for 2011-2012 for a rate of 17% for present and future claims.

ZYCRON INDUSTRIES CONTRACT FOR MEDICAID TRACKING APPROVED

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, J. Greco Jacobs]

Policy for 1st Reading

2111.1 Board Member School Visits

POLICY FOR 1ST READING

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President J. Gartner]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 3/28, 3/31, 4/5, 4/7, 4/8, 4/11, 4/12, 4/13Wi, 4/13UCP, 4/14Wi, 4/14Wi, 4/14Wi, 4/14D, 4/26, and 5/2/11.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 4/6, 4/26 and 5/6/11.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Contract Services of Metro Therapy

To approve the services of Metro Therapy to tutor a Wheeler third grade student at St. Charles Hospital on May 11, May 12, May 15 and May 16, 2011.

CONTRACT SERVICES
METRO THERAPY

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

Policy Update Services Renewal

To renew the contract between New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education for Policy Update Service for 2011-2012 at \$750.

NYSSBA POLICY UPDATE
SERVICES RENEWAL
APPROVED

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

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a donation of plants for outside the kindergarten doors at the Howell Road School from Girl Scout Troop #2440 with an approximate value of \$65.

DONATION ACCEPTED

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

Informational

The following Board of Education Members will attend Closing Ceremonies as follows:

James A. Dever	June 20 7:00 p.m.	Elmont Library	Joan Gartner
Howell Road	June 23 7:00 p.m.	Elmont Library	Sean Douglas
Wheeler Avenue	June 23 7:00 p.m.	Central HS	Debra Evans
Willow Road	June 22 7:00 p.m.	Elmont Library	Joseph DiSibio

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on the case of Nash v. Port Washington UFSD where two students were left unattended during an after-school lab make-up assignment. There was an explosion and the students were seriously burned when the teacher left the room for a brief period of time. The teacher was in the room when the students arrived. It was determined that a higher standard of care was required and not carried out.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels

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District Clerk