

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, October 26, 2010.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere Trustee Evans Trustee Gartner Trustee Greco Jacobs Trustee Stris	Trustee DiSibio	Superintendent Lison Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch School District Attorney Frazer District Clerk Michels Building Principal Capozzoli Building Principal Gruen Building Principal Huplosky Building Principal Zerillo Approximately 75 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 pending litigation, matters leading to the employment of a particular person, and to discuss negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law) on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, and attorney were invited to attend. Independent Auditor Mark Semo, from D'Arcangelo & Company attended at 7:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 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 September 29 and October 19, 2010 meetings.

MINUTES OF 9/29 & 10/19/10
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

N-SSBA submitted the proposed resolutions for the NYSSBA Convention

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received two invitations from the Nassau County Legislature, one for the Budget Hearing and the second for the Budget Vote.

A thank you card was received, and read by the Clerk, from the Willow Road School PTA addressed to the members of the Board of Education and thanking them for all they do for the children in the district.

President of the Board of Education

Dr. Frank Chiachiere

President Chiachiere explained the process utilized in appointing the new board member.

Appointment of New Board Member

To appoint Sean Douglas as a Trustee on the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education effective October 26, 2010 through May 17, 2011.

SEAN DOUGLAS APPOINTED
TRUSTEE

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

The District Independent Auditor, Mark Semo from D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP, presented a summary of the favorable audit report regarding the district's financial condition.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Governor David Patterson declared the week of October 25-29th as School Board Recognition Week. The Superintendent read a proclamation from Governor Patterson. Superintendent Lison thanked the trustees for giving countless hours of their time for meetings, conferences, and workshop attendance, and for their dedication and commitment to the students of Valley Stream Thirteen.

Board Recognition

Darren Gruen, Principal of the James A. Dever School, introduced the senior chorus under the direction of the music teacher, Johanna DeJose. The students entertained the Board, and Town Councilman Ambrosino presented each Board Member with a citation. President Chiachiere was presented with a Proclamation for the Valley Stream Thirteen Board of Education.

In honor of the Board Members, Interschool PTA President Marlana Romano presented the following Mini Grants:

- Howell Road School: “Howell Inspires Us to Be” Karen Martorana, Paula Barnick, Terry Sales
- Wheeler Avenue School: “School Safety Patrol” Cathy Stirrat, Michelle Johnson, Amy McVetty, Janet Miller, Jennifer Leest
- James A. Dever School: “Bamboo Craft Interactive Table” Richard Rosenfeld
- Willow Road School: “Mobile Math” Lauren Sposito

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Jennifer Catalano as a Noon Hour Aide at Willow Road School effective October 6, 2010.

J. CATALANO’S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Antonella Sciscioli as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) effective October 27, 2010 and unless sooner terminated.

A. SCISCIOLI EMPLOYED AS A NOON HOUR AIDE

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Corinne Wilenski as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) effective October 27, 2010 and unless sooner terminated.

C. WILENSKI EMPLOYED AS A NOON HOUR AIDE

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

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides

To appoint the following as substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides:

- Janet DiStasio
- Harpreet Buhullar
- Colleen O’Brien

SUBSTITUTE CLASSROOM/ NOON HOUR AIDES

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [J. Gartner]

Employment of a Social Worker

To employ Edelma Yashmira Devine as a Social Worker assigned to James A. Dever and Howell Road Schools on Step 1MA (\$64,632) on 3 years probation, effective November 15, 2010 and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

E. DEVINE EMPLOYED AS A SOCIAL WORKER

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

Salary Increment Change

To change the salary for Adrienne Hennawi to 5MA+30 (\$79,994) effective September 1, 2010

A. HENNAWI SALARY STEP CHANGE

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

2010-2011 Salary – Assistant Superintendent for Business

To establish the 2010-2011 salary at \$174,897 for Meredith Brosnan, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

M. BROSAN’S SALARY ESTABLISHED FOR 2010-2011

Moved by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs.

A “no” vote being heard the clerk polled the Board:

Trustee Stris	No	Trustee Gartner	Yes
Trustee Greco Jacobs	Yes	Trustee Douglas	Yes
Trustee Evans	Yes	Trustee Chiachiere	Yes

The vote being 5-1 in favor, motion carried.

In accordance with Board Policy 2360, Trustee Stris submitted the following statement:

“When deciding a fair compensation one must take into account the community’s ability to pay, recent settlements, economic climate and the employees total package. Factors in the total compensation include: contributions to a defined benefit pension plan, health costs, number of days worked, and other contractual obligations. I cannot justify this increase during our present recession. I also disagree with the ability to purchase up to five vacation days.”

2010-2011 Salary – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
To establish the 2010-2011 salary at \$165,306 for Linda Roth, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

L. ROTH'S SALARY
ESTABLISHED FOR 2010-2011

Moved by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs.
A "no" vote being heard the clerk polled the Board:

Trustee Stris	No	Trustee Gartner	Yes
Trustee Greco Jacobs	Yes	Trustee Douglas	Yes
Trustee Evans	Yes	Trustee Chiachiere	Yes

The vote being 5-1 in favor, motion carried.
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2010-2011 Salary – Assistant Superintendent for Special Services
To establish the 2010-2011 salary at \$158,346 for Lisa Sells-Asch, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services.

L. SELLS ASCH'S SALARY
ESTABLISHED FOR 2010-2011

Moved by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs.
A "no" vote being heard the clerk polled the Board:

Trustee Stris	No	Trustee Gartner	Yes
Trustee Greco Jacobs	Yes	Trustee Douglas	Yes
Trustee Evans	Yes	Trustee Chiachiere	Yes

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST
UPDATED AND APPROVED

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

BUSINESS [J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

Treasurer's Report
To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT
ACCEPTED

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

Budget Transfer
To approve the following transfer effective October 27, 2010:

BUDGE TRANSFER APPROVED

<i>From:</i>		
<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A2250.490.01	Special Ed-BOCES Tuition	\$451,000.00
<i>To:</i>		
<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A2250.470.01	Special Ed-Tuition	\$451,000.00

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

Contract for Network Support Services
To approve a contract between Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen and CSDNET for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, at an annual rate of \$12,616.20.

CSDNET CONTRACT FOR
NETWORK SUPPORT
SERVICES APPROVED

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, J. Greco Jacobs]
No Report this month.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

[Vice President J. Gartner]

Committee Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Education Reviews dated 9/8, 9/29, 10/4, and 10/8/10.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Education Reviews dated 9/23, 10/5 and 10/15/10.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Audit Report for 2009-2010

To approve the Audit Report for the 2009-2010 school year.

AUDIT REPORT FOR 2009-2010
APPROVED

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

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on a recent Supreme Court decision in Westchester County whereby the decision of a Section 3020-a hearing officer who terminated a tenured guidance counselor based on her constant and open criticism and disparagement of her fellow counselors, was upheld. The teacher’s attitude constitutes “conduct unbecoming a teacher.”

New Business

Trustees Stris, Chiachiere, Greco Jacobs and Superintendent Lison attended the New York State School Boards Convention workshops and Law Conference on October 21-24, 2010. Trustee Stris Gave a short review of the workshops he attended. He reported that he has written to the Committee on Open Government in Albany to get an opinion on: (1) whether or not the public can FOIL the new teachers and principals ratings; (2) the new rules on board meetings being teleconferenced. The district should hear in writing in the near future on these two items.

Visitors

Krista Testani had several questions concerning the recent proposal to consolidate the Valley Stream School Districts. President Chiachiere advised that there was a study on consolidation several years ago. Before the Boards of Education can hold another study, the four school boards must vote on a resolution to hold said study. The meetings will be open to the public and ultimately, the district residents would have to vote on consolidating the four districts into one school district. To date, Valley Stream Central High School, Valley Stream #30 and Valley Stream #13 have voted to participate in a consolidation study. In the near future, Valley Stream #24 will vote on whether to participate.

Executive Session

At 8:55 p.m. Trustee Stris made a motion for Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously. The Attorney was invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels

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District Clerk