

**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  
NOVEMBER 9, 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 6:15 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Trogel, and approved unanimously, the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. to discuss matters of personnel, litigation and negotiations.

At 7:55 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session and entered into Public Session.

**New Business**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board authorized the President of the Board of Education is authorized to submit an advertisement for an Interim Superintendent position to the Online Application System for Educators, to submit a request to Nassau BOCES District Superintendent for a list of available candidates meeting Board specifications; and to screen candidates for an Interim Superintendent position based upon Board specifications discussed during prior Executive Session.

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### **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.

### **Communications**

District Clerk, Mary Colgan, shared that the Board had received the following correspondence:

New York State School Boards Association

- Information about various workshops

Nassau BOCES

- Monthly Newsletter
- Announcement that Nominations were open for the Nassau BOCES “Education Partner” Awards

Nawrocki Smith LLP – Internal Auditors

- Proposed 2010/2011 Internal Audit Plan
- Three Month Status Report

Miscellaneous

- Letter with signatures from community members that live in Valley Stream but are zoned for Elmont School District and feel they should be zoned for Valley Stream schools
- Invitation from South High School to their musical production “Seussical The Musical.”
- Memo from Todd Holly informing Board of students selected to 2010 Long Island String Festival
- District 13 Resident Letter re Consolidation and Board of Education Policy 5110  
Dr. Bernstein explained to the Board that they had not yet seen this letter as it had come in by email late today. It would be up for further discussion on the December 7, 2010 agenda.

### **Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the October 5, 2010 Committee Meeting and the October 12, 2010 Business Meeting.

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## **Superintendent's Report**

### **Acceptance of Audit**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, as presented by R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

On the question, Ms. Battaglia, from R.S. Abrams, reported that the district was in good financial standing and thanked Mr. Loper and his staff for a smooth audit.

### **Authorization to Execute Stipulation of Settlement**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board approved a settlement of an arbitration demand brought by the Valley Stream Teachers' Association regarding a teacher's placement on salary step, and authorizes the Board President to execute a stipulation of settlement, subject to review by District counsel.

### **Information and Exploration**

Dr. Bernstein asked Board President Cummings to join him in presenting student Certificates of Recognition.

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

Central High School – David Guilbaud; Lamar McCormack

North High School – Carlsky Belizaire; Chell Burke; Zakiya Jamal

### **School Board Recognition Week Presentations**

The Superintendent explained to the community that New York State School Boards Association declares one week a year as School Board Recognition Week to recognize the members of the School Board who are elected to their positions, contribute a lot of their time to the District and are unpaid volunteers. Each building makes a presentation to the Board to thank them for all of their hard work on behalf of the district.

Central High School presented a mural of hand drawn portraits of each Board member done by the AP Art students.

North High School presented a cookbook which was done as a joint project with the Physical Education Leadership Students and IEP Life Skills Students.

Memorial Junior High School presented an authentic piece of art work in line with the "Making Connections" theme.

South High School presented a framed drawing of South.

The Valley Stream Council of PTA's thanked the Board for all of their time, support and dedication to the children of Valley Stream and presented the Board members with a token of their thanks.

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Dr. Bernstein invited all members of the community to attend the following open houses:

**American Education Week Open Houses**

November 15-19, 2010, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

North High School – Tuesday, November 16, 9-10:30 a.m.

Memorial Junior High School – Wednesday, November 17, 9-10:30 a.m.

Central High School – Thursday, November 18, 9-10:30 a.m.

South High School – Friday, November 19, 9-10:30 a.m.

**Report Regarding Residency Advisory Committee Meeting of  
November 1, 2010 including Update re: 10th and 11th Grade Student Re-Registration**

Dr. Heidenreich gave a summary of the meeting stating that several Board members, community members, elementary district personnel and village personnel were in attendance.

**2011-12 School Year Budget**

**Building Tours – Saturday, January 8, 2011 beginning at North High School  
8:15 a.m.**

The date of the annual building tour was provided for planning purposes.

Board President Cummings also shared that he had recently participated in the School Board visit to the buildings and it was nice to see the programs as they were in session as he walked through each building.

**Attorney's Report**

John Sheahan, attorney for the District, presented a report regarding a recent decision of the New York State Division of Human Rights in which they dismissed a claim of age discrimination and retaliation brought by a school district employee. A copy of the report was provided to the District Clerk for distribution to the members of the School Board.

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## **Education Report**

### Resignations

*On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved items 1 – 4.*

#### **1. Teaching Assistant Resignation**

Accepted the following resignation:

Jason Nappy – Memorial

Effective November 9, 2010

Mr. Nappy will be recommended for a probationary teaching position.

#### **2. Nurse Resignation**

Accepted the following resignation:

Linda Pellegrino – Central

Effective November 19, 2010

Other Employment

#### **3. Permanent Substitute Resignation**

Accepted the following resignation:

Nathan Hoffman – Art – Memorial

Effective December 7, 2010

Mr. Hoffman will be recommended for a leave replacement teaching position.

#### **4. Supervisory Aide resignation**

Accepted the following resignation:

Tina Torres – Memorial

Effective November 29, 2010

Relocation

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## Appointments

### **Appointment of Probationary Teacher**

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:

Jason Nappy – Biology

Salary Step 1BA+ 15 .....\$56,557 prorated

Education:

Three year probationary period effective November 10, 2010 – November 9, 2013

Tentative Assignment: Memorial

To replace Ms. Francis

### **Appointment of Leave Replacement Teacher**

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:

Nathan Hoffman – Art

Salary Step 1BA+15.....\$56,557 prorated

Education: SUNY Binghamton, BFA

Tentative Assignment: Memorial

Effective: December 8, 2010 – June 30, 2011

To replace Ms. Pravda. Mr. Hoffman was appointed to a permanent substitute position at the August 31, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

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*On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris, and carried unanimously, the Board approved items 3-5, C 1 – 3 and D1.*

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

Approved the appointment of the following as per diem substitutes at a rate of \$105 per diem without benefits:

Kelly Peckholdt (10/25/10-11/9/10) Cristina Castrillon  
 Lauren Eastman Ira Rubenstein  
 Paul Kay

**4. Appointment of Permanent Substitute, 2010-11**

Approved appointment of the following, effective as noted, unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

<u>School</u>	<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u>
North	Kelly Peckholdt	Social Studies	1.0	11/10/10-6/30/11	\$120 per diem
South	Heather Domanick	Math	1.0	11/10/10-6/30/11	\$120 per diem
South	Eric Molano	Math	1.0	11/10/10-6/30/11	\$120 per diem

**5. Appointment of Substitute Cleaners**

In accordance with Civil Service Regulations, the Board approved the following appointment (pending verification of credentials, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted at the hourly rate of \$12.00 as listed in the Non Negotiating Salary Book with no benefits:

Tomas Afonso Richard Gladstone  
 Elizabeth Kopsick Richard Schmidt  
 Michael Motherway David Brewster

C. Stipends

**1. Co-Curricular Activities**

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	Vanessa Coppeto	Leadership Academy (.5)	11/10-6/11	+	\$587.50*
	Jennifer DiMaio	Leadership Academy (.5)	11/10-6/11	+	\$587.50*
Memorial	Michael DiGiovanna	Mentoring Club	11/10-6/11	+	\$1175*
	Dana Francis	8 Grade Advisor	10/10-6/11	-	\$824.50*

\*Prorated

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## 2. Interscholastic Activities

Approved of the following stipends at the appropriate step effective as noted:

<u>School District</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	
<b>Central</b>	Rachel Martinez*	Var. Gymnastics HC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$4,467	
	Brittany Trumpy*	Var. Gymnastics AC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$3,931	
	Stanley Vaksman*	Var. Fencing HC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$4,264	
	Frank Alesia	Var. Girls Basketball AC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$5,320	
	Hayward Alfred	Var. Boys Basketball HC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$7,746	
	Katie Anderson	Var. Girls Indoor Track HC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$4,654	
	Michael Caputo	Var./JV Boys Bowling HC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$3,482	
	Brian Fraser	Var. Boys Indoor Track HC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$4,426	
	Jack Gorman	JV Boys Basketball HC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$5,705	
	Derek Gourdin*	Var. Boys Basketball AC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$5,705	
	Denise Hellman	Var. Girls Bowling HC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$3,287	
	Alexander Lombardi	JV Girls Basketball	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$4,973	
	Michael Luckert*	Var. Wrestling HC	11/15/10-02/27/11	+	\$7,517	
	Blake McCauley*	Var. Rifle HC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$3,934	
<b>Memorial North</b>	Mary Parisi	Var. Girls Basketball HC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$7,746	
	Sean Tobin	JV Wrestling HC	11/15/10-02/27/11	+	\$5,705	
	Benjamin Tangney	JH Boys Basketball AC	11/08/10-01/15/11	+	\$3,072	
	Daniel Achatz	JV Boys Basketball HC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$5,320	
	David Aguado	Var. Girls Indoor Track AC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$4,300	
	Timothy Boyens	Var. Boys Indoor Track HC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$4,918	
	James Casella, Jr.	Var. Girls Basketball AC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$4,973	
	James Casella, Sr.*	Var. Boys Basketball AC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$5,705	
	Santo DiSclafani	Var./JV Boys Bowling HC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$3,287	
	Michael Frazer	Var. Girls Indoor Track HC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$4,918	
	Patrick Frazer*	Var. Boys Indoor Track AC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$4,471	
	Fabian Jara	Var. Boys Basketball HC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$7,746	
	Thomas Maddock	Var. Wrestling HC	11/15/10-02/27/11	+	\$7,517	
	Corey McNamara	JV Wrestling HC	11/15/10-02/27/11	+	\$5,705	
	Geoffrey O'Connell	Var. Girls Basketball HC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$6,811	
	Jeanette Paolillo	Var./JV Girls Bowling HC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$3,379	
	Philip Testa*	JV Girls Basketball HC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$5,320	
	<b>South</b>	Nicole Bertrami	Var. Girls Indoor Track HC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$4,918
		James Bishop*	JV Wrestling HC	11/15/10-02/27/11	+	\$5,705
Michael Buonagurio		Var. Wrestling HC	11/15/10-02/27/11	+	\$7,517	
Stephanie Calzetta		Var. Girls Basketball AC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$5,320	
Katherine Deruvo		Var. Boys Indoor Track HC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$4,426	
Daniel Drumm		Var. Girls Basketball HC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$7,746	
Matthew Johnsen		Var. Boys Basketball HC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$6,811	
George Karahalios*		Var. Boys Basketball AC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$4,973	
Michelle Marcus		Var. Bowling Coed HC	11/17/10-03/06/11	+	\$5,653	
Christopher Viggiano		JV Girls Basketball HC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$5,705	
Glenn Wyche	JV Boys Basketball HC	11/17/10-03/27/11	+	\$5,705		

\*Out of District Coach

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

Approved of the following to pass through salary gates effective as noted:

<u>School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Memorial	Catherine Adee	14-15	12/10/2010
North	Andrew Unterweiser	9-10	11/12/2010
South	Angela Fung	9-10	11/23/2010
South	Patricia Franco	9-10	12/5/2010
South	Jill Brady	14-15	11/21/2010

**D. Committee for Special Education**

**1. Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education arrange for the placement of students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

**E. Informational Items**

**1. No Action to Report**

## **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 report for the month of September 2010

**2. Summary of Cash Accounts**

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

**3. Budget Status Reports**

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

**B. Informational Items**

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

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

**C. Approval of Workers' Compensation Actuarial Study**

Be it resolved upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Request for Proposal from Pinnacle Actuarial Services, Inc. for a Workers Compensation Actuarial Study in the amount of \$4,850.00 be approved by the Board of Education for the fiscal year 2010-11. (RFP#10/11-C03)

**D. Approval for Use of School Facilities**

The Board of Education approved an agreement with the American Red Cross to allow the Memorial Junior High School to be used as an emergency shelter for disaster relief activities, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement.

**E. Budget Transfers**

The Board approved of budget transfers dated July 13, 2010, in accordance with Board Policy 6150.

## **Policy Committee**

No Action to Report

## **Old and New Business**

Trustee Stris shared the following:

“Next week, on November 16, 2010, the trustees of Nassau BOCES will dedicate a school library in memory of Arline Strumeyer, a longtime member of the VSCHSD Board of Education. The ceremony will take place at the Barry Tech Center in Westbury.” Trustee Stris gave a summary of Ms. Strumeyer’s career which included many years on the Executive Boards of the James A. Dever PTA, North High School PTSA and the Valley Stream Council of PTA’s; elected to the Board of Education for District 13 and elected to the Nassau Board of Cooperative Education Services.

## **Opportunity for Guests**

Mr. Mayo addressed the Board regarding Policy 5110. Dr. Bernstein stated that it will be on the December 7<sup>th</sup> agenda.

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

At 9:06 p.m., on motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board only entered into Executive Session to interview search firms regarding the upcoming superintendent vacancy.

## **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 9:55 p.m.

## **Motion to Adourn**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Submitted By:

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Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk

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