

**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
JANUARY 11, 2011**

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

Board Members Absent: N/A

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. John Sheahan, 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 Iadevaio and approved unanimously, the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:31 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 8:03 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:

A. Nassau BOCES

- Invitation to a public meeting being held on January 26, at Oceanside High School re shared services

B. Nassau Music Educators Assoc.

- Invitations to the All County Music Festival

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the December 7, 2010 Committee Meeting; the December 14, 2010 Business Meeting; and the December 20, 2010 Special Meeting.

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Superintendent's Report

Approval of Employee Suspension

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Trogel, the Board of Education hereby suspends, without pay, the employee listed on Confidential Schedule "A" for the time period January 12, 2011 through February 28, 2011.

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

Trustee Stris	Yes
Trustee Chiachiere	Yes
Trustee Iadevaio	Abstained
Trustee Trogel	Yes
Trustee Antonelli	Yes
Trustee Wraith	Yes
Trustee Pean	Yes
Trustee Jacobs	Yes
Trustee Cummings	Yes

With a vote of 8 "yes" and 1 abstained, the motion passed.

Request to Accept Gifts

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the following gifts to be housed at South High School:

Donated by: Class of 2010
Qty. One (1) Smartboard and Supporting Equipment
Value: \$2475 (as estimated by donor)

Donated by: Class of 2009
Qty. Two (2) Smartboards and Supporting Equipment
Value: \$3900 (as estimated by donor)

Donated by: Class of 2008
Qty. One (1) Smartboard Supporting Equipment
Value: \$701 (as estimated by donor)

Donated by: Class of 2007
Qty. One (1) Smartboard and Supporting Equipment
Value: \$5141 (as estimated by donor)

Donated by: Athletic Honor Society
Qty. One (1) Smartboard
Value: \$1500 (as estimated by donor)

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Information and Exploration

Report from January 8, 2011 Building Tours

Dr. Marsh shared that on January 8th, the Board and administration toured the four district buildings and looked at many items at each building. The Board then had a meeting that afternoon to discuss what they had seen and to begin preliminary budget items. The Interim Superintendent invited the public to the next budget meeting which will be held on February 1, 2011.

Attorney's Report

John Sheahan, attorney for the District, presented a report regarding a recent decision where the Commissioner of Education dismissed an appeal by a school board candidate concerning the conduct of the district's May 2010 election. A copy of the report was provided to the District Clerk for distribution to the members of the School Board.

Education Report

Resignations

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved items 1 – 3.

- 1. Teacher Aide Resignation**
Angela Adams – South
Effective January 11, 2011
Ms. Adams will be recommended for a probationary teaching assistant position

- 2. Permanent Substitute Resignation**
Kelly Peckholdt – North
Effective January 27, 2011
Ms. Peckholdt will be recommended for a leave replacement teaching position

- 3. Cleaner Resignation**
Darren Johnson – Memorial
Effective December 31, 2010
Other Employment

- 4. Teacher Request for Leave of Absence without Pay**
On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously the Board approved of the following request for a leave of absence without pay in accordance with Section 5.13 of the Agreement between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Teachers Association:

Janine Puglissi – Special Education – North
Effective January 10, 2011 – January 30, 2011
Personal Reasons

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Appointments

Awarding of Teacher Tenure

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved tenure appointment to the following effective as noted:

<u>Tenure Date</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>
2/1/2011	Antoinette Composto	Central	Mathematics

Appointment of Probationary Teaching Assistants

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), unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law with salary subject to the completion of Teaching Assistant Negotiations:

- a. Jeannine Giberti
Salary Step 1C.....\$30,148 (prorated)
Tentative Assignment: Memorial
Three year probationary period effective January 12, 2011-
January 11, 2014.
To replace Mr. Nappy

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Pean, 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:

- b. Angela Adams
Salary Step 1C.....\$30,148 (prorated)
Tentative Assignment: South
Three year probationary period effective January 12, 2011-January
11, 2014
This is a new position to provide support to students in the IEP/Life
Skills program at South in order to be in compliance the 15:1:2 student-
teacher-teaching assistant ratio required by Law.

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Appointment of Part Time Teaching Assistants, 2010-11

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

- a. Karen Cooney
Salary Step 1C (6.5 Periods).....\$27,994 (prorated)
Tentative Assignment: Central
Effective January 24, 2011 – June 30, 2011

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:

- b. Nicole Maier
Salary Step 1C (6.5 Periods).....\$27,994 (prorated)
Tentative Assignment: North
Effective January 12, 2011 – June 30, 2011

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

- c. Susan Erhard
Salary Step 1C (6.5 Periods).....\$27,994 (prorated)
Tentative Assignment: South
Effective January 12, 2011 – June 30, 2011

Appointment of Part Time Psychologist, 2010-11

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 Teacher Negotiations:

Elizabeth Holden – School Psychologist
Salary Step 1MA (.50).....\$32,316 (prorated)
Education: SUNY New Paltz, BA; LIU, MS
Effective January 24, 2011 – June 30, 2011
Tentative Assignment: South
This is a new position. The psychologist previously split between the ASE program at North and the IEP/Life Skills Program at South will now be a full time psychologist assigned to the ASE program at North.

Appointment of Leave Replacement Teachers, 2010-11

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

Kelly Peckholdt – Social Studies
Salary Step 1BA.....\$55,574 (prorated)
Education: Sienna, BA
Tentative Assignment: North
Effective: January 28, 2011 – June 30, 2011
To replace Ms. Paolillo. Ms. Peckholdt has been a permanent substitute at North since November 10, 2010.

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:

Andrea Garcia	Jane Hader
Edward Hanley	Dennis West
Jeffrey Negron	Paul Vecchione

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Recall from Preferred Eligibility List

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Trogel, carried unanimously and in accordance with Civil Service Law and the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and Local 74, United Service Workers Union, I.U.J.A.T the following individual is recalled from the Preferred Eligibility List effective January 31, 2011 with the location and hours of employment to be determined at the sole discretion of the District:

Cleaner

Daniel Torres

Appointment of Adult Education Personnel, Spring 2011

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 effective as noted on an as needed basis to be determined by administration:

<u>Instructor</u>		<u>Course</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Pearl	Brummer	Senior Seminar I	\$20.00
Michael	Delia	Drawing and Painting I	\$25.00
Phyllis Kiel	DeMarinis	Yoga Hatha Beginner Daytime	\$30.00
Isabelle	Desio	Line Dancing	\$40.00
JoAnne	Devine	Exercise 4 Health	\$40.00
Donna	DiGiovanna	Computer Basics and Computer Art	\$40.00
Ida	Epstein	Financial Workshop	\$25.00
Valerie	Ferrandino	Art Workshop and Pottery	\$25.00
Linda	Giuliano	Metaphysical	\$20.00
Doreen	Gladstone	Intro to Micro Excel	\$40.00
Martin	Graham	Ballroom Dancing A/B	\$35.00
Belle	Graham	Ballroom Dancing A/B	\$20.00
Joseph	Grassa	Soccer A	\$30.00
Robert	Hendrick	Italian for Beginners	\$30.00
Joan	Koenig	One Stroke Painting	\$40.00
Wilbert	Lyron	Survival French	\$30.00
Elaina	Marku	Kundalini Yoga	\$40.00
Christina	Mastroserio	Volleyball	\$32.50
Kathleen	McCafferty	Golf A	\$40.00
Timothy	Murphy	Intro Microsoft Office 2007	\$35.00
Susan	Nicola	Craft Workshops	\$25.00
John	Perez	Piano I, II and Daytime	\$30.00
Salvatore	Ramondino	Italian for Beginners	\$35.00
Lois	Rhynie	Yoga Hatha	\$40.00

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Danny	Russo	Daytime - Self Defense	\$25.00
Barbara	Siems	Yoga I and II	\$30.00
Sabine	Spady	Computer Basics I and II	\$35.00
Marion	Stainkamp-Strobel	Cooking with Marion	\$25.00
Winnie	Tsai	Chinese Painting	\$30.00
Maria Jose	Vaca	Spanish	\$30.00
Franco	Visone	Soccer B	\$30.00
Michael	Vita	Wine Appreciation	\$30.00
John	Yeandel	Auto Mechanic I	\$25.00

Stipends

Interscholastic 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:

<u>School</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Memorial	Christopher Carbajal*	Wrestling JH AC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$2,816
	Michael DiGiovanna	Volleyball JH Boys HC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$3,166
	Kaitlin Guarneri*	Basketball JH Girls (7) HC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$3,752
	Michael Luckert*	Wrestling JH Boys HC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$4,209
	Jason Nappy	Basketball JH Girls (7/8) AC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$2,620
	Robert Santoro	Volleyball JH Boys AC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$2,620
	Benjamin Tangney	Basketball JH Girls (8) HC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$3,955
North	Daniel Bart	Volleyball JH Boys HC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$3,624
	Ari Bisk	Wrestling JH AC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$3,051
	Valentin S. Fernandez	Basketball JH Girls AC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$2,816
	James Green	Basketball JH Girls (7) HC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$4,209
	Thomas Maddock	Wrestling JH HC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$4,209
	Daniel Tronolone	Basketball JH Girls (8) HC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$3,752
South	Christopher Bottjer	Wrestling JH HC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$4,209
	Richard Boyd	Basketball JH Girls (8) HC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$4,209
	Michael Buonagurio	Wrestling JH AC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$3,307
	Peter DiThomas	Basketball JH Girls (7/8) AC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$3,072
	Daniel Kraemer	Basketball JH Girls (7) HC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$4,209
	George Karahalios*	Volleyball JH Boys HC	1/18/11-3/26/11	+	\$3,166

*Non District Employee

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Co-Curricular 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>Effective</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Memorial	Nathan Hoffman	Ceramic Club	1/15/11-6/30/11	+	\$1,175*
	Christina Miceli	Mathletes	1/15/11-6/30/11	+	\$1,764*
North	Josh Diolosa	Maj. Mus. Prod. Director (Spring)	1/15/11-5/31/11	+	\$3,171
	Michael Morris	Maj. Mus. Prod.-Conductor (Spring)	1/15/11-5/31/11	+	\$548
	Adam Thorn	Jam. Mus. Prod.-Mus. Dir. (Spring)	1/15/11-5/31/11	+	\$1,764

*Prorated

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>
Central	Gita Bhairam	9-10	1/20/2011
Central	Mary Parisi	9-10	2/8/2011
Central	Justine Chan	9-10	2/25/2011
Memorial	Michelle Jackson-Powell	9-10	1/21/2011
South	Elizabeth Pichichero	9-10	1/18/2011
South	Ross Lipsky	9-10	2/1/2011
South	Kerry Butler	14-15	1/24/2011

Appointment of 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>
Memorial	Erin Primm	1	-	12/31/10-6/30/11	\$3,449.78*
	Sarah Hirschhorn	1	+	1/1/11 – 6/30/11	\$3,449.78*

*Prorated

Committee for Special Education

Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, 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.

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Informational Items

Requests for Leave, 2010-11

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>
Kathleen Paolillo	North	Social Studies	FMLA	1/3/11-1/27/11
Kathleen Paolillo	North	Social Studies	Contractual	1/28/11-6/30/11

Business Committee

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

1. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for the month of November 2010

2. Summary of Cash Accounts

The Treasurer's summary of cash accounts for the month of November 2010

3. Budget Status Reports

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2010 through December 31, 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 November 30, 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 December 31, 2010

- 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 November 2010

B. Informational Items

1. Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010)
2. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010)
3. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010)
4. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2010– December 31, 2010)
5. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010)

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On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the following resolution was laid on the table:

Approval of Independent Auditing Services

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with the Board of Education policy 6700, that the Request for Proposal from
for Independent Auditing Services be approved by the Board of Education at a cost of
\$ for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, with such services commencing February
2011. (RFP#10/11-A15)

Budget Transfers

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved of budget transfers dated January 11, 2011, in accordance with Board Policy 6150.

Policy Committee

Policy Recommended for Adoption as New on Second Reading

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

2111.1 Board Member School Visits

Policies Recommended for Adoption as Revised on Second Reading

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

5300.30 Prohibited Student Conduct
8330 District Owned and/or Leased Equipment
8410 Student Transportation
8413 Transportation for Nonpublic School Students

Old and New Business

Trustee Antonelli shared with the Board that she had recently attended the meeting of the Wellness Committee. Among many things discussed, the committee decided to form sub-committees on the following:

- 1) Substance abuse
- 2) Within each of the four districts for each Superintendent to list all of the services available within each district
- 3) Community and parent outreach

The Wellness Committee asked Trustee Antonelli to share this information with her colleagues on the High School Board and to ask them to further share this with their elementary boards.

Opportunity for Guests

None

Motion to Adjourn

At 8:20 p.m., on motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk

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