

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
HELD IN CAFETERIA "B"
MEMORIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
FLETCHER AVE., VALLEY STREAM, NEW YORK 11580
OCTOBER 11, 2011**

Board Members Present: Dr. Frank Chiachiere, Kenneth Cummings, Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Anthony Iadevaio, Donna LaRocco, William Stris, Lawrence Trogel

Board Members Absent: Elise Antonelli, 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 President Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and approved unanimously, the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. 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 8:02 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session and entered into Public Session.

Recognition of Visitors

Board President Jacobs 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

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

New York State School Boards Association

- Information for workshops and webinars

New York State Art Teacher's Association

- Letter sharing that the artwork of some district students will be on display at the New York State Schools Boards Association Annual Conference being held in Buffalo at the end of October.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the September 13, 2011 Business Meeting.

New Business

Appointment of District Treasurer

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board approved that Arthur Venezia be appointed as District Treasurer, effective October 12, 2011 at a stipend of \$13,000 (prorated).

Superintendent's Report

Request to Accept Gift

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved to accept the following gift to the Valley Stream Central High School District Athletic Department:

Donated by: Mr. Tom Drogan
Qty. One (1) Precor 3.15 Home Universal
Value: \$1300 (as estimated by donor)

Transportation Request Appeals

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board hereby sustains the late transportation request appeals by the parents of the students identified on Confidential Schedule "A-1."

Information and Exploration

Dr. Heidenreich shared that tonight, the district gets to celebrate the academic success of many of our students. The Superintendent asked the building principals to join him and Board President Jacobs in presenting Certificates of Recognition to the students.

1. **Student Recognition: AP Scholars (Exhibit)**
2. **Student Recognition: National Merit Scholarship Competition – Semi-Finalist: North High School – Silvia Arora**
Commended Scholars:
Central High School – Luke Demas
North High School – Thomas Bardabelias; Toluwani Dawodu; Jaslyn Fan; Mohammad Qadri; Charles Sanky
South High School – David Li
3. **Student Recognition: National Achievement Scholarship Program - Semi-Finalists:**
Central High School – Ariel Bourne
North High School – Toluwani Dawodu
4. **49th Annual Newsday Marching Band Festival – Hofstra – Central/North/South High School Bands – October 19, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.**
Dr. Heidenreich reminded the Board and community that Central, North and South High Schools would be participating in this annual event.
5. **Residency Advisory Committee Meeting – Monday, November 7, 2011, 8:30 a.m., Board Room**
A reminder was given to both the Board and community.
6. **American Education Week – November 13-19, 2011**
Further information will be given out as the event date draws closer.
7. **Two Uses of One Call**
Per Board Policy, the Superintendent shared with the Board and community that the One Call system had been used twice during the month; both for possible incidents at South High School that never materialized but the District had wanted to stay on top of the rumors.

Attorney's Report

Mr. John Sheahan, Attorney for the District, presented a report of a recent decision in which the Appellate Division, Second Department held that a substitute teacher may not accumulate tenure credit for time spent teaching pursuant to an intern certificate. A copy of the report was given to the District Clerk for distribution to the Board of Education.

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Education Committee

Resignations/Abolishment of Positions

Teacher Request for Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and approved unanimously, the Board approved of the request for a leave of absence with pay prior to retirement in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Teachers Association:

Stephanie Ginsberg – Memorial – Health
Effective: June 30, 2012
Retirement
Ms. Ginsberg has been a Health teacher in Valley Stream for 42 years.

Head Custodian Retirement

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following retirement:

Richard Vaccaro – South
Effective November 16, 2011
Mr. Vaccaro has been with Valley Stream for 38 years.

On the question, Trustee Chiachiere congratulated Mr. Vaccaro on his many years in the district and wished him the best in his retirement.

Cleaner Retirement

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

Jose Ocasio
Effective December 25, 2011
Mr. Ocasio has been with Valley Stream for 13 years.

Assistant Principal Resignation

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following resignation:

Manuel Urena – South
Effective October 10, 2011
Other Employment

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Monitor Resignation

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

Thomas Duncan - Central
Effective October 21, 2011
Other employment

Part Time Teacher Aide Resignation

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following resignation:

Sondra Conlon – South
Effective September 30, 2011
Ms. Conlon will be recommended for a Full Time Teacher Aide Position

Abolishment of Position - Director of Instruction, Funded Programs and Grants

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved that the District abolish the position of Director of Instruction, Funded Programs and Grants effective the close of business on October 12, 2011.

Appointments

Awarding of Teaching Assistant Tenure

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee LaRocco and carried unanimously, the Board approved tenure appointment to the following effective as noted:

<u>Tenure Date</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>
10/17/11	Robert Santoro	Memorial

Approval of Position - Director of Instructional Services

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved the establishment of the administrative position of Director of Instructional Services effective November 7, 2011 with a 12 month work year with terms and conditions of employment subject to Board of Education Policy 9511.

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Appointment of Director of Instructional Services

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

Jennifer Gallagher, Ed.D.
Salary\$120,000 (prorated)
Education: Molloy College BA, St. John’s University MA and Ed.D.
Experience: Regional Director of Lighthouse Academies Public Charter Schools, Principal at New York Nativity Network and Ss. Cyril and Methodius School
Assignment: District
Three year probationary period effective November 7, 2011 – November 6, 2014

Appointment of Dean of Students, 2011-12

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved appointment of the following effective as noted:

<u>Dean</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Michael Mahler	South	.8	\$5,200 (prorated)

Appointment of Per Diem Substitute Assistant Principal

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment John Didden as a per diem substitute Assistant Principal at the rate of \$500 per diem for a period not to exceed sixty days with dates to be determined by Administration with maximum earnings not to exceed \$30,000 (without benefits) effective October 12, 2011 – December 31, 2011.

Appointment of Interim ELA Chairperson

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Trogel, carried unanimously and in accordance with the New York State Education Law, the Board approved appointment of the following with a work year of the teacher calendar plus eight days as assigned by administration:

Susan Rollero
Stipend\$9,000 (prorated)
Education: Queens College BA, Adelphi University MA, Stony Brook PD
Assignment: Central/Memorial
Effective: October 12, 2011 – June 30, 2012
Ms. Rollero will teach two classes

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Appointment of CTE Department Head, 2011- 2012

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee LaRocco and carried unanimously, the Board approved appointment of the following effective as noted:

<u>Department Head</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Jay Yeandel	Central	CTE	\$7,150 (prorated)

Appointment of Probationary Senior Typist Clerk

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris, carried unanimously and in accordance with Civil Service Regulations, the Board approved the following appointment (pending verification of credentials, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted with salary subject to the completion of clerical negotiations unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Joan Limiti
Salary Step 1.....\$34,962 (prorated)
Assignment: Memorial
Twenty-six week probationary period effective October 31, 2011 – April 29, 2012
To replace Ms. Henning

Appointment of Teacher Aides – Special Education, 2011-12

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris, 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 unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

<u>Teacher Aide</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Sondra Conlon	South	10/1/11-6/30/12	4	\$18,055 (prorated)
Laura Fitzpatrick	North	10/12/11-6/30/12	1	\$16,125 (prorated)

Appointment of Mentors for Initial Certificate Holders, 2011-12

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of the following as mentors at the rate of \$51.15 per hour effective as noted:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Maximum Hours</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Michael Serif	30	Social Studies
Santo DiSclafani	30	Biology
Alex Koltunov	30	Physics
Brenda Coleman	30	English
Deborah Walker	30	Math
Angela Fung	30	Spanish

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Appointment of Permanent Substitutes, 2011-12

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, 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>Rate</u>
North	Kristen Giambrone	English	1.0	\$120

Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2011-12

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

Michael Bashover	John Heib	Allen Louissaint
Jodi Morello	Kelly O'Rourke	Karen Polito
Kara Zaraguza		

Stipends/Salary Adjustments

Co-Curricular Activities

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

SCHOOL	NAME	CLUB	SEASON	AMOUNT	
CENTRAL	Bakalov, Mario	FBLA	10/11 - 6/12	\$1205	
	English, Donald	Tech. Director	10/11 - 6/12	\$3453	
	Hughes, Laurie	Eagle Video Club	10/11 - 6/12	\$2648	
	Parisi, Mary	School Store (.5)	10/11 - 6/12	\$1726.50	
	Varian, Alisha	School Store (.5)	10/11 - 6/12	\$1726.50	
MEMORIAL	Carberry, Darla	Stage Craft	10/11 - 1/12	\$1808	
	Cazzetto, Kim	Poetry Club	10/11 - 6/12	\$1205	
	Hundertmark, Joann	Detention Coordinator	10/11 - 6/12	\$3974	
	Hundertmark, Joann	Peer Mediation	10/11 - 6/12	\$1808	
	Larkin, Anne	8 Grade Advisor (.5)	10/11 - 6/12	\$602.50	
	Lopez, Holly	8 Grade Advisor (.5)	10/11 - 6/12	\$602.50	
	Pravda, Lynne	Photography Club	10/11 - 6/12	\$1808	
	Santoro, Robert	PALS Tutoring	10/11 - 6/12	1808	
	NORTH	Gebhard, Kristen	Art Club	10/11 - 6/12	\$1205
		Little, Paul	Theater Manager	10/11 - 6/12	\$3293
Peckholdt, Kelly		Major Musical Choreographer	10/11 - 12/11	\$1205	
Schroeder, Anne		One Act Play 11 (.5)	1/12 - 3/12	\$904.50	
Thorn, Adam		Major Musical Conductor	10/11 - 12/11	\$601	
SOUTH	Urquiola, Ada	SADD	10/11 - 6/12	\$1205	
	Attard, Dawn	7 Grade Advisor (.5)	10/11 - 6/12	\$602.50	
	Lyons, Michelle	7 Grade Advisor (.5)	10/11 - 6/12	\$602.50	

Interscholastic Activities

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

<u>School</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Memorial	Michael DiGiovanna	JH Girls Volleyball HC	11/17/11-1/14/12	+	\$3,246
	Michael McQuillan	JH Boys Basketball HC	11/17/11-1/14/12	+	\$3,846
North	Kerri Guzzardo	JH Girls Volleyball HC	11/17/11-1/14/12	+	\$3,716
	Daniel Tronolone	JH Boys Basketball HC	11/17/11-1/14/12	+	\$3,846
	Joseph Tagliaferro	JV Boys Volleyball HC	8/29/11-11/20/11	-	\$4,371
South	Peter DiThomas	JH Girls Volleyball HC	11/17/11-1/14/12	+	\$3,716
	Julian Farrell	JH Boys Basketball HC	11/17/11-1/14/12	+	\$4,315

Change of Salary due to Column Reclassification

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following changes in column reclassification effective September 1, 2011:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Former Column</u>	<u>New Column</u>	<u>Salary</u>
David Aguado	5MA+30	5MA+45	\$84,956
Susan Apollo	11MA	11MA+15	\$99,295
Michael De Mario	4MA+45	4MA+60	\$83,966
Peter Augello	12BA	12BA+15	\$85,192
Darla Carberry	10MA+15	10MA+30	\$97,880
Carla Diaz	6MA+45	6MA+60	\$90,370
Jennifer DiMaio	9MA+45	9MA+60	\$100,303
Patricia Franco	10MA	10MA+15	\$96,139
Anne Marie Glaser	3MA+15	3MA+30	\$75,931
Bradley Gordon	4MA+15	4MA+30	\$79,011
Melissa Hayden	13MA+45	13MA+60	\$113,497
Nicholas Karamalis	6MA+45	6MA+60	\$90,370
Kelly Leftwich	10 MA	10 MA+30	\$97,880
Christy Mansfield	13MA+15	13MA+30	\$107,403
Christina Miceli	5MA+30	5MA+45	\$84,956
Erika Motill	14MA+45	14MA+60	\$116,746
Jason Nappy	1BA+15	1BA+30	\$61,805
Haydee O'Connor	1BA+30	1BA+45	\$64,289
Melissa Torregrosa	2MA	2MA+15	\$70,993
Kenneth Rice	3MA	3MA+15	\$73,647
Jennifer Schultz	5MA+15	5MA+30	\$82,006
Donna Sonkin	11MA+45	11MA+60	\$107,055
Nicole Sweeney	5MA	5MA+15	\$80,053
Maritza Tuohy	11MA+15	11MA+30	\$100,972
Francesca Venezia	4MA+15	4MA+15	\$79,011
Jessica Zwicker	5MA+30	5MA+45	\$87,199

Committee for Special Education

Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education

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

Informational Items

No Information to Report

Business Committee

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board approved items 1 – 6.

1. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for the month of August 2011

2. Summary of Cash Accounts

The Treasurer's summary of cash accounts for the month of August 2011

3. Budget Status Reports

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011

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

4. Trial Balance Reports

The Trial Balance Reports for the period July 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011

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

5. Revenue Reports

The Revenue Status Reports for the period July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011

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

6. Extracurricular Fund Reports

There are no Extracurricular Fund Reports for the months of July and August 2011.

B. Informational Items

1. Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011)
2. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011)
3. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011)
4. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2010– September 30, 2011)
5. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011)

Disposal of Equipment

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere, carried unanimously and in accordance with Board of Education policy 6900, the Board approved of the disposition of obsolete equipment.

Trustee Cummings thanked Mr. Loper and his staff for all of their hard work during the absence of a District Treasurer.

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Policy Committee

Policy Recommended for Deletion on First Reading

The following policy is presented for deletion on first reading:

4770 Graduation Requirements

Policies Recommended for Consideration as Revised on First Reading

The following policies are presented for consideration as revised on first reading:

5280 Interscholastic Athletics
5280R Interscholastic Athletics Regulations
5420R Student Health Services Regulations
6700 Purchasing and Bidding

Old and New Business

- Trustee Chiachiere shared that he had read an article recently about the Deer Park School District and how they saved a large amount of money by doing an energy audit. He asked when was the last time the district had done this type of an audit and was the district looking at any changes to save money?

Dr. Heidenreich responded that the district is always looking at ways to be more efficient and have installed some equipment to do just that; lighting that goes on and off by motion detection, computers go into sleep mode after not being used for a certain time. They are small steps but are changes that help.

Mr. Loper added that an energy performance contract is being looked at by the District architect.

- Trustee Stris reported that there is a new booklet entitled The School Board President's Handbook, which was sent home a few weeks ago in a Board packet, 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.

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- In addition, Trustee Stris asked about the feasibility of televising Board meetings. To that end, Trustee Stris made the following motion:

“I make a motion to direct the Superintendent to look into the feasibility of having our regular Board of Education meetings telecast to the public and to report on its feasibility no later than June of 2012.”

On the question, Board President Jacobs asked the district’s attorney, John Sheahan, to weigh in as she was concerned about the parameters of a feasibility study. Furthermore, she asked Mr. Sheahan to draft a motion for this. Trustee Chiachiere asked how can the Board vote on a motion that Mr. Sheahan is going to rewrite?

Trustee Stris made a motion to lay this on the table.

- As the voting delegate for the NYSSBA Annual Conference, being held at the end of October, Trustee Stris asked his colleagues to email him if they had any directions to give him with how to vote on the proposed resolutions.
- Trustee Stris thanked the Board for allowing him to have shelves put in the Board Room to display his project of books depicting the history of the school district.

Opportunity for Guests

None

Motion to Enter into Executive Session

At 9:15 p.m., on motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board entered into Executive Session, with the Superintendent and attorney present, to discuss the employment history of a particular person, discussion regarding proposed, pending and current litigation and for collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

Motion to Reconvene into Public Session

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, and carried unanimously, the Board came out of Executive Session at 9:40 p.m.

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Motion to Adourn

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk