

**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  
NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Dr. Frank Chiachiere, 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. Gregory Guercio, Attorney.

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

**Meeting Opened**

Board President Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 8:05 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

### Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Assoc.

- Semi-Annual Meeting regarding School District Emergency Preparedness, Building Security and Disaster Response being held on Tuesday, November 29, 2011.

## **Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the October 4, 2011 Committee Meeting and the October 11, 2011 Business Meeting.

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## **New Business**

### **Appeal of Student Suspension**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved to uphold the determination of the Hearing Officer in the matter of the appeal dated November 2, 2011 as listed in Confidential Schedule "A-3."

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Acceptance of Audit**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, as presented by D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

Ms. Tricia Lucas from D'Archangelo addressed to Board and stated that the District had received the highest opinion that could be received. The audit went very well and thanked the Business Office for their help.

#### **Authorization to Execute Memorandum of Agreement and General Release**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Memorandum of Agreement and General Release regarding the employee named on Confidential Schedule "A-1" modifying eligibility requirements for retirement benefits under Board of Education Policy 9511.

#### **Approval and Ratification of a Settlement Agreement and Side Letter of Agreement with Local 74**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board approves and ratifies a Settlement Agreement and Side Letter of Agreement with Local 74 and a District employee named on Confidential Schedule "A-2" resolving a demand for arbitration and grievance.

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

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board hereby ratifies the Agreement with the Valley Stream Secondary School Administrators Association dated November 8, 2011.

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

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board hereby ratifies the Agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers Secondary School Directors' Association dated November 8, 2011.

**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-3."

**Request to Accept Gift**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved to accept the following gift to be housed at Valley Stream South High School:

Donated by: South High School Character Action

Qty. One (1) Smartboard

Value: \$1000 (as estimated by donor)

## **Information and Exploration**

### **School Board Recognition Week Presentations**

Dr. Heidenreich stated that each November, the schools take the time to thank the Board members for their work on behalf of the students. The High School Board members do “double-duty” as they also serve on their elementary Boards of Education. Each building makes a presentation to the Board to thank them for all of their hard work on behalf of the district.

Central presented a framed picture of students in front of the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. along with statements from various student clubs on their commitment to citizenship.

Memorial presented a mirror with a wooden frame made by the Design and Build class.

North presented a painting done by a 2010 AP Art Student which was an entry in the LI Best: Young Artists at Heckscher Museum competition.

South presented a framed starfish wall hanging representing their motto “Small Acts of Kindness.”

The Valley Stream Council of PTA’s gave the Board gifts to thank them for their hard work and time on behalf of the students of Valley Stream.

Board President Jacobs thanked everyone for their gifts and encouraged the community to attend the Board Meetings.

### **The Achievement Gap?**

Dr. Heidenreich gave a presentation utilizing information from the New York State Education Department’s website. This is in response to questions raised as to what the District was doing to close the achievement gap. The Superintendent showed statewide graduation rates, comparing different demographics which indicated a disparity in the graduation rates between ethnicities. He then used a Long Island district which is similar in diversity to Valley Stream. Glen Cove also indicates a gap between the graduation rate of white students as compared to other ethnicities. Valley Stream Central, which is the most diverse of the buildings, shows very little gap in the graduation rate of all students. The district should be very proud of this. Dr. Pompilio, Principal of Central High School, added that all students are expected to accomplish great things and that teachers constantly reinforce academics during school as well as extra help. The District will always demand the most rigorous coursework and won’t expect anything less.

### **Class Size Report**

Dr. Tracey Nekulak reported that due to the decline in personnel for budget reasons, some class sizes have grown. Most of the core classes have maintained a class size of approximately 26-27 students; however, there are a few classes that are larger than what the District would like. Unfortunately, smaller class size comes with the cost of approximately \$17,000 per section.

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### **American Education Week Open Houses**

The Superintendent reminded the Board and community that they are invited to attend the open houses at each building. If any Board member is attending, Board President Jacobs asked that they let either Dr. Heidenreich or herself know so that they may let the building principal know as well.

November 15-18, 2011, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

North High School – Tuesday, November 15, 9-10:30 a.m.

Memorial Junior High School – Wednesday, November 16, 9-10:30 a.m.

Central High School – Thursday, November 17, 9-10:30 a.m.

South High School – Friday, November 18, 9-10:30 a.m.

### **Report Regarding Residency Advisory Committee Meeting of November 7, 2011**

Dr. Nekulak reported that approximately 24 people attended the meeting. The attendees included Board members, Village representatives, elementary Superintendents, State Assemblymen, the school district attorney, community groups and several community members. Updates on past concerns were given and current concerns were discussed. Trustee Stris stated that he felt it was an excellent meeting and that a cross section of the community was represented at the meeting.

### **2012-13 School Year Budget**

As January is quickly approaching, Dr. Heidenreich reminded the Board and audience that the budget planning season begins with the building tour which is being held as follows:

Building Tours – Saturday, January 7, 2012 beginning at North High School, 8:15 a.m.

### **Attorney's Report**

Mr. Gregory Guercio, Attorney for the District, presented a report of a recent decision in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit where it held that the actions of a Middle School Principal did not constitute retaliation when he removed a student from class for an afternoon and reported the student's parents to the New York State Office of Children and Family Services after the student wrote a disturbing essay that called into question the student's intent to harm himself and/or others. 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 Position

### **Teacher Requests for Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement**

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

- a. Pasquale Alessi – North - Science  
Effective: June 30, 2012  
Retirement  
Mr. Alessi has been a science teacher in Valley Stream for 21 years.
- b. Richard Herrmann – Central – English  
Effective: June 30, 2012  
Retirement  
Mr. Herrmann has been an English teacher in Valley Stream for 51 years.
- c. Louise Scanlon - North - Math  
Effective: June 30, 2012  
Retirement  
Ms. Scanlon has been a math teacher in Valley Stream for 54 years.

### **Retirement of Publication Production Supervisor**

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

Edward Eagan - District  
Effective December 31, 2011  
Mr. Eagan has been with Valley Stream for 20 years.

### **Abolishment of Position – Publication Production Supervisor**

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris, carried unanimously and in accordance with Civil Service Regulations the Board approved that the District abolish the position of Publication Production Supervisor effective the close of business on December 31, 2011.

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## Appointments

### **Appointment of Probationary Assistant Principal**

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 as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Jacquelin S. Allen  
Salary .....\$120,000 (prorated)  
Education: New York University BA, Adelphi University MA and Long Island University PD  
Experience: 2 years as an assistant principal at Oldfield Middle School, 4 years as a mathematics chairperson at Copiague High School and 9 years as a math teacher in Great Neck and Bellmore-Merrick school districts.

Assignment: South  
Three year probationary period effective December 12, 2011 – December 11, 2014  
To replace Mr. Urena

### **Appointment of Part-time Teachers**

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 as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

- a. Korin Cloghessy – Business  
Salary MA Step 1 (.8).....\$44,172 (prorated)  
Education: Long Island University BA, Hofstra University MA  
Effective: November 28, 2011 – June 30, 2012  
Assignment: South  
To replace Mr. Mahler
  
- b. Kelly O'Rourke - English  
Salary BA Step 1 (.6).....\$28,486 (prorated)  
Education: Marist College BA  
Effective: November 9, 2011 – June 30, 2012  
Assignment: Memorial  
To replace Ms. Rollero

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**Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2011-12**

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

Torie Pashkoff  
Clive Walters

Evan Samuelson  
David Wilcox

**Appointment of Permanent Substitute, 2011-12**

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved appointment of the following, 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>
Memorial	Kelly O'Rourke	ELA	.4	11/9/2011 – 6/30/2012	\$48

**Appointment of Mentor for Initial Certificate Holder, 2011-12**

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

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Maximum Hours</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Timothy Boyens	30	Biology

**Appointment of Out of School Suspension Teacher, 2011-12**

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

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Joanne Hundertmark	Social Worker	\$77.74

## Stipends

### Co-Curricular Activities

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris 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>+/-</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
North	Susan Apollo	7 Grade Advisor	-	10/15/11 – 6/30/12	\$1724 (prorated)
	Nicole Maier	7 Grade Advisor	+	10/15/11 – 6/30/12	\$1164 (prorated)
Memorial	Robert Santoro	Detention Coordinator	+	11/15/11 – 6/30/12	\$2616 (prorated)
	Kelly O'Rourke	School Newspaper	+	11/15/11 – 6/30/12	\$3453 (prorated)
South	Roseann Valletti	Stage Craft Fall (.5)	+	11/15/11 – 1/31/12	\$904 (prorated)

### Appointment of Lunchroom Supervisors, 2011-12

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

<u>School</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Periods</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Memorial	Brandon Weinberg	2	-	11/9/11 - 6/30/12	\$7073 (prorated)
	Roni Fornabia-Kropf	2	+	11/9/11 - 6/30/12	\$7073 (prorated)

### Interscholastic Activities

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris 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>
<b>District</b>	Rachel Martinez*	Varsity Girls Gymnastics HC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$4,579
	Blake McCauley*	Varsity Rifle HC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$4,033
	Evan Samuelson	Varsity Girls Fencing HC	11/14/11-02/18/12	+	\$4,371
<b>Central</b>	Frank Alesia	JV Girls Basketball HC	11/16/11-03/25/12	+	\$5,098
	Hayward Alfred	Var. Boys Basketball HC	11/16/11-03/25/12	+	\$7,940
	Michael Caputo	Var./JV Boys Bowling HC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$3,570
	Brian Fraser	Varsity Boys Indoor Track HC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$4,537
	Jack Gorman	JV Boys Basketball HC	11/16/11-03/25/12	+	\$5,849
	Denise Hellmann	Var./JV Girls Bowling HC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$3,370
	Michael Luckert*	Var. Wrestling HC	11/14/11-02/26/12	+	\$7,706
	Jason Nappy	Varsity Boys Indoor Track AC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$4,232
	Mary Parisi	Var. Girls Basketball HC	11/16/11-03/25/12	+	\$7,940
	Katie Prudente	Var. Girls Indoor Track HC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$4,771
	Sean Tobin*	JV Wrestling HC	11/14/11-02/26/12	+	\$5,849

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<b>North</b>	Daniel Achatz	JV Boys Basketball HC	11/16/11-03/25/12	+	\$5,456
	David Aguado	Var. Girls Indoor Track AC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$4,408
	Timothy Boyens	Var. Boys Indoor Track HC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$5,042
	James Casella, Jr.	JV Girls Basketball HC	11/16/11-03/25/12	+	\$5,098
	Santo DiSclafani	Var./JV Boys Bowling HC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$3,370
	Michael Frazer	Var. Girls Indoor Track HC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$5,042
	Fabian Jara	Var. Boys Basketball HC	11/16/11-03/25/12	+	\$7,940
	Thomas Maddock	Var. Wrestling HC	11/16/11-02/26/12	+	\$7,706
	Corey McNamara	JV Wrestling HC	11/16/11-02/26/12	+	\$5,849
	Geoffrey O'Connell	Var. Girls Basketball HC	11/16/11-03/25/12	+	\$6,982
Jeanette Paolillo	Var./JV Girls Bowling HC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$3,874	
<b>South</b>	Chris Bottjer	JV Wrestling HC	11/14/11-02/26/12	+	\$5,098
	Michael Buonagurio	Var. Wrestling HC	11/14/11-02/26/12	+	\$7,706
	Katherine Deruvo*	Var. Boys Indoor Track HC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$4,537
	Daniel Drumm	Var. Girls Basketball HC	11/16/11-03/25/12	+	\$7,940
	Matthew Johnsen	Var. Boys Basketball HC	11/16/11-03/25/12	+	\$6,982
	George Karahalios	Var. Girls Indoor Track AC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$4,232
	Daniel Kraemer	JV Girls Basketball HC	11/16/11-03/25/12	+	\$5,098
	Michelle Marcus	Var. Bowling Coed HC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$5,796
	Kenneth Rice	Var. Girls Indoor Track HC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$4,537
	Glenn Wyche	JV Boys Basketball HC	11/16/11-03/25/12	+	\$5,849

\*Out of District Coach

### **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**

#### **Request for Leave, 2011-12**

The following staff member has requested and is granted unpaid child care leave effective as noted:

<b><u>Teacher</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Area</u></b>	<b><u>Provision</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Kerry Butler	South	English	FMLA	11/16/11-12/6/11

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## **Business Committee**

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

**1. Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s report for the month of September 2011

**2. Summary of Cash Accounts**

The Treasurer’s summary of cash accounts for the month of September 2011

**3. Budget Status Reports**

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2011 through October 31, 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 September 30, 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 October 31, 2011

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

**6. Extracurricular Fund Reports**

The Extracurricular Fund Reports for the month of September 2011

**B. Informational Items**

1. Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2011 – October 31, 2011)
2. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2011 – October 31, 2011)
3. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2011 – October 31, 2011)
4. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2011 – October 31, 2011)
5. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2011 – October 31, 2011)

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**Memorial Jr. High School Asbestos Abatement and Emergency Generation Project - Change Order #2**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approves Change Order #2 to the Valley Stream Central High School District Asbestos Abatement and Emergency Generation Project at Memorial Jr. High School SED #28-02-51-07-0-002-031 contract between the District and JBH Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$8,898.40.

**South High School Asbestos Abatement and Emergency Generation Project - Change Order #1**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board approved Change Order #2 to the Valley Stream Central High School District Asbestos Abatement and Emergency Generation Project at South High School SED #28-02-51-07-0-004-029 contract between the District and JBH Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$17,144.40.

**Approval of Workers' Compensation Actuarial Study**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Request for Proposal from Pinnacle Actuarial Services, Inc. for a Workers' Compensation Actuarial Study in the amount of \$4,985.00 for the fiscal year 2011-12. (RFP#11/12-C02)

**Award of School Psychiatrist Contract-Special Education Evaluations**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board hereby awards a nonexclusive contract to Dr. Carl Oris for Special Education/Psychiatric evaluation services for the 2011-12 school year, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute a contract in accordance with the District's Request for Proposal. (RFP#11/12-C03)

**Approval for Use of School Facilities**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, carried unanimously and in accordance with Board of Education Policy #1330, the Board approved of the following organization for first time use of school facilities: (attachment)

Valley Stream Community Association, Inc.

## **Policy Committee**

### **Policy Recommended for Deletion on Second Reading**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board approved deletion of the following policy on second reading:

4770            Graduation Requirements

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

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board approved to adopt the following policies as revised on second reading:

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

## **Old and New Business**

Trustee Stris shared that he and several other Board members had just returned from the annual New York State School Boards Association Annual Convention which was held in Buffalo, New York. They attended many informative workshops as well as the pre-convention school law seminar at which Greg Guercio, the district's attorney, was a presenter. There was also artwork on display from VSCHSD students. Trustee Stris was also a voting delegate for the High School District as well as District 13 and invited his colleagues to go on the NYSSBA website to see the results.

## **Opportunity for Guests**

None

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**Motion to Enter into Executive Session**

At 8:57 p.m., on motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Antonelli 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 9:25 p.m.

**Motion to Adourn**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Submitted By:

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Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk