

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, September 27, 2011.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Trustee Chiachiere
Trustee DiSibio
Trustee Douglas
Trustee Evans
Trustee Gartner
Trustee Greco Jacobs
Trustee Stris

OTHERS PRESENT

Superintendent Robb-Fund
Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
School District Attorneys Frazer, Perna
Principal Capozzoli
Principal Gruen
Principal Huplosky
Principal Zerillo
Approximately 30 Visitors

Convening

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

CONVENING

Quorum

Seven 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 Evans and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and the attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the July 5, August 16, and September 20, 2011 meetings.

MINUTES OF 7/5, 8/16 & 9/20 MEETINGS

A motion to lay on the table the July 5, 2011 Minutes by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Gartner. A “No” vote being heard, the Clerk was asked to poll the board:

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

The vote being 6-1 in favor of tabling the July 5 minutes and amending the August 16 minutes was carried.

In accordance with Policy 2360, Trustee Stris made the following statements:

“It is now September 27 and the July 5 minutes have not been approved by this board. I see no reason to wait until October 25, 2011 to approve these minutes. Ninety-eight days seems excessive to approve minutes.”

“To approve the amended Minutes of the August 16, 2011 meeting with the following changes:

Remove “Since Trustee Evans did not attend the Reorganization Meeting, the approval of the July 5, 2011 minutes was tabled due to lack of a quorum” and replace with “A motion to lay on the table the motion to approve the July 5, 2011 Minutes was made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried.”

To approve the Minutes of the September 20, 2011 meeting

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

Correspondence

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received from Frazer & Feldman:

- Rubric Variance Application for the New APPR
- Court Decision Invalidates Parts of the New APPR Regulations
- APPR Plans and Application to Principals
- Recent Federal Court Decision Re: Impartial Hearing

Correspondence received from Guercio & Guercio:

- APPR Update on Status of SED Regulations
- APPR Impact of Litigation and Updated SED Guidance

President Chiachiere gave a brief explanation of the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR)

Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

Superintendent Robb-Fund thanked the custodial and maintenance staff for their work in preparing the buildings and grounds for Hurricane Irene and the clean-up afterwards. LIPA worked all day to restore electricity at Howell Road School so the building was ready to open on the first day. She thanked LIPA and James Daly, Supervisor of Buildings & Operations, for working during the Labor Day weekend.

Staff returned September 6th and participated in professional development workshops during Superintendent's Conference Day. The superintendent shared her goals for this year with the staff:

- Get to know the Valley Stream 13 Community
- Review the 2010-2011 NYS assessment data and improve student achievement on the state and local assessments
- Strive for Academic Excellence for All Students
- Promote the Social Emotional Development of Learning
- Fiscal Accountability

Dr. Robb-Fund gave each classroom teacher the book "One" which is about respect and standing up for others promoting the theme for this year, "Dignity for All Students."

Since enrollment is up at Howell Road School, we will be adding an additional kindergarten class.

With the start of the 2011-2012 school year, children are reading, writing and learning mathematics. Willow Road's Intergenerational Reading Program began, Wheeler held its Positive Behavior Assemblies, Howell held its Positive Behavior in School kickoff that includes paying it forward; and at Dever families of preschoolers have been picking up the "Take Ten" bags. All schools held a moment of silence on September 9 in memory of 9-11, and Constitution Day was celebrated.

Dr. Robb-Fund invited the District 13 community to contact her if they want her to attend a neighborhood organization meeting or any other community event. Everyone is invited to attend the next Board of Education Meeting on October 25 at the Howell Road School beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Lucia Gainor as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to James A. Dever School, effective August 23, 2011.

L. GAINOR RESIGNED AS A NHA

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

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Lillian Armocida as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Willow Road School, effective September 5, 2011.

L. ARMOCIDA RESIGNED AS A NHA

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

Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Lillian Armocida as a Classroom Aide on Step 1(\$16,254) assigned to Willow Road School effective September 6, 2011.

L. ARMOCIDE EMPLOYED AS A CRA

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

Employment of a Part-time (.5) Classroom Aide

To employ Lisa Abruzzino as a .5 Classroom Aide on Step 1(\$16,254 pro-rated) assigned to Howell Road School effective September 6, 2011.

L. ABRUZZINO EMPLOYED AS A .5 CRA

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

Employment of a Part-time (.5) Classroom Aide

To employ Michelle Burke as a .5 Classroom Aide on Step 1(\$16,254 pro-rated) assigned to Willow Road School effective September 6, 2011.

M. BURKE EMPLOYED AS A .5 CRA

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Colleen O'Brien as a Noon Hour Aide on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 6, 2011.

C. O'BRIEN EMPLOYED AS A NHA

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide/Bus Monitor

Employment of Solflor Lopez-Lijo as a Noon Hour Aide on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) assigned to Willow Road School effective September 6, 2011; and as a Bus Monitor at \$10.50 per hour effective September 7, 2011.

S. LOPEZ-LIJO EMPLOYED AS A NHA/BUS MONITOR

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Tracey Leichtle as a Noon Hour Aide on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) assigned to Willow Road School effective September 28, 2011.

T. LEICHTLE EMPLOYED AS A NHA

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

Employment of a Bus Monitor

To employ Christina Vila as a bus monitor at \$10.50 per hour effective September 19, 2011; and to add her as a substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide.

C. VILA EMPLOYED AS A BUS MONITOR/SUBSTITUTE CRA/NHA

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

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide

To add Filomena Mascetti as a substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide.

F. MASCETTI ADDED AS A CRA/NHA

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

Employment of an Hourly Classroom Aide

To employ Donna Richardson as an hourly Classroom Aide on Step 1 (\$16,254 pro-rated) not to exceed 10 hours per week assigned to Wheeler Avenue School effective September 13, 2011, and unless sooner terminated.

D. RICHARDSON EMPLOYED AS AN HOURLY CRA

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

Salary Step Advancement – Classroom Aides

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Building Principal for the salary step advancement from Step 5 to Step 6 for the following Classroom Aides, in accordance with the VSTA Teacher & Media Aide/Board Contract in effect:

SALARY STEP ADVANCEMENT CLASSROOM AIDES

Willow Road School

Barbara Cash
Irene Costanzo
Denise Gianesses
Irina Lebedeva
Ann Lochan
Phyllis Montante
Fran Taliercio
Margaret Tosca
Lorraine Grosso

James A. Dever School

Carmen Egbert
Joanna Lynch

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [S. Douglas, J. Greco Jacobs]

Education Report

- 2011 Summer Programs (D. DeMeo)
- Overview of State Assessments (A. Robb-Fund, L. Roth)

Child Care Leave of Absence

To approve a Child Care Leave of Absence for Donna Gonzalez, Classroom Teacher at Willow Road School, effective November 16, 2011.

CCL – 1ST YEAR APPROVED
D. GONZALEZ

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

Child Care Leave of Absence

To approve a Child Care Leave of Absence for Noelle Rogers, Classroom Teacher at James A. Dever School, effective December 7, 2011.

CCL – 1ST YEAR APPROVED
N. ROGERS

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

Change in Salary Step

SALARY STEP CHANGE

To change the Salary Steps below for the 2011-2012 school year in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract in effect:

- a) Jennifer Ferriero from Step 5MA+45 to Step 4MA+45
- b) Christy Taveira from Step 2MA to Step 1MA

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

Appointment from the Preferred Eligibility List

J. MENDES RECALLED FROM PREFERRED ELIGIBLE LIST

To establish a classroom position in the elementary tenure area; and to appoint Jillian Mendes as the senior person on the Preferred Eligibility List on Step 1MA (\$66,258) effective September 1, 2011.

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

Employment of a Replacement Teacher

A. DIMANGO EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CRT

To employ Andrea DiMango as a Replacement Classroom Teacher on Step 1MA (\$66,258) effective November 16, 2011 through June 30, 2012, unless sooner terminated, and in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract.

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

Employment of a Replacement Teacher

E. MORGAN EMPLOYED AS A REPLACEMENT CRT

To employ Erin Morgan as a Replacement Classroom Teacher on Step 1MA (\$66,258) effective December 7, 2011 through June 30, 2012, unless sooner terminated, and in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract.

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Supervisor

D. ANSELMIN EMPLOYED AS A NHA SUPERVISOR

To employ Dawn Anselmin as the Noon Hour Supervisor assigned to Wheeler Avenue School for 2 ½ hours per day at \$40 per hour effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 and unless sooner terminated.

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

Employment of a Part-time (.04) Art Teacher

V. FERRANDINO EMPLOYED AS A .04 ART TEACHER

To employ Valerie Ferrandino as a .04 Art Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1MA (\$66,258), pro-rated for the number of hours worked, effective September 28, 2011 through June 30, 2012, and unless sooner terminated.

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

Employment of a Part-time (.04) Librarian

M. CASTROFILIPPO EMPLOYED AS A .04 LIBRARIAN

To employ Michelle Castروفilippo as a .04 Librarian assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1MA (\$66,258), pro-rated for the number of hours worked, effective September 28, 2011 through June 30, 2012, and unless sooner terminated.

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

Substitute Teacher List

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST APPROVED FOR 2011-2012

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

BUSINESS [D. Evans, J. DiSibio]

Treasurer's Reports

TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED

To approve the Treasurer's Reports dated July 31 and August 31, 2011.

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

Employment of a Custodian

G. PALMA EMPLOYED AS A CUSTODIAN

To employ Gary Palma as a custodian on Step B (\$47,859) assigned to Howell Road School effective September 28, 2011, in accordance with the CSEA-Local 1000/Board contract in effect on the date of employment.

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

Transportation Contracts for 2011-2012

2011-2012 TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS APPROVED

To approve the following contract extensions and new transportation contract bids at June CPI of 2.9% and as bid on May 25, 2011 by BOCES Consortium and the Southwest Quadrant on May 31 and August 25, 2011.

Acme Transportation

Flushing Christian	1 student	1297.72 p/p/mo. 682.51 per add'l. p/p/mo.
Hamza School	1 student	1557.02 p/p/mo.

		648.70 per add'l. p/p/mo.
Henry Viscardi	1 student	1345.26 p/p/mo.
	matron	2017.88 per matron/p/mo.
Jamaica Muslim	2 students	414.35 p/p/mo.
Long Island Lutheran	1 student	679.14 p/p/mo.
Notre Dame	1 student	524.00 p/p/mo.
Sacred Heart-Merrick	1 student	724.00 p/p/mo.
Waldorf School*	2 students	Price of Van by # Students in SW Quad
	6 hr. van	4641.35 p/mo.

First Student

Progressive	1 student	415.72 p/p/mo.
Rhame School	1 student	699.00 p/p/mo.
St. Aiden's	2 students	955.10 p/p/mo.
St. Martin De Porres	1 student	1073.00 p/p/mo.
UCP	1 student	900.00 p/p/mo.
	matron	1690.00 p/p/mo.

Independent Coach

Crescent	2 students	1130.97 p/p/mo.
		307.67 per add'l. p/p/mo.
Lawrence Woodmere	1 student	699.00 p/p/mo.
Sacred Heart (CH)	1 student	401.50 p/p/mo.
St. Mary's	4 students	1399.00 p/p/mo.
		69.00 per add'l. p/p/mo.
St. Raymond's	2 students	672.63 p/p/mo.
		224.21 per add'l. p/p/mo.

Suburban Bus

AHRC	1 van	3921.87 per van/mo.
		1929.42 per matron/p/mo.
Blessed Sacrament	1 van	3921.87 per van/mo.
Jerusalem Ave School	3 students	440.56 p/p/mo.
	matron	1864.47 per matron/p/mo.
Dever Van (Sp. Ed)	3 vans	3921.88 per van/mo.
	3 matrons	1929.42 per matron/p/mo.
Holy Name of Mary	1 van	3921.88 per van/mo.
Our Lady of Peace	1 student	999.74 p/p/mo.
	5 students	359.10 per add'l. p/p/mo.
Summit Lane	1 student	2014.52 p/p/mo.
	matron	2017.88 per matron/p/mo.
St. Agnes	4 students	394.00 p/p/mo.
St. Anne's	1 van	3921.88 per van/mo.
St. Catherine's	1 van	3921.88 per van/p/mo.
St. Thomas	1 van	3921.88 per van/p/mo.
Willow Rd Van	3 vans	3545.41 per van/p/mo.
	3 matrons	1840.41 per matron/p/mo.

Veterans

Grace Christian Academy	1 student	1009.74 p/p/mo.
Franklin Early Childhood	1 student	308.00 p/p/mo.
In-District Large Buses	13 buses	6393.96 per bus/p/mo.

WE Transport

Al Iman	1 student	1968.67 p/p/mo.
Covert	1 student	928.25 p/p/mo.
	matron	2055.41 per matron/p/mo.
Grace Lutheran	1 student	649.78 p/p/mo.
Holy Trinity	1 student	614.31 p/p/mo.
Roosevelt Charter School	1 student	558.75 p/p/mo.
St. Gregory	1 student	1838.58 p/p/mo.

* (Final price determined by # of students on Quad route)
per pupil per month = p/p/mo.

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, J. Gartner]

Policy for 2nd Reading and Adoption

POLICIES ADOPTED

To approve the following Policy after a 2nd Reading:

- 1225 Relationship with Local Education Foundation
- 3220 Administrative Councils, Cabinets, Committees

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

[Vice President J. Gartner]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 9/2, 9/2H, 9/2Wi, 9/9/11.

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Education Reviews dated 8/9 and 9/9/11.

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

Impartial Hearing Officers

IHO APPROVED

Ellen Abberbock	Deborah Berger	Regina Brandow
Ellen Cutler-Igoe	Lorraine Ferrigno	Jeanne Keefe
Elise Kestenbaum	Leah Murphy	Amie Nemeth
Jeffrey Schiro	Tina Wasser	

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

Home Tutoring

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

To approve Home Tutoring for a 2nd Grade student at Howell Road School for the 2011-2012 school year. Tutor: Danielle VanBlerck

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

CSE/CPSE Parent Members

CSE/CPSE PARENT MEMBERS APPROVED

To add Elyssa Doona and Christine Baez as parent members for the Committee on Pre-school Special Education (CPSE); and add Elyssa Doona as a parent member for the Committee on Special Education (CSE) for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Special Services Contracts for 2011-2012

SPECIAL SERVICES CONTRACTS APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD No. 13 has solicited bids for Special Education Related Services for the 2011-12 school year, and has determined that the following providers best meet the requirements for those services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts and awards the following service provider agreements and authorizes the Board President to execute said agreements on behalf of the Board:

- Metro Therapy
- New York Therapy
- All Children’s Therapy
- Bilinguals, Inc.
- Kids First

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

Tuition Placement Contracts

TUITION PLACEMENT CONTRACTS APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 13 is authorized under the Education Law to contract with other public school districts within the State of New York for the instruction of students with disabilities where appropriate, as determined by the District’s committee on special education;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the special education services contracts between the District and the following public school districts for the 2011-12 school year:

East Rockaway UFSD
Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD
Rockville Centre UFSD

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreements on behalf of the Board.

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

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

A report was given concerning the “Concussion Management and Awareness Act” which directs the Commissioner of Education and Health to adopt and implement rules and regulations for the treatment and monitoring of students with mild traumatic brain injuries. The State Education Department will be required to establish head-injury guidelines for school coaches, physical education teachers, nurses and athletic trainers. The guidelines would be used to identify symptoms of a

concussion and to ensure appropriate medical treatment is provided to an injured student. In addition, the new legislation requires school personnel to receive training in mild traumatic brain injuries and requires provision of informational pamphlets on mild traumatic brain injuries to parents of students who participate in interscholastic sports or who have suffered a mild traumatic brain injury. Legislation also requires written consent of and acknowledgement of receipt of such pamphlet by parents prior to their student's participation in interscholastic sports. No student who has, or who may have suffered a concussion may return to athletic activities unless the student has been symptom free for at least 24 hours and a licensed physician has authorized the student's return.

New Business

Trustee Stris reported that there is a new booklet entitled The School Board President's Handbook, a resource for effective leadership produced by the NYS School Boards Association. He further stated that in the newly revised section of Robert's Rules of Order, pages 477 and 478, there is an incorrect statement, namely, "If no one seconds the motion, the motion dies for a lack of a second." Trustee Stris advised that in small boards a second is not necessary, assuming a board adopts Roberts Rules as their governing rule. NYSSBA and their legal department researched this statement and found it to be correct. NYSSBA is under no obligation to immediately correct the error; however it will be corrected in the future printing of the handbook.

Visitors

Vincent Toma from Norwood Park Civic Association spoke about the school grounds, composting and beautification of the grounds, as well as the status of the Consolidation Study. Trustee Greco Jacobs addressed the Consolidation Study. The high school is the lead liaison for consolidation and they are sending out RFPs for pricing and the committee is working on this. Mr. Toma indicated he would be available to volunteer his time. He was invited to the building inspections on Saturday, December 3rd.

Krista Testani, a Willow Parent, asked about funding for school trips and G & T Clubs. She was advised that the principals and teachers decide which clubs they hold in each building.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels

Denise Michels
District Clerk