

**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  
MARCH 13, 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 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Trogel 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,webinars and advocacy alerts

### Miscellaneous

- Information regarding the upcoming April 17 Nassau BOCES Budget Vote

## **Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the February 7, 2012 Committee Meeting and the February 14, 2012 Business Meeting.

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## **New Business**

### **Approval of Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream**

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board hereby approves an inter-municipal agreement with the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream for gas/diesel purchases by the District from the Village.

### **Education Law § 913 Examination**

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, carried unanimously and pursuant to § 913 of the Education Law, the employee named on confidential schedule “A” is hereby directed to appear for a mental/physical examination in the office of Dr. Ira Turner, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Ira Turner, is hereby appointed school medical inspector pursuant to § 913 of the Education Law in order to evaluate said employee’s ability to perform her duties.

### **Appeal of Student Suspension**

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved to uphold the suspension in the matter of the appeal dated March 7, 2012, as listed in Confidential Schedule “B”.

## **Superintendent’s Report**

### **Approval of District Budget – 2012-13**

On motion of Trustee Cummings and seconded by Trustee Antonelli, the Board of Education approved the proposed school district budget for the 2012-13 school year in the amount of \$103,240,117.

On the question, Trustee Iadevaio read and submitted the following statement in accordance with Board Policy 1120:

“I thank the Superintendent and his staff for their hard work in putting this budget together, but I am voting no because I do not agree with the involuntary move of the 10 maintainers from work hours they were hired at which is 7:00 am to 3:00 pm and the proposed move to 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm. This disturbs the family lives of these men, their children and their wives. There is money available to offset any proposed savings from this move and still meet the 1.1 million savings needed for the district to come in at the 2% property tax cap.”

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In accordance with Board Policy 1120, Trustee Stris submitted the following statement:

“With the new law capping the tax levy at about 2% it became apparent that restructuring the district was paramount. The Board directed the Superintendent to develop a budget that would not exceed the cap while safeguarding our primary mission which is to provide to every student access to a quality education. The maintenance shift changes were proposed to allow work to be completed in a timely and more effective manner unimpeded by students and to reduce overtime (overtime for 2010-11 was \$182,774.77). I believe that many of the counter arguments I have heard on this shift issue are at best disingenuous.”

The vote was as follows:

Trustee Iadevaio	No
Trustee Stris	Yes
Trustee Chiachiere	Yes
Trustee Trogel	Yes
Trustee Cummings	Yes
Trustee Antonelli	Yes
Trustee Pean	Yes
Trustee LaRocco	Yes
Trustee Jacobs	Yes

With 8 “yes” votes and 1 “no” vote, the motion passes

#### **Authorization of Placement of Voter Proposition**

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board hereby authorizes the placement of the following voter proposition at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 15, 2012 and directs the District Clerk to forward to the District Clerks of Valley Stream UFSD 13, Valley Stream UFSD 24 and Valley Stream UFSD 30 to place said proposition in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

Resolved, that the proposed budget of expenditures of Valley Stream Central High School District, Nassau County, New York for the year 2012-2013 be approved in the amount of \$103,240,117 and that the sum be raised through a levy upon the taxable property in the Valley Stream High School District, after first deducting the monies from state aid and other sources, as provided by law.

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**Summer School 2012**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved to establish the offering of Summer School 2012.

**Acceptance of Superintendent of Schools' Enrollment Projection Report for 2012-13**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Antonelli, carried unanimously and in accordance with Policy 5110, the Board accepted the Superintendent of Schools Enrollment Projection Report for 2012-13.

**Recertified District Plan for the Participation of Parents and Teachers in School Based Planning and Shared Decision Making 2012-2014**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Recertified District Plan (2012-2014) for the Participation of Parents and Teachers in School Based Planning and Shared Decision Making based upon the biennial review conducted as required by the State Education Department.

**Approval of Settlement Agreement and General Release**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved the terms of the Settlement Agreement and General Release by and between the District and Tempo Group, Inc., pertaining to the claim for payment made by Tempo Group, Inc., for services provided by Tempo Group, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2011 through and including November 7, 2011, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the Settlement Agreement and General Release.

**Authorization to Ratify Agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board hereby ratifies the Agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association dated February 29, 2012. (attachment)

**Health and Welfare Services**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli 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 51 students attending Holy Trinity School in the Hicksville Union Free School District @ \$573.27 per pupil, and

Health and Welfare Services rendered for 1 student attending Upper Room Christian School in the Half Hollow Hills Central School District @ \$646.68 per pupil.

## **Information and Exploration**

### **Legislative Breakfast Recap**

Dr. Heidenreich shared that several state and local officials joined the community at the Legislative Breakfast on March 10<sup>th</sup> and felt that it was a very informative morning for all involved. Trustee Chiachiere added that it was very positive to see such a large turnout at the breakfast.

### **School Climate Survey**

The school climate survey will be available online beginning March 19, 2012. The District encourages parents to participate in this survey. Students and teachers will be able to complete the survey at school.

### **Attorney's Report**

Mr. Greg Guercio, Attorney for the District, spoke about the budget process and how it is affected by the new 2% property tax cap.

**Education Committee**

Resignation/Leave of Absence

**Teaching Assistants 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 Teaching Assistants:

- a. Ann Covello - Central  
Effective July 1, 2012  
Ms. Covello has worked in Valley Stream for 26 years
- b. Sherrie Rosenzweig – South  
Effective July 1, 2012  
Ms. Rosenzweig has worked in Valley Stream for 26 years

**Chairperson Resignation**

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

Lorraine Burnett – Special Education Chairperson - Central  
Effective: June 30, 2012  
Ms. Burnett is being recommended for the CSE Chairperson position

Appointments

**Appointment of Probationary CSE Chairperson**

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved appointment of the following (pending verification of fingerprinting) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Lorraine Burnett  
Stipend.....\$9,000  
Assignment: District  
Three year probationary period effective July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015  
To replace Ms. Ward

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**Appointment of Monitor**

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved appointment of the following (pending verification of fingerprinting) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Theresa Vela.....\$11.30 per hour  
Assignment: North  
To replace Ms. Borusso

**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:

Claire Graves	Chaunise Johnson	Steven Kahn
Jaelyn Mastro	Frasher McGlashan	Laura Ok
Philip Pepe	Lauren Tomney	Brian Zagon
Alicia Zounek		

**Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer**

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris, carried unanimously and in accordance with Board of Education Policy 4321.5 Impartial Hearing Officer Selection, Appointment and Reimbursement, the Board approved the appointment of an Impartial Hearing Officer for case number 70011 effective March 13, 2012:

Lana Flame - \$100 per hour



Stipends/Salary Adjustments

*On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved items 1 and 2.*

On the question, Trustee Trogel thanked the individuals that have volunteered their time to help with the interscholastic activities.

**1. Interscholastic Activities**

<u>School</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
<b>District</b>	Karen Grant	JH Girls Lacrosse HC	03/26/12-06/02/12	+	\$3,958
	Evan Samuelson*	Varsity Boys Golf HC	03/19/12-06/10/12	+	\$3,470
	Daniel Tronolone, Jr.	JH Boys Lacrosse HC	03/26/12-06/02/12	+	\$3,453
<b>Central</b>	Tony Lombardo	Varsity Baseball Volunteer	03/14/12-06/10/12		N/A
<b>Memorial</b>	Michael Forthofer*	JH Track/Field AC	03/26/12-06/02/12	+	\$2,568
	Bryan Goldman	JH Baseball HC	03/26/12-06/02/12	+	\$3,958
	Kaitlin Guarneri*	JH Softball HC	03/26/12-06/02/12	+	\$3,570
	Nicholas Karamalis	JH Track/Field HC	03/26/12-06/02/12	+	\$3,958
<b>North</b>	Carlo Balbo*	JH Track/Field AC	03/26/12-06/02/12	+	\$2,568
	James Casella	JH Baseball HC	03/26/12-06/02/12	+	\$3,958
	Nathalie Miranda*	JH Track/Field HC	03/26/12-06/02/12	+	\$3,453
	Kathleen Rieger	JH Softball HC	03/26/12-06/02/12	+	\$3,570
	Marc Dern*	Varsity Baseball Volunteer	03/14/12-06/10/12		N/A
	Nikki Nevitt	Varsity Softball Volunteer	03/14/12-06/10/12		N/A
	Paul Vecchione	JV Baseball Volunteer	03/14/12-06/10/12		N/A
<b>South</b>	Kristen Adrahtas	JH Track/Field AC	03/26/12-06/02/12	+	\$3,059
	Richard Boyd	JH Softball HC	03/26/12-06/02/12	+	\$3,958
	Ellen Daniels	JH Track/Field HC	03/26/12-06/02/12	+	\$3,958
	Michael Mahler	JH Baseball HC	03/26/12-06/02/12	+	\$3,958
	David Alt*	Varsity Baseball Volunteer	03/14/12-06/10/12		N/A

\*Non District Employee

**2. Co-Curricular Activities**

<u>School</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Central	John Kostkowicz	Weightlifting	03/14/12-06/30/12	-	\$1,486
	Leonard Fiorentino	Weightlifting	03/14/12-06/30/12	+	\$1,808
South	Thomas Zatorski	Major Musical Director Spring (.5)	03/14/12-06/30/12	-	\$2104.50
	Laura Pokorny	Major Musical Director Spring (.5)	03/14/12-06/30/12	+	\$1625.50

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### **Change of Salary - Column Reclassification**

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following changes in column reclassification effective February 1, 2012:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Previous Column</u>	<u>New Column</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Daniel Achatz	5MA	5MA+15	\$80,053
Camile Andriano	9MA+45	9MA+60	\$100,303
Jeanette Azzaretto	15MA+30	15MA+45	\$117,648
Christopher Baker	13MA+30	13MA+45	\$111,004
Luisa Batista-Escandon	2BA+15	2MA	\$68,466
Melanie Bedell	8MA+30	8MA+45	\$91,583
Lori Belbol	13MA+45	13MA+60	\$113,497
Timothy Boyens	14MA+45	14MA+60	\$116,746
William Brown	7MA+30	7MA+45	\$91,396
Laura Byrne	19MA	19MA+15	\$112,672
Christine Costa	8MA	8MA+15	\$89,735
Santo DiSclafani	10MA+15	10MA+30	\$97,880
Laura Dunham	17MA	17MA+15	\$112,672
Adam Erdos	9MA+45	9MA+60	\$100,303
Elizabeth Escobar	7MA+15	7MA+30	\$88,429
Ed Fare	27MA+45	27MA+60	\$125,592
Janine Ferranti	12MA+30	12MA+45	\$108,071
Susan Filoteo	11MA+15	11MA+30	\$100,972
Leonardo Fiorentino	11MA+30	11MA+45	\$104,568
Deborah Fletcher	13MA+45	13MA+60	\$113,497
Michael Frazer	15MA+45	15MA+60	\$120,296
Karen Grant	9MA+15	9MA+30	\$94,775
Eftihia Hatsios	7MA+30	7MA+45	\$91,396
Kristi Hinkelman	13MA	13MA+15	\$105,843
Amy Italiano	14MA+30	14MA+45	\$114,172
John Kostkowicz	7MA+30	7MA+45	\$91,396
Julia Lenigan	8MA+15	8MA+30	\$91,583
Thomas Maddock	30 MA+15	30MA+30	\$120,370
Catherine Modzelewski	11MA+45	11MA+60	\$107,055
Mary Moeller	11MA	11MA+15	\$99,295
Alan Nafte	10MA+15	10MA+30	\$97,880
Michael Paolillo	15MA+45	15MA+60	\$120,296
Anne Marie Passaretti	16MA+15	16MA+30	\$115,189
Cristina Paul	6MA+45	6MA+60	\$90,370
Nikki Nevitt	6MA+15	6MA+30	\$85,216
Elizabeth Pichichero	10MA+45	10MA+60	\$103,629
Jennifer Polletta	11MA+45	11MA+60	\$107,055
Erin Primm	9MA+15	9MA+30	\$94,775
Michelle Puleo	11MA+30	11MA+45	\$104,568
Kathleen Rieger	12MA	12MA+15	\$102,735

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Philip Sanfilippo	9MA+15	9MA+30	\$94,775
Hailey Silverstein	4BA+15	4BA+30	\$79,011
Nakeshia Smith-Farnum	8MA+15	8MA+30	\$91,583
Scott Stueber	17MA+30	17MA+45	\$118,339
Joseph Tagliaferro	8MA	8MA+15	\$89,735
Andrew Unterweiser	10MA+45	10MA+60	\$103,629
Deborah Walker	18MA+15	18MA+30	\$115,189

**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>Effective</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
South	Janine Ferranti	1	01/27/12-06/30/12	-	\$3,537 (prorated)
	Linda Bianculli	1	01/27/12-06/30/12	+	\$3,537 (prorated)

**Committee for Special Education**

**Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education**

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

**Informational Items**

**Requests for Leave, 2011-12**

The following staff members have requested and are granted unpaid child care leaves effective as noted:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Provision</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Sumitra Colandro-Bruce	North	Art	FMLA	02/16/12-03/06/12
Jennifer Darougar	North	English	FMLA	03/05/12-04/03/12

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## **Business Committee**

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

**1. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report for the month of January 2012

**2. Summary of Cash Accounts**

The Treasurer's summary of cash accounts for the month of January 2012

**3. Budget Status Reports**

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2011 through February 29, 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 January 31, 2012

- 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 February 29, 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 January 2012

**B. Informational Items**

1. Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2011 – February 29, 2012)
2. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2011 – February 29, 2012)
3. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2011 – February 29, 2012)
4. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2011 – February 29, 2012)
5. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2011 – February 29, 2012)

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**C. Award of Student Agenda Bid**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli 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, January 19, 2012, and bid packages were mailed to 10 separate vendors. Sealed bids were received from 3 vendors in the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, One Kent Road, until 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at which time it was opened and read aloud. The Business Committee recommends the bid be awarded as follows:

Premier Agenda, Bellingham, WA who bid:

\$2.09 per agenda for Central

\$2.77 per agenda for Memorial

\$2.59 per agenda for North

\$3.09 per agenda for South (8.5 x11)

\$2.23 per agenda for South (5 x 8)

A detailed spreadsheet, which lists all vendor bids, is available for review in the Business Office. (Bid #11/12-15)

**D. Award of Driver Education Summer School Program Bid**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli 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, January 19, 2012, and bid packages were mailed to 9 separate vendors. Sealed bids were received from 1 vendor in the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, One Kent Road, until 9:30 AM on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at which time it was opened and read aloud. The Business Committee recommends the bid be awarded to East Meadow Driving School, Levittown who bid \$455.00 per student.

A detailed spreadsheet, which lists all vendor bids, is available for review in the Business Office. (Bid #12/13-01)

**E. Award of Locker Combination Lock Spindles Bid**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli 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 Friday January 27, 2012, 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 10:30 AM on Thursday February 16, 2012 at which time they were opened and read aloud. The Business Committee recommends the bid be awarded to The Telcar Group, Holbrook who bid \$15.30 to supply and install each lock and \$10.56 per lock uninstalled.

A detailed spreadsheet, which lists all vendor bids, is available for review in the Business Office. (Bid #11/12-17)

**F. Approval of Food Service Consultant**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board hereby awards a food service consultant contract to HMB Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$9,500, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the consulting services (RFP#11/12-B02)

### **Policy Committee**

No Action To Report

Trustee Stris reported that the Policy Committee had met this evening, prior to the Board Meeting to discuss several policies. Any changes or new policies will be presented for first reading in May.

### **Old and New Business**

None

### **Opportunity for Guests**

None

### **Motion to Enter into Executive Session**

At 8:31 p.m., on motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board entered into Executive Session, with the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents 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).

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**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 9:05 p.m.

**Motion to Adourn**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted By:

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Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk

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