

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM
DISTRICT OFFICES, ONE KENT ROAD
VALLEY STREAM, NEW YORK 11580
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

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

Board Members Absent: Elise Antonelli

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 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 8:07 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

- Invitations from buildings to drama club productions

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the November 1, 2011 Committee Meeting, the November 8, 2011 Business Meeting, the November 8, 2011 Audit Committee Meeting and the November 12, 2011 Special Meeting.

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New Business

Employee Agreements with Assistant Superintendents of Schools and Director of Facilities, 2011-12

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has appointed Central Administrators as follows:

Dr. Thomas Troisi, appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction on July 1, 2005;

Mr. Wayne Loper, appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations on July 1, 2007;

Dr. Tracey Nekulak, appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Administration on July 12, 2011; and

Mr. Guy Forman, appointed to the position of Director of Facilities on August 16, 2010;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves four (4) Employee Agreements, one for each of the aforementioned Central Administrators, setting forth terms and conditions of the employment for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, and authorizes the Board President to execute each Employment Agreement on file with the District Clerk.

Request for Proposal for a Valley Stream Consolidation Study

On motion of Trustee Cummings and seconded by Trustee Stris, the Board approved a Request for Proposal for a Valley Stream Consolidation Study and authorizes the Board President to execute said Request For Proposal.

The District Clerk polled the Board and the vote was as follows:

Trustee Stris	Yes
Trustee Chiachere	Yes
Trustee Trogel	No
Trustee Cummings	Yes
Trustee Pean	Yes
Trustee LaRocco	No
Trustee Iadevaio	No
Trustee Jacobs	Yes

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

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Section 913 Medical Exam

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board hereby appoints Dr. Baruch M. Wieder as School Medical Inspector pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education law in order to evaluate the ability of the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule "A" to continue to perform the duties of his or her position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education law, the Board of Education directs the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule "A" to appear for a medical examination in the office of Dr. Baruch M. Wieder at 2:00 p.m. on December 22, 2011.

Superintendent's Report

Authorization to Ratify Agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association Supervisory Aides Unit

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board hereby ratifies the Agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association Supervisory Aides Unit dated November 8, 2011.

Authorization to Ratify Memorandum of Agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association Educational Office Personnel Unit

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board hereby ratifies the Agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association Educational Office Personnel Unit dated November 17, 2011.

Approval of The Complete Women's Imaging, PC Scholarship

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved The Complete Women's Imaging, PC Scholarship, in an amount to be determined, to be awarded to a graduating senior in any District school, who has either been personally diagnosed with cancer/is a cancer survivor or has a parent that has been diagnosed with cancer/is a cancer survivor.

Health and Welfare Services

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Trogel 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 to 1 student attending St. Aidan School Mineola Union Free School District @ \$630.38 per pupil.

Information and Exploration

2012-13 School Year Budget

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

Dr. Heidenreich reminded the Board and Community of this date as well as telling them that there would be a Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. that afternoon to discuss the tour.

American Education Week – Reports

The Superintendent and several Board members attended the programs in each of the school buildings. Trustee Chiachiere shared that each building had its own unique “flavor” and the programs were very well done. His only regret was that the programs were not well attended by the public. Trustee Stris added that with all of the good things that happen at the schools, such as American Education Week, televising these events on public access stations would be an excellent showcase for the district. It would also allow working parents and other taxpayers to see what goes on in the schools. Dr. Heidenreich replied that he and Frank Morisco, District Director of Administrative & Instructional Technology, have been doing some research regarding televising school events and will send home some information in the December 23rd Board packet. In addition, Frank Morisco will further discuss this item at the Committee Meeting on January 3rd.

Release Date of Waiver Letters – Week of December 12, 2011

Waiver request letters will be mailed out later this week. The February 15, 2012 deadline will be on the website, in the Herald as well as it being prominent on the letter itself.

Attorney’s Report

Mr. Gregory Guercio, Attorney for the District, presented a report regarding a decision where a school district sought to vacate an arbitration award in favor of a former employee, who was terminated from her position as a bus driver after testing positive for drug use in a random testing procedure. A copy of the report was given to the District Clerk for distribution to the Board of Education.

Education Committee

Resignations

Part-time Teacher/Permanent Substitute Resignation

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

Dawn Attard – English – South
Effective December 6, 2011
Ms. Attard will be recommended for a leave replacement teaching position.

Monitor Resignation

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

Julia DePace – South
Effective December 23, 2011
Retirement. Ms. DePace has been with Valley Stream for 27 years.

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:

Dawn Attard - English
Salary Step 1BA + 30.....\$61,805 (prorated)
Effective December 7, 2011 – June 30, 2012
Education: Dowling College BA
Tentative Assignment: South
To replace Ms. Butler. Ms. Attard was appointed as a permanent substitute and part time teacher at the June 14, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

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Appointment of Part-Time 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:

Patricia Amador - English
Salary Step 1MA (.5).....\$27,608 (prorated)
Effective December 7, 2011 – June 30, 2012
Education: Fordham University BA, Fordham University MA
Tentative Assignment: South
To replace Ms. Attard. Ms. Amador was appointed as a permanent substitute teacher at the September 13, 2011 Board of Education meeting and will continue as a .5 permanent substitute.

Appointment of Head Custodian

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 head custodian negotiations unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

John W. Back
Salary Step 2.....\$ 60,412 (prorated)
Assignment: Central
Experience: 2 years as an Assistant Head Custodian for Levittown School District, 12 years as a Head Custodian for North Merrick School District, 10 years as Director of Facilities for Merrick School District and is presently a Head Custodian for Garden City Schools.
Twenty-six week probationary period effective December 28, 2011 to June 27, 2012
To replace Mr. Vaccaro

Recall from Preferred Eligibility List

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris, carried unanimously and in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and Local 74, United Service Workers Union, I.U.J.A.T, the Board approved that the following individual is recalled from the Preferred Eligibility List effective January 3, 2012 with the location and hours of employment to be determined at the sole discretion of the District:

Cleaner

Rafael Peralta
Twenty-six week probationary period effective January 3, 2012 to July 2, 2012
To replace Jose Ocasio

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Appointment of Part-Time Teacher Aide – 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 as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

<u>Teacher Aide</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Kimberly Cegelski	South	1	\$12.55 per hour
To replace Joanne Devine			

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:

Christine Baker	Natalie Camilleri
Albina Roman	

Stipends

Interscholastic Activities

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Cummings 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>
North	John Novello	Var. Girls Indoor Track AC	11/16/11-03/04/12	+	\$4,232 (prorated)
South	Glenn Wyche	Equipment Manager	09/01/11-06/30/12	+	\$2686

Co-Curricular Activities

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following stipend 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	Cristina Paul	10 Gr. Advisor (.5)	+	12/2/11-6/30/12	\$1585 (prorated)

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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 were granted unpaid child care leaves effective as noted:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Provision</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kerry Butler	South	English	Contractual	12/07/11-06/30/12
Tara Zamorano	Central	Music	FMLA	11/28/11-01/13/12
Donna Sonkin	Memorial	Physical Education	FMLA	12/09/11-02/01/12
Haydee O'Connor	Memorial	LOTE	FMLA	11/22/11-01/13/12

Teacher Request for Leave For Health

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends approval of the following request for a leave for health in accordance with Section 5.11.2 of the Agreement between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Teachers Association as listed in Confidential Schedule B1.

Business Committee

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

1. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for the month of October 2011

2. Summary of Cash Accounts

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

3. Budget Status Reports

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

B. Informational Items

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

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board approved items C and D.

C. Award of Kickline Uniform Bid

Bids were advertised, in compliance with General Municipal Law 103, in the official newspaper of the District on Thursday, October 20, 2011 and bid packages were mailed to 6 separate vendors. A sealed bid was received from 1 vendor in the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, One Kent Road, until 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at which time it was opened and read aloud. The Business Committee recommends the bid be awarded to Varsity Spirit Fashions at a cost of \$759.00. Additional items at the bid prices may be purchased during the school year.

A detailed spreadsheet is available for review in the Business Office. (Bid #11/12-11)

D. Award of Hot Water Heater Replacement Bid

Bids were advertised, in compliance with General Municipal Law 103, in the official newspaper of the District on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 and bid packages were mailed to 12 separate vendors. Sealed bids were received from 8 vendors in the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, One Kent Road, until 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at which time they were opened and read aloud. The Business Committee recommends the bid be awarded to HTP Mechanical Corporation, Deer Park at a cost of \$21,655.00.

A detailed spreadsheet is available for review in the Business Office. (Bid #11/12-12)

E. Approval of Special Education Services Contract

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved an agreement with Positive Behavior Support Consultant & Psychological Resources, P.C. for Behavioral Consultant Services not to exceed \$5000, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement. (RFP #11/12-C03)

F. Approval for Use of School Facilities

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Trogel, 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:

Star Potential Inc.

G. Budget Transfers

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved of budget transfers dated December 13, 2011, in accordance with Board Policy 6150.

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Policy Committee

No Action To Report

Old and New Business

None

Opportunity for Guests

None

Motion to Enter into Executive Session

At 8:40 p.m., on motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio 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 9:30 p.m.

Motion to Adourn

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk

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