

**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
JANUARY 8, 2013**

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

Board Members Absent: Carolyn Pean

Officers of the Board and Administrators Present:

Dr. Bill Heidenreich, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Thomas Troisi, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. 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 President Iadevaio called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 8:09 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session and entered into Public Session.

Recognition of Visitors

Board President Iadevaio welcomed the visitors. He 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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The Board President asked for a Moment of Silence in remembrance of the victims of the Newtown School Shooting Tragedy.

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 regarding a vacancy on the Nassau BOCES Board.

Approval of Minutes

Board President Iadevaio pointed out that Trustee Antonelli was not present at the December 4, 2012 Committee Meeting, however, she was marked as present in the minutes.

On motion of Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved the December 4, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes as amended and the minutes of the December 11, 2012 Business Meeting.

New Business

No Action to Report

Superintendent's Report

Re-Adoption of Calendar Days for Student Attendance and Days of Religious Observance

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board hereby readopts the calendar of days for student attendance for 2012-13, with amendments prepared in accordance with the agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association.

Request to Accept Gift

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the following gift to South High School to be hung in the gymnasium:

Donated by: South High School Parents Club
Qty.: Thirty (30) New Vinyl Sports/Team Banners
Value: \$11,695 (as estimated by donor)

On the question, Trustee Trogel asked what they were for and Dr. Loper answered that they were to replace the old banners currently hanging in South's gym.

Information and Exploration

Dr. Heidenreich and Board President Iadevaio presented Certificates of Recognition to the following students:

Student Recognition - New York State Winner - Wendy's High School Heisman Award

South High School - Andrew Hess

Student Recognition: Football Awards - 2012 Nassau County Golden Eleven Football Team Members

North High School - Anthony Martelli
South High School - Christopher Infantino

Student Recognition: - All State Athlete

North High School - Lerthon Theuma (Boys Soccer)

Student Recognition – Nassau County Class a Soccer Player of the Year

North High School - Lerthon Theuma

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Student Recognition: Outstanding Physical Education Students - Nassau Zone, NYS Assoc. for Health

Central High School - Desiree Chase, David Meltzer
North High School - Lauren Collura, Justin Uslaner
South High School - Stephanie Persaud, Andrew Hess

Student Recognition: Nassau County Coaches Association - All County Awards

Boys Soccer

North High School - Adley Voltaire
South High School - Zachary Knight

Cross Country

North High School - Peter Wilk
South High School - Michael Gordon

Football

North High School - James Capozziello, Anthony Martelli, Billy Patsos
South High School - Frank Accardi, Christopher Infantino

Girls Soccer

North High School - Alanna McDougall
South High School - Breanna Knight

Boys Volleyball

South High School - Andrew Hess

Student Recognition: Nassau County Conference 4 "Big 4 Champions

North High School Football

Student Recognition: Nassau County All Conference Champions

North High School Boys Soccer

Student Recognition: Nassau County All Conference Champions

North High School Boys Cross-Country

Student Recognition: Nassau Conference One-A Team

Sportsmanship Award

Central High School Boys Soccer

Teacher Recognition: Nassau County Conference 7 Coach of the Year

North High School - David Aguado (Boys Soccer)

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At 8:26 p.m., the Board took a recess to allow the student athletes to leave. The Board reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

District Safety Plan

Dr. Loper provided an update regarding the districts safety plan. The High School District has been very proactive with security in the school buildings. The District has met with a BOCES liason to see where we need to have more security. As always, the staff in the buildings remain vigilant and follow safety procedures. The Superintendent is asking the Safety Committee to meet again as well as having a safety firm do an independent audit of the buildings.

Dr. Heidenreich added that the buildings had just conducted a practice safety drill but we are always asking what more can be done. We need to work with trained professionals who can offer advice on what we are doing and what can be done better.

Trustee Cummings stated that it was important for the public to know that the district had used safety professionals to develop the current plan for the district.

Wellness Committee Report

Jill Vogel, District Director of Guidance, shared with the Board and community that the Wellness Committee is off to a good start. They are in the process of organizing a Parent University, that will be held at Central High School in April. There will be speakers, seminars, question and answer periods and break out groups. The next meeting of the Wellness Committee will focus on drug and alcohol awareness.

Attorney's Report

John Sheahan, the attorney for the District presented a report regarding a recent case before the Commissioner of Education in which a parent appealed the determination of a Board of Education that his son was not a district resident and the parent sought a determination that his son was a district resident and that he was entitled to attend district schools without the payment of tuition. The appeal was dismissed. A copy of the report was given to the District Clerk for distribution to the Board of Education.

Education Committee

A. Resignations

No Action to Report

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved items B1 – D1

B. Appointments

1. Appointment of Part-Time Teacher Aides – Special Education

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:

Teacher Aide/School	Step	Effective	Hourly Rate
Karen Cannon/SHS	1	1/9/2013-6/30/2013	\$12.55
Marie Doyle-Lyons/SHS	1	1/9/2013-6/30/2013	\$12.55

2. Appointment of Probationary School Nurse

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:

Consuelo Choinski
Salary Step 1.....\$44,869 (prorated)
Assignment: Memorial
Six month probationary period effective January 9, 2013 - September 7, 2013
To replace Ms. Woods

3. Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2012-13

The Board approved appointment of the following as per diem substitutes at a rate of \$105 per diem without benefits:

Lauren DeGraaff Cara Monteforte

C. Stipends/Salary Adjustments

1. Co-Curricular Activities

The Board approved of the following stipends at the appropriate step effective as noted:

School	Advisor	Activity	Effective	+/- Stipend
Memorial	Kelly Martin	Major Musical Conductor	1/9/13-6/30/13	+\$ 601.00
	Kelly Martin	Major Musical Choreographer	1/9/13-6/30/13	+\$1,205.00
North	Kelly Peckholdt	Major Musical Choreographer	1/14/13-4/22/13	- \$1,486.00
South	Laura Santa Maria	Math Honor Society	11/19/12-6/30/13	- \$2,970.00**
	Deborah Green	Math Honor Society	12/15/12-6/30/13	+ \$2,648.00**

*Non-District Employee

**Prorated

2. Interscholastic Activities

No Action to Report

3. Appointment of Adult Education Personnel, Spring 2013

In accordance with the New York State Education Law, the Board approved appointment of the following effective as noted on an as needed basis to be determined by administration:

Instructor	Course	Hourly Rate
Marcia Azeez	Intro to Quickbooks	\$25.00
Pearl Brummer	Senior Citizens Education Seminar	\$20.00
Evelyn D'Achille	Zumba	\$25.00
Michael Delia	Basic Drawing	\$25.00
Phyllis Kiel DeMarinis	Path to Safe and Gentle Yoga	\$30.00
JoAnne De Vine	Exercise for Health	\$40.00
Valerie Ferrandino	Art Workshop	\$25.00
Linda Giuliano	Metaphysical Minds	\$20.00
Doreen Gladstone	Intro to Excel	\$40.00
Martin Graham	Ballroom Dancing	\$35.00
Belle Graham	Ballroom Dancing	\$20.00
Darryl Granum	Zumba	\$25.00
Joseph Grassa	Soccer	\$30.00
Wilbert Lyron	Survival French	\$25.00
Elaina Marku	Kundalini Yoga	\$40.00
Christina Mastroserio	Volleyball	\$32.50
Kathleen McCaffrey	American Sign Language	\$40.00
Kathleen McCaffrey	Golf	\$40.00
Timothy Murphy	Intro to Microsoft Office	\$30.00
Kasia Navarette	Knitting	\$25.00
Susan Nicola	Craft Workshops	\$25.00
John Perez	Piano	\$30.00
Danny Russo	Self Defense	\$25.00
Barbara Siems	Yoga	\$35.00

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Sabine Spady	Intro to Computers 1	\$40.00
Marion Stainkamp-Strobel	Cooking	\$25.00
Winnie Tsai	Chinese Painting	\$30.00
Maria Jose Vaca	Spanish Beginner	\$35.00
Michael Vita	Wine Appreciation	\$25.00

D. Committee on Special Education

1. Committee for Special Education

Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education

The Board approved to arrange for the placement of students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

E. Informational Items

1. No Action to Report

Business Committee

A. Financial Reports

1. **Treasurer's Report**
*Due to the resignation of the District Treasurer, the Treasurer's Report for the months of September, October and November 2012 will be included on the February 2013 agenda.
2. **Summary of Cash Accounts**
*Due to the resignation of the District Treasurer, Summary of Cash Accounts for the months of September, October and November 2012 will be included on the February 2013 agenda.

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board approved items 3 – 6.

3. **Budget Status Reports**
The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012
General Fund
Capital Fund
School Lunch Fund
Special Aid Fund
4. **Trial Balance Reports**
The Trial Balance Reports for the period July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012
General Fund
Capital Fund
School Lunch Fund
Special Aid Fund
5. **Revenue Reports**
The Revenue Status Reports for the period July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012
General Fund
Capital Fund
School Lunch Fund
Special Aid Fund
6. **Extracurricular Fund Reports**
The Extracurricular Fund Reports for the month of November 2012

B. Informational items

1. **Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor**
July 1, 2012-December 31, 2012
2. **Conference Attendance**
Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2012-December 31, 2012)
3. **Overnight Conference Attendance**
Staff (July 1, 2012-December 31, 2012)
4. **District Reimbursements**
Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2012-December 31, 2012)
5. **Meals and Refreshments**
(July 1, 2012-December 31, 2012)

6. **Budget Transfers**
On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved of budget transfers dated January 8, 2013 in accordance with Board Policy 6150.

Policy Committee

No action to Report

Old and New Business

Student Parking Policy

Board President Iadevaio stated that at the December meeting, a discussion had begun regarding the student parking policy.

Trustee DiSibio made a motion to delete the wording about restricting parking on school grounds from the policy. Trustee Antonelli seconded the motion.

On the question, Trustee Chiachiere felt that this policy should have input by the building principals before changing it; the Board should hear from them first. The Superintendent stated that the Principals had spoken with members of the PTA's and it appeared that there was no issue at South or Central, just North.

Trustee Jacobs explained that Board policy requires the Policy Committee to meet and make changes and then the revised policy has two readings before the Board; a policy is not changed by making a motion. Trustee Jacobs asked the attorney to advise the Board.

Mr. Sheahan reviewed the Board policy and agreed that the Policy Committee reviews the policies prior to presenting them to the Board for two readings.

Trustee DiSibio amended his motion to direct the Superintendent to draft language for Board Policy #5454 and to forward the draft to the Policy Committee for review. Trustee Trogel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Trustee Chiachiere	No
Trustee Trogel	Yes
Trustee Jacobs	No
Trustee Cummings	No
Trustee LaRocco	Yes
Trustee DiSibio	Yes
Trustee Antonelli	Yes
Trustee Iadevaio	Yes

With a vote of 5 "yes" and 3 "no", the motion passes.

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Education Law §913 Examination

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints Dr. Randall Solomon as School Medical Inspector pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law in order to evaluate the ability of the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule "A" to perform his/her duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law, the Board of Education directs the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule "A" to appear for a medical examination in the office of Dr. Randall Solomon on January 16, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

Opportunity for Guests

None

Motion to Adourn

On motion of Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk

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