

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
HELD IN CAFETERIA "B"
MEMORIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
FLETCHER AVENUE
VALLEY STREAM, NEW YORK 11580
FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

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

Board Members Absent: N/A

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. Greg 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 Cummings 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 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

Miscellaneous

- A Legal Clinic being held at Hofstra University on March 15, 2012
- Invitation to South High School's National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the January 3, 2012 Committee Meeting, the January 7, 2012 Building Tour and Budget Meeting, and the January 10, 2012 Business Meeting.

New Business

Annual Fire Inspection Review

Bruce Bingham, the fire inspector for the district, presented his Annual Fire Safety Report. There were no major violations and all of the minor issues were immediately corrected. Mr. Bingham stated that the Valley Stream Central High School District is one of the better school districts that he inspects and gave credit to the Facilities Department for their hard work.

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the Annual Fire Inspection Report.

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Superintendent's Report

Authorization to Ratify Agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Head Custodians Bargaining Unit

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board hereby ratifies the Agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Head Custodians Bargaining Unit dated January 26, 2012.

Authorization to Ratify Agreement with the VSTA Teaching Assistants Unit

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board hereby ratifies the Agreement with the VSTA Teaching Assistants Unit dated February 13, 2012.

Approval of Memorial Junior High School 2011-2012 Comprehensive Educational Plan

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Memorial Junior High School 2011-2012 Comprehensive Educational Plan.

Request to Accept Gift

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the following gift to the Central High School Science Department:

Donated by: Dr. Blaise Guzzardo
Qty. One (1) Dell Computer
Value: \$250 (as estimated by donor)

Authorization to Execute Stipulation of Settlement

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved a Stipulation of Settlement and General Release ("Stipulation") with 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.

Transportation Request Appeals

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee LaRocco and carried unanimously, the Board hereby sustains the late transportation request appeals by the parents of the students identified on Confidential Schedule "A-2."

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Health and Welfare Services

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved of contracts for Health and Welfare Services as requested for the following school for the 2011-12 school year:

Health and Welfare Services rendered for 152 students attending Kellenberg High School in the Uniondale Union Free School District @ \$614.29 per pupil;

Health and Welfare Services rendered for 52 students attending Sacred Heart Academy in the Hempstead Union Free School District @ \$883.00 per pupil; and

Health and Welfare Services rendered for 10 students attending Our Lady of Peace School in the Lynbrook Union Free School District @ \$810.11 per pupil.

Information and Exploration

Legislative Breakfast – March 10, 2012

The Superintendent reminded the Board and community of this upcoming event sponsored by the Valley Stream Council of PTA's.

Student Recognition – 2012 Intel Science Talent Search Semi-Finalist – Mariyam Qureshi, South High School

Dr. Heidenreich and Board President Jacobs asked South High School Principal Maureen Henry and Science Department Chairperson, Jeanette Azzaretto to join them in presenting a Certificate of Recognition to Mariyam Qureshi.

Student Recognition – AP Scholars (Exhibit 1)

The respective building principals joined the Superintendent and Board President Jacobs in presenting Certificates of Recognition to students receiving AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor and AP Scholar with Distinction.

Student Recognition – NYSSMA All-State Conference (Exhibit 2)

Student Recognition – All County Music Festival (Exhibit 2)

Student Recognition – Long Island String Festival (Exhibit 2)

Todd Holly, District Coordinator of Fine and Performing Arts asked the music teachers from each building to join him, Dr. Heidenreich and Board President Jacobs in presenting Certificates of Recognition to the students being honored.

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At 8:40 p.m. the Board recessed to allow the students to leave. The meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Greg Guercio, Attorney for the District, presented a report regarding a growing trend that their law office has noticed wherein school district residents attempt to circumvent the district's legitimate right to exclude non-resident students by filing petitions in Family Court for the transfers of guardianship of non-resident students for the sole purpose of taking advantage of schools within the district. A copy of the report was given to the District Clerk for distribution to the Board of Education.

Education Committee

Resignations/Leave of Absence/Termination

Educational Office Personnel 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 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 Educational Office Personnel:

- a. Cecilia Balzer – Principal Account Clerk – District
Effective July 1, 2012
Ms. Balzer has worked in Valley Stream for 21 years.
- b. Ann Marie Costiglio – Account Clerk – District
Effective July 1, 2012
Ms. Costiglio has worked in Valley Stream for 11 years.
- c. Helen Johnson – Typist Clerk – South
Effective July 1, 2012
Ms. Johnson has worked in Valley Stream for 33 years.
- d. Undine Kaufman – Typist Clerk – District
Effective July 1, 2012
Ms. Kaufman has worked in Valley Stream for 27 years.
- e. Mary Sirignano – Typist Clerk – South
Effective July 1, 2012
Ms. Sirignano has worked in Valley Stream for 14 years.
- f. Rosemary Tobin – Typist Clerk – South
Effective July 1, 2012
Ms. Tobin has worked in Valley Stream for 27 years.
- g. Lorraine Tucci – Typist Clerk – District
Effective July 1, 2012
Ms. Tucci has worked in Valley Stream for 32 years.

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District CSE Chairperson Resignation

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

Catherine Ward – District
Effective June 30, 2012

Ms. Ward will continue with the District as a special education teacher.

Teaching Assistant Request for Leave of Absence Without Pay

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following request for a leave of absence without pay:

Robert Santoro – Memorial
Effective: February 16, 2012 – June 30, 2012

Mr. Santoro will be recommended for a leave replacement guidance counselor position.

Termination

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved the termination of services of the employee identified on Confidential Schedule “B-1” effective February 17, 2012.

Monitor Resignation

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

Michelle Borruso – North
Effective February 17, 2012
Other Employment/Appointments

Appointment of Leave Replacement Teacher

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:

Robert Santoro – Guidance Counselor
Salary Step 1MA.....\$66,258 (prorated)
Education: New York Institute of Technology, BS, MA
Tentative Assignment: Memorial
Effective: February 16, 2012 – June 30, 2012
To replace Mr. Naglieri. Mr. Santoro has been a teaching assistant at Memorial since September 2007.

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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:

Evan Barkan	Robert Dawley
Ann DiMaria	Lynn Harkins
Zenia Jennette	Catherine Lusardi

Stipends/Salary Adjustments

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>
District	Daniel Achatz	Var. Boys Lacrosse HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$6,733
	Karen Cooney	JV Girls Lacrosse HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$4,612
	Daniel Kraemer	JV Boys Lacrosse HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$4,371
	Jessica Zwicker	Var. Girls Lacrosse HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$5,933
Central	Frank Alesia	Var. Baseball HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$6,733
	Michael Caputo	JV Softball HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$4,371
	Brian Fraser	JV Baseball HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$4,371
	Brian Gallagher*	Var. Boys Tennis HC	03/19/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$3,874
	Denise Hellman	Var. Girls Badminton HC	03/19/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$3,874
	Andrew Kroell*	Var. Girls Track & Field AC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$4,371
	Jason Nappy	Var. Boys Track & Field HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$5,933
	Katie Prudente	Var. Girls Track & Field HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$6,340
	Arthur Riccio*	Var. Softball HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$6,733
	Benjamin Tangney	Var. Boys Track & Field AC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$4,371
North	David Aguado	Var. Girls Track & Field AC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$4,612
	Timothy Boyens	Var. Boys Track & Field HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$6,733
	Christine DiLapi*	JV Softball HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$4,371
	Michael Frazer	Var. Girls Track & Field HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$6,733
	Corey McNamara	Var. Softball HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$6,340
	Kathryn Moran	Var. Boys Tennis HC	03/19/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$3,874
	Douglas Noble*	JV Baseball HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$4,371
	John Novello	Var. Boys Track & Field AC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$4,371
	Philip Sanfilippo	Var. Baseball HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$5,933
	Thomas Schiavo	Var. Girls Badminton HC	03/19/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$3,874

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South	Demetri Adrahtas	Var. Softball HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$5,933
	Nicole Bertrami	Var. Girls Track & Field HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$6,733
	Katherine DeRuvo*	Var. Boys Track & Field HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$6,340
	Kristi Hinkelman	Var. Boys Tennis HC	03/19/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$3,874
	Michele Marcus	Var. Girls Badminton HC	03/19/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$3,874
	Kenneth Rice	Var. Boys Track & Field AC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$4,882
	Jillian Saccone	Var. Girls Track & Field AC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$4,882
	Kenneth Ward	Var. Baseball HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$6,733
	Glenn Wyche	JV Baseball HC	03/05/2012-06/10/2012	+	\$4,882

*Non District Employee

Co-Curricular Activities

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Trogel 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>Effective</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
North	Kari Picillo	It's Academic	12/23/11-06/30/12	-	\$743*
	Gloria Kramer	It's Academic	01/15/12-06/30/12	+	\$743*
	Susan Filoteo	Interact Club (.5)	10/15/11-06/13/12	-	\$2127*
	Kelli O'Donohue	Interact Club (.5)	10/15/11-06/13/12	+	\$2267*
Memorial	Darla Carberry	Stage Craft Spr.	02/15/12-05/31/12	+	\$1809
	Kelly Martin	Musical Choreographer	02/15/12-05/31/12	+	\$1205

*prorated

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.

Business Committee

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

1. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for the month of December 2011

2. Summary of Cash Accounts

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

3. Budget Status Reports

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012

- 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 December 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 January 31, 2012

- 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 December 2011

B. Informational Items

1. Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2011 – January 31, 2012)
2. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2011 – January 31, 2012)
3. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2011 – January 31, 2012)
4. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2011 – January 31, 2012)
5. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2011 – January 31, 2012)

Supplemental Educational Services

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board of Education authorizes the expenditure of \$63,400, as set aside from District Title I funds, for supplemental educational services at a maximum cost of \$1,120 per student, and approves the contracts with supplemental educational services vendors on the New York State approved list for Mathematics and English Language Arts tutoring at a maximum rate of \$64.00 per hour in a form approved by District counsel, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contracts.

Approval of Independent Auditing Services

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Stris, carried unanimously and in accordance with the Board of Education policy 6700, that the Request for Proposal from D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP. for Independent Auditing Services be approved by the Board of Education at a cost of \$37,900.00 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, with such services commencing February 2012. (RFP#10/11-A15)

Award of Light Fixture Bid

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

Bids were advertised, in compliance with General Municipal Law 103, in the official newspaper of the district on Thursday, December 15, 2011, and bid packages were mailed to 6 separate vendors. Sealed bids were received from 3 vendors in the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, One Kent Road, until 11:00 AM on Thursday January 19, 2012 at which time they were opened and read aloud. The Business Committee recommends the bid be awarded to Monarch Electric, Ronkonkoma who bid \$58.69 per fixture.

Please note one vendor withdrew their bid as they could not supply the item. (Bid 11/12-14)

Budget Transfers

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved of budget transfers dated February 14, 2012 for the 2011-12 School Year in accordance with Board Policy 6150.

Disposal of Equipment

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

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Informational Items**Professional Services: Request for Proposals**

As per Board of Education Policy #6700, requests for proposals (RFP's) must be issued on an annual basis with the exception of the following professions: school attorneys, architects, auditors, public relation specialists, physicians, residency officer, special education service providers, third party plan administrators for Workers' Compensation, unemployment insurance, Medicare and 403b tax shelter annuity services. For these professions Board policy dictates that a RFP be issued within a five year period; however, the Superintendent of Schools must inquire of the Board of Education, prior to February 15th of each year if they wish Requests for Proposals to be issued on a more frequent basis.

Policy Committee

No Action To Report

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Old and New Business

None

Opportunity for Guests

The Student Council President at Central High School addressed the Board asking them to revisit the policy regarding student parking.

Community members addressed the Board regarding the following: 1) an update on the request for volunteers and trainers at sporting events; 2) the proposed change in job shifts for the maintenance department and 3) concerns regarding the budget proposal to reduce lunchtime aides.

Motion to Adourn

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk