

**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  
OCTOBER 12, 2010**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Carolyn Pean

**Officers of the Board and Administrators Present:**

Dr. Marc Bernstein, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Thomas Troisi, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Bill Heidenreich, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel & Administration, Mr. Wayne Loper, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Mr. Greg Guercio, Attorney.

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

**Meeting Opened**

Board President Cummings called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Trogel, and approved unanimously, the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss matters of personnel, litigation and negotiations.

At 8:10 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session and entered into Public Session.

**Recognition of Visitors**

Board President Cummings welcomed the visitors. He 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 Board Association

- Information about various workshops
- Amendments to the Proposed Bylaws & Resolutions for the Annual Meeting

Nassau BOCES

- Invitation to the dedication of the George Farber Administrative Center
- Nassau/Suffolk School Boards Assoc. re Tax Certiorari

Dr. Bernstein explained that the Nassau/Suffolk School Boards Assoc. was asking for the support of school districts by passing a resolution against the attempt by Nassau County to shift the responsibility for multi-year back payments for tax certiorari costs to local school districts.

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream Central High School District Board of Education opposes any legislation, from whatever source, that would shift the responsibility of the County of Nassau for funding multi-year tax certiorari settlements of its assessment errors onto the local school district tax levy. (full resolution is attached)

A copy of the approved resolution will be sent to Nassau County Legislators, Town Council members and New York State Senate and Assembly Members.

## **Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the September 14, 2010 Business Meeting.

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## **Superintendent's Report**

### **Health and Welfare Services**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved of contracts for Health and Welfare Services as requested for the following school for the 2009-10 school year:

Health and Welfare services rendered to 178 students attending Kellenberg Memorial High School and Hebrew Academy of Nassau County located in the Uniondale Union Free School District @ \$646.10 per pupil.

### **Information and Exploration**

Dr. Bernstein asked Board President Cummings to join him in presenting Certificates of Recognition to students who had been recognized for their academic success:

**Student Recognition: National Merit Scholarship Competition –  
Semi-Finalist: Central High School - Margaret Milano**

#### **Commended Scholars:**

Central High School – Sabrina Ahmed

North High School – Daniel Monahan

South High School - Stefano Flavoni; Stephen Marcott; Rachel Olson

#### **Student Recognition: National Achievement Program -**

**Outstanding Participants:** Central High School – David Guilbaud;  
Lamar McCormack

**49<sup>th</sup> Annual Newsday Marching Band Festival – Hofstra – Central/North/South High School Bands – October 20, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.**

Dr. Bernstein reminded the community of this annual event.

## **Attorney's Report**

Greg Guercio, attorney for the District shared that he had just attended a conference regarding annual professional performance reviews and hoped that guidelines would be developed in the near future that he could share with the Board.

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**Education Report**

Resignations

**Account Clerk Resignation**

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

Teresa Benedetto - District  
Effective October 31, 2010  
Retirement. Ms. Benedetto has served the Valley Stream CHSD for 20 years.

Appointments

**Appointment of Probationary Nurse**

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

Meghan McGrath  
Salary .....\$43,228 (prorated)  
Assignment: North  
Twenty-six week probationary period effective October 13, 2010 –April 12, 2011  
To replace Ms. Brenner

**Appointment of Probationary Teaching Assistant**

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Trogel, 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), unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law with salary subject to the completion of Teaching Assistant Negotiations:

Jason Nappy  
Salary Step 1C.....\$30,148 (prorated)  
Tentative Assignment: Memorial  
Three year probationary period effective October 13, 2010 – October 12, 2013  
To replace Ms. D’Amore

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**Appointment of Part Time Speech Teachers**

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, 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 with salary subject to teacher negotiations:

- a. Beth Swedarsky - Speech  
 Salary Step 3MA (.20).....\$13,810 (prorated)  
 Education: Stern College, Yeshiva University, BA; Queens College, MS  
 Experience: Two years as a part time speech teacher in Valley Stream  
 Effective: October 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011  
 Assignment: District-wide  
 Ms. Swedarsky was appointed as a .5 part time speech teacher at the June 8, 2010 Board of Education meeting. This .2 assignment is in addition to the .5 assignment making Ms. Swedarsky a .7 speech teacher at a total salary of \$48,336 with prorated benefits. This additional assignment is necessary to meet the IEPs of Valley Stream students.
  
- b. Diane Cullen – Speech  
 Salary Step 2MA (.15).....\$10,018 (prorated)  
 Education: Brooklyn College, BA, MA  
 Experience: One year as a part time speech teacher in Valley Stream  
 Effective: October 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011  
 Assignment: District-wide  
 Ms. Cullen was appointed as a .5 part time speech teacher at the June 8, 2010 Board of Education meeting. This .15 assignment is in addition to the .5 assignment making Ms. Cullen a .65 speech teacher at a total salary of \$43,410 with prorated benefits. This additional assignment is necessary to meet the IEPs of Valley Stream students.

**Appointment of Mentors for Initial Certificate Holders, 2010-11**

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of the following as mentors at the rate of \$49.90 per hour effective as noted:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Maximum Hours</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Angela Fung	30	LOTE
Erica Motil	30	LOTE
Fabian Jara	30	LOTE
Michael Serif	30	Social Studies
Kristi Massaro	30	Art
Erin Brodly	30	Math

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**Recreation Personnel, 2010-11**

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved appointment of the following effective as noted on an as needed basis to be determined by administration at the hourly rate listed in the Board of Education Non Negotiating Salary Book:

Nicolas Karamalis	Glen Wyche
Ken Ward	David Alt
Michael Joyce	Richard Hess
Jason Nappy	Daniel Drumm
Matthew Johnsen	Robert Santoro
Christina Torres	Doreen Gladstone
Vivian Martingano	Hayward Alfred
Mary Parisi	Michael Caputo
Britt Klein	Frank Chimienti
John Kostkowicz	Frank Alesia
Jack Gorman	Denise Hellman
Jessica Garabedian	Daniel Achatz
Rafaela Doherty	Leonard Fiorentino
Daniel Drumm	John Kelly
Sharon Powell	Cathy Heine
Derek Gourdin	David Aguado
Timothy Boyens	James Casella
Michael Frazier	James Green
Peter Mayo	Richard Schacca

**Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2010-11**

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, 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:

Nicholas Arholekas	Gregory Bachmann
Amanda Bezner	Briana Cooney
Christie DelPriore	Amanda Duerr
Maryse Jeannot	Michelle Maci
Stewart McCloud	Celia Rodriquez
Dawn Vasti	Jennifer Cunha

Stipends/Salary Adjustments

**Co-Curricular Activities**

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following stipends at the appropriate step effective as noted with stipend subject to teacher negotiations:

<u>School</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Central	Denise Hellmann	Recreation Coordinator	10/10-6/11	+	\$1,764
	Ronald Rini	Student Activities Director	10/10-6/11	-	\$5,326*
	Jennifer Buonagurio	Student Activities Director	10/10-6/11	+	\$5,326*
	Julia Lenigan	Homework Club (.5)	10/10-6/11	-	\$1,934*
	Reyna Batista	Homework Club (.5)	10/10-6/11	+	\$2,137*
Memorial	Patrick Cesario	Yearbook	10/10-6/11	+	\$3,876
	Christl Dimmler	Math Counts	10/10-6/11	+	\$1,449
	Adam Erdos	Jazz Ensemble	10/10-6/11	+	\$1,764
	Ann Marie Glaser	Science Club	10/10-6/11	+	\$1,764
	Joann Hundertmark	Culture Club	10/10-6/11	+	\$1,175
	Joann Hundertmark	Detention Coordinator	10/10-6/11	+	\$3,876
	Helen Kontoleon	9 Grade Advisor	10/10-6/11	+	\$2,466
	Helen Kontoleon	Drama Director (.5)	10/10-6/11	+	\$1,840
	Helen Kontoleon	Jazz Choir	10/10-6/11	+	\$1,764
	Susan Krause	School Store	10/10-6/11	+	\$1,764
	Susan Krause	Character Club (.5)	10/10-6/11	+	\$724.50
	Stephanie Ginsberg	Character Club (.5)	9/10-6/11	-	\$724.50
	Holly Lopez	Student Council	10/10-6/11	+	\$4,423
	Michael Serif	Peer Mediation	10/10-6/11	+	\$1,764
	Nicole Slavinski	Newspaper	10/10-6/11	+	\$3,876
	Caterina Stanzuck	Poetry Club	10/10-6/11	+	\$1,175
	Rita Vella	Drama Director (.5)	10/10-6/11	+	\$1,840
North	Philip Sanfilippo	Weightlifting (Winter) (.3)	11/10-3/11	-	\$483
	Joseph Tagliaferro	Weightlifting (Winter) (.3)	11/10-3/11	+	\$391.66

\*prorated

**Interscholastic Activities**

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, 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>Season</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Memorial	Michael DiGiovanni	JH Girls (8) Volleyball HC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$3,166
	Bryan Goldman	JH Boys (8) Basketball HC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$4,209
	Kaitlin Guarneri	JH Girls Volleyball AC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$2,816
	Nicholas Karamalis	JH Boys (7) Basketball HC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$4,209
	Britt Klein	JH Girls (7) Volleyball HC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$3,624
North	Renee Colonna	JH Girls Volleyball AC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$2,620
	Valentin Fernandez	JH Boys Basketball AC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$2,816
	Kerri Guzzardo	JH Girls (7) Volleyball HC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$3,624
	Nikki Nevitt	JH Girls (8) Volleyball HC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$3,624
	Philip Sanfilippo	JH Boys (7) Basketball HC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$3,752
South	Daniel Tronolone	JH Boys (8) Basketball HC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$3,752
	Richard Boyd	JH Boys Basketball AC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$3,072
	Stephanie Calzetta	JH Girls Volleyball AC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$3,072
	Peter DiThomas	JH Girls (7) Volleyball HC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$3,624
	Julian Farrell	JH Boys (7) Basketball HC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$4,209
	Daniel Kraemer	JH Girls Volleyball HC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$3,166
	Michael E. Mahler	JH Boys (8) Basketball HC	11/8/10-1/15/2011	+	\$4,209

**Approval of Teachers to Pass through Salary Gates**

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following to pass through salary gates effective as noted:

<u>School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Effective</u>
North	Debra Schneider	9-10	9/21/2010
South	Lori Tintella	14-15	10/1/2010

**Lunchroom Supervisors, 2010-11**

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following with stipend subject to teacher negotiations:

<u>School</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Periods</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
North	Joseph Tagliaferro	1	-	9/20/10-6/30/11	\$3,449.78*
North	Michael Paolillo	1	+	9/20/10-6/30/11	\$3,449.78*
South	Filomena Riviezzo	1	+	9/8/10-6/30/11	\$3,449.78

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**Appointment of Out of School Suspension Teachers, 2010-11**

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following effective as noted with hourly rate subject to teacher negotiations:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Malyssa Thorngren	Math	\$75.84

**Change of Salary due to Column Reclassification**

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following changes in column reclassification effective September 1, 2010:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Former Column</u>	<u>New Column</u>	<u>Salary</u>
David Aguado	5MA+15	5MA+30	\$79,994
Frank Alesia	3MA+15	3MA+30	\$74,068
Krystal Asher	3MA	3MA+15	\$71,840
Dana Ballatore	9MA+45	9MA+60	\$97,842
Abigayl Brown	8MA+45	8MA+60	\$94,597
Michael DeMario	4MA+30	4MA+45	\$79,779
Carla Diaz	5MA+30	5MA+45	\$82,871
Peter DiThomas	19MA+45	19MA+60	\$118,024
Dana Francis	3MA	3MA+15	\$71,840
Jessica Garabedian	5MA+15	5MA+30	\$79,994
Anne Marie Glaser	3MA	3MA+15	\$71,840
Bradley Gordon	4MA	4MA+15	\$75,356
Deborah Fletcher	13MA+30	13MA+45	\$108,280
Eftihia Hatsios	6MA+15	6MA+30	\$83,125
Nicholas Karamalis	6MA+30	6MA+45	\$86,011
Audrey Keany	9MA+15	9MA+30	\$92,449
Coreen Kelly-Johnson	10MA+30	10MA+45	\$98,644
John Kostkowicz	6MA+15	6MA+30	\$83,125
Christina Miceli	5MA+15	5MA+30	\$79,994
Christy Mansfield	12MA	12MA+15	\$100,214
Catherine Modzelewski	10MA+30	10MA+45	\$98,644
Erika Motill	14MA+30	14MA+45	\$111,370
John Novello	15bMA+45	15bMA+60	\$118,024
Donna Pandaliano	15bMA+45	15bMA+60	\$118,024
David Richman	5BA+45	5MA	\$75,166
Lisa Rutigliano	9MA+45	9MA+60	\$97,842
Nicole Ryan-Sternberg	12MA+45	12MA+60	\$107,667
Philip Sanfilippo	8MA	8MA+15	\$87,533
Jennifer Schultz	5MA	5MA+15	\$78,089
Hailey Silverstein	3BA	3BA+15	\$60,545
Nakeshia Smith	7MA	7MA+15	\$84,155
Andrew Unterweiser	9MA+30	9MA+45	\$95,528
Francesca Venezia	4MA	4MA+15	\$75,356
Francesco Visone	11MA+45	11MA+60	\$104,428

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**Committee for Special Education**

**Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education**

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, 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**

**Requests for Leave, 2010-11**

The following staff members have requested and are granted unpaid child care leaves 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>
Nakeshia Farnum-Smith	Central	Math	FMLA	10/27/10-12/9/10

## **Business Committee**

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

**1. Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s reports for the months of July 2010 and August 2010

**2. Summary of Cash Accounts**

The Treasurer’s summary of cash accounts for the months of July 2010 and August 2010

**3. Budget Status Reports**

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010

- 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, 2010 through August 31, 2010

- 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, 2010 through September 30, 2010

- 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 2010.

## **Informational Items**

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

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**Approval of Agreement with Nassau BOCES Technology Shared Service Project**

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board hereby authorizes the District's participation in a Technology Shared Cooperative Service with Nassau BOCES at a cost of \$306,571 over a (3) three year period, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

**Kitchen Supplies & Equipment Bid**

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, 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 Wednesday, September 22, 2010 and bid packages were mailed to 20 separate vendors. Sealed bids were received from 6 vendors in the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, One Kent Road, until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 5, 2010, at which time it was opened and read aloud. The Business Committee recommends the bid be awarded as follows:

Calico Industries Inc.	\$ 300.94
Bar Boy Products Inc.	\$ 1,802.41
King Glassware Co Inc.	\$ 5,542.50
Sam Tell & Sons Inc.	\$ 4,473.03
Nassau Food Service Equipment, Inc.	\$ 7,120.25

**Total amount of award: \$19,239.13**

**A detailed spreadsheet, which lists all of vendor bids by individual line items, is available for review in the Business Office. (Bid #10/11-13)**

**Disposal of Equipment**

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Antonelli, carried unanimously and in accordance with Board of Education policy 6900, the Business Committee recommends the disposition of obsolete equipment.

## **Policy Committee**

No Action to Report

## **Old and New Business**

Trustee Antonelli stated that at their last Board meeting, the District 30 Board of Education had voted affirmatively to move ahead with a school consolidated study. She asked her colleagues to bring this back to their elementary Boards for discussion. Trustee Stris replied that District 13 had already voted “yes” to do the study, however, he would bring it up to the Board again.

## **Opportunity for Guests**

Several community members addressed the Board with questions regarding the ASE program.

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

At 8:45 p.m., on motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board only entered into Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel, negotiations and/or litigation. No action was anticipated.

## **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 9:15 p.m.

## **Motion to Adourn**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Submitted By:

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Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk

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