

**OFFICIAL  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HELD IN CAFETERIA "B", MEMORIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
VALLEY STREAM, NEW YORK  
DECEMBER 11, 2012**

**Board Members Present** Elise Antonelli, Dr. Frank Chiachiere, Kenneth Cummings, Joseph DiSibio, Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Donna LaRocco, Lawrence Trogel

**Board Members Absent:** Anthony Iadevaio, Carolyn Pean

**Officers of the Board and Administrators Present:**

Dr. Bill Heidenreich, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Thomas Troisi, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Wayne Loper, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Dr. Tracey Nekulak, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Administration, Mr. John Sheahan, Attorney.

**Officers of the Board and Administrators Absent:** N/A

**Meeting Opened**

Board Vice President Antonelli called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and approved unanimously, the Board entered into Executive Session for the employment history of a particular person, for discussion regarding proposed, pending and current litigation and for collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

At 8:10 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session and entered into Public Session.

**Recognition of Visitors**

Board Vice President Antonelli welcomed the visitors. She advised that visitors who wished to address the Board concerning items on the agenda would be heard when the pertinent item was being discussed and before action was taken. Visitors wishing to address the Board concerning items that did not appear on the agenda would have the opportunity to speak at the conclusion of regular business.

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## **Communications**

Mrs. Mary Colgan, District Clerk, shared that the Board had received the following correspondence:

### New York State School Boards Association

- Information for workshops, webinars and advocacy alerts

### Nassau BOCES

- Information about their budget orientation meeting being held on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

### Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Assoc., Inc.

- A “Save the Date” notice for their conference “Long Island Schools in the Eye of the Storm” being held on January 31, 2013.

## **Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the November 13, 2012 Business Meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Annual Fire Inspection Review**

Mr. Bruce Bingham, fire inspector for the District, shared with the Board and community that the District was one of the best that he visits. A few small infractions were found that were immediately corrected. He thanked Mr. Loper and the staff of each building for their cooperation and hard work.

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the Annual Fire Safety Report.

### **Acceptance of Resignation**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the resignation of District Treasurer Arthur Venezia, effective close of business Wednesday, December 5, 2012.

### **Charges Pursuant to Section 3020-a of New York State Education Law**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Superintendent of Schools has preferred charges against the employee named in Confidential Schedule "A" pursuant to Section 3020-a of the New York State Education Law; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education has determined, by a vote of a majority of all the members of the Board, that probable cause exists for the charges preferred against said employee by the Superintendent of Schools;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education will seek termination of the employee named in Confidential Schedule "A" in a hearing on the charges conducted pursuant to Section 3020-a of the New York State Education Law.

### **Student Suspension Appeal**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board of Education shall uphold the determination of the Hearing Officer in the matter of the appeal dated November 16, 2012 as listed in Confidential Schedule "A2".

## **Superintendent's Report**

### **Authorization to Execute Stipulation of Settlement**

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board of Education hereby approves a Stipulation of Settlement and General Release ("Stipulation") with

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the parents of the student identified on Confidential Schedule “A-1”, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute such Stipulation on behalf of the Valley Stream Central High School District.

**Authorization to Ratify Agreement with the Valley Stream Secondary School Administrators’ Association**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board hereby ratifies the Agreement with the Valley Stream Secondary School Administrators Association dated December 11, 2012.

**Authorization to Ratify Agreement with the Valley Stream Secondary School Directors’ Association**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board hereby ratifies the Agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers Secondary School Directors’ Association dated December 11, 2012.

**Information and Exploration**

**School Board Recognition Week Presentations**

Dr. Heidenreich stated that this is an opportunity to thank the Board of Education for their dedication to the community and students. Members of the High School Board of Education serve double duty as Board members of both an elementary Board of Education and the High School Board of Education.

Central High School presented the Board with a framed picture of the graduating class of 1931 that was taken in front of Mount Vernon alongside a picture of members of the graduating class of 2013 also in front of Mount Vernon.

Memorial Junior High School presented the Board with a framed collage featuring their BRAVE club.

North High School presented the Board with an original screen-print done by an AP Art Student depicting all aspects of North student life.

South High School presented the Board with a pin honoring their “Small Acts of Kindness Make A Big Difference” campaign.

Board Vice President Antonelli thanked everyone for their support and the generous gifts.

**Report Regarding Residency Advisory Committee Meeting of November 26, 2012**

Dr. Nekulak stated the meeting was attended by Board members, Village officials, representatives from the elementary districts as well as community members. Residency issues were discussed as well as the impact of Hurricane Sandy on residency and displaced students attending our schools.

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### **2013-14 School Year Budget**

**Building Tours-Saturday, January 5, 2013 beginning at North High School, 8:15 a.m.**

A reminder was given to both the Board and community.

### **Release Date of Waiver Letters – Week of December 17, 2012**

The Superintendent reminded the community that the deadline for returning the waiver letters was February 15, 2013.

### **Attorney's Report**

John Sheahan, the attorney for the District presented a report regarding a recent victory for their firm, before the Commissioner of Education, where they persuaded the Commissioner to dismiss the appeal of an individual challenging the District's determination that his children are not district residents, on the basis that service on the respondent school district was not proper and that the matter was moot. A copy of the report was given to the District Clerk for distribution to the Board of Education.

## Education Committee

Resignations

**No Action to Report**

Appointments

### **Appointment of Permanent Substitute, 2012-13**

On motion of Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere, carried unanimously and in accordance with the New York State Education Law, the Board approved appointment of the following (pending verification of credentials, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

<u>School</u>	<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u>
South	Tara McKennett	Math	.6	12/12/12-06/30/13	\$72 per diem

Ms. McKennett was appointed as a .4 math teacher at the August 28, 2012 Board of Education meeting.

### **Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2012-13**

On motion of Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of the following as per diem substitutes at a rate of \$105 per diem without benefits:

Eliza Damasco

Kerry McLernon

Stipends

### **Interscholastic Activities**

On motion of Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following stipends at the appropriate step effective as noted:

<u>School</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Memorial	Michael DiGiovanna	Volleyball JH Boys HC	01/14/2013-03/16/2013	+	\$3,453
	Michael Luckert	Wrestling JH Boys HC	01/14/2013-03/16/2013	+	\$4,315
	Benjamin Tangney	Basketball JH Girls HC	01/14/2013-03/16/2013	+	\$4,315
North	Daniel Bart	Volleyball JH Boys HC	01/14/2013-03/16/2013	+	\$3,716
	James Green	Basketball JH Girls HC	01/14/2013-03/16/2013	+	\$4,315
	Thomas Maddock	Wrestling JH HC	01/14/2013-03/16/2013	+	\$4,315
South	Christopher Bottjer	Wrestling JH HC	01/14/2013-03/16/2013	+	\$4,315
	Richard Boyd	Basketball JH Girls HC	01/14/2013-03/16/2013	+	\$4,315
	Peter DiThomas	Volleyball JH Boys HC	01/14/2013-03/16/2013	+	\$3,716

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### **Co-Curricular Activities**

On motion of Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following stipend at the appropriate step effective as noted:

<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Advisor</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>+/-</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>
Memorial	Kelly Martin	Music Director, Music Spring	+	01/14/13-06/30/13	\$1808.00
North	Eliza Damasco	Musical Conductor Spring	+	01/14/13-04/14/13	\$601.00
	Courtney Schmaeling	Major Musical Music Dir. Spr.	+	01/14/13-04/14/13	\$1205.00
	Debra Schneider	Chorus-JHS	+	11/16/12-6/10/13	\$3612.00*
	Debra Schneider	Select Choral Ensemble-JHS	+	11/16/12-6/10/13	\$1486.00*

\*Prorated

### **Committee for Special Education**

#### **Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education**

On motion of Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board approved to arrange for the placement of students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

### **Informational Items**

**No Action to Report**

## **Business Committee**

*On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved items 1 – 4.*

### **1. Budget Status Reports**

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012

- a. General Fund
- b. Capital Fund
- c. School Lunch Fund
- d. Special Aid Fund

### **2. Trial Balance Reports**

The Trial Balance Reports for the period July 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012

- a. General Fund
- b. Capital Fund
- c. School Lunch Fund
- d. Special Aid Fund

### **3. Revenue Reports**

The Revenue Status Reports for the period July 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012

- a. General Fund
- b. Capital Fund
- c. School Lunch Fund
- d. Special Aid Fund

### **4. Extracurricular Fund Reports**

The Extracurricular Fund Reports for the month of October 2012

**\*Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Treasurer is unable to provide reports and the Summary of Cash Accounts for the months of September and October 2012. These items will be included next month with the November 2012 statements.**



**B. Informational Items**

1. Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2012 – November 30, 2012)
2. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2012 – November 30, 2012)
3. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2012 – November 30, 2012)
4. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2012 – November 30, 2012)
5. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2012 – November 30, 2012)

**C. Award of Graduation Facilities Use Contract**

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board of Education hereby awards a nonexclusive contract to Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus, 700 Northern Boulevard, Greenvale, New York, 11548 for use of facilities and premises for the graduation ceremony of Valley Stream Central High School, on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at a fee of \$9,536.00, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement.

**D. Budget Transfers**

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved of budget transfers dated December 11, 2012, in accordance with Board Policy 6150.

**Policy Committee**

**Policies Recommended for Adoption as Revised on Second Reading**

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the following policies as revised on second reading:

0328 Staff Evaluation

Code of Conduct

5300.10	Definitions
5300.30	Prohibited Student Conduct

### **Old and New Business**

Board Vice President Antonelli shared some updates regarding the Wellness Committee including some ideas for upcoming workshops and seminars.

### **Opportunity for Guests**

None

### **Motion to Adourn**

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted By:

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Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk