

**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
AUGUST 25, 2009**

Board Members Present: Elise Antonelli, Dr. Frank Chiachiere, Kenneth Cummings, Anthony Iadevaio, Cristobal Stewart, Lawrence Trogel, Ian Wraith

Board Members Absent: Jeanne Greco Jacobs, William Stris

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: Mary Colgan, District Clerk

Meeting Opened

Board President Trogel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Upon motion of Trustee Iadevaio and seconded by Trustee Cummings, the Board entered into Executive Session for matters of personnel, negotiations and/or litigation and returned to Public Session at 8:12 p.m.

Recognition of Visitors

Board President Trogel 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

N/A

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Antonelli, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the July 14, 2009 Reorganization Meeting, the July 14, 2009 Business Meeting, July 22, 2009 Special BOCES Meeting and August 6, 2009 Special BOCES Meeting.

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New Business

Appointment of Deputy Treasurer

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved that Theresa Hennessy be appointed as Deputy Treasurer.

Establishment of Extra-Classroom Activities Fund and Student Trust and Agency Fund Accounts

On motion of Trustee Wraith, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried unanimously, the Board approved that the following fund be and hereby is established for the deposit of all Extra-classroom Activities Funds and Student Trust and Agency Funds and be it further resolved that the bank is hereby authorized to pay checks drawn on the account listed below when signed by the fund treasurer and countersigned by the school principal or Superintendent of Schools:

Congressman Raymond McGrath Scholarship Fund: Chase

Deputy Treasurer: Theresa Hennessy

Superintendent's Report

Approval of Salaries Non-Negotiating Personnel

On motion of Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the board approved salaries for certain non-negotiating personnel (page 1 of the Non-Negotiating Salary Book) for the 2009-10 school year as presented. (The Book will be on file with the District Clerk.)

Information and Exploration

New Teacher Orientation Program

Dr. Troisi shared with the Board that the Orientation Program for probationary teachers is scheduled for September 1 – 3.

Staffing Update 2009

Dr. Heidenreich reported that he anticipated that all district vacancies should be filled for the upcoming school year.

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Attorney's Report

Greg Guercio, Attorney for the District presented a report regarding a recent decision in which the Commissioner of Education held that a teaching assistant who was previously tenured in another school district did not attain tenure by estoppel at their new school district.

A copy of the report was given to the District Clerk for distribution to the Board.

Education Report

Resignations

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board approved of items 1 and 2.

1. Teaching Assistant Resignations

- a. Jennifer Gaeta – South
Effective August 31, 2009
Other Employment
- b. Michael Calderaro – South
Effective September 7, 2009
Other Employment

2. Teacher Aide Resignation

Stacie Melendez – North
Effective August 31, 2009
Other Employment

Appointments

Appointment of Probationary Teacher

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

Michele Weitz – Math
Salary Step 1BA+15.....\$56,557
Education: Maryland, BS
Tentative Assignment: South
Three year probationary period effective September 1, 2009– August 31, 2012
To replace Ms. Respol

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Appointment of Leave Replacement Teacher, 2009-10

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

Laurie Hughes – Music
Salary Step 1BA.....\$55,574
Education: Fredonia, BA
Effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010
Tentative Assignment: South
To replace Ms. Bedell who is on leave

Appointment of Part Time Teachers, 2009-10

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere, 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:

a. Erin Magner – Math
Salary Step 1MA (4 Periods).....\$43,088
Education: Queens College, BA, MA
Tentative Assignment: South
Effective: September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere, 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:

b. Diane Cullen – Speech
Salary Step 1MA (.50).....\$32,316
Education: Brooklyn College, BA, MA
Effective: September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010
Tentative Assignment: District

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere, 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:

- c. Jo Ann Hundertmark – Social Worker
Salary Step 1MA (.50).....\$32,316
Education: SUNY Binghamton, BA; SUNY Stony Brook, MA
Effective: September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010
Tentative Assignment: Memorial
To replace Mr. Darcy

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere, 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:

- d. Nicole Slavinski - English
Salary Step 2BA (1 Period).....\$9,614
Education: St. Joseph's, BA
Experience: One year as a part time teacher in Valley Stream
Effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010
Tentative Assignment: Memorial

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere, 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:

- e. Luisa Batista-Escadon - Spanish
Salary Step 1BA (2 Periods).....\$18,524
Education: Stony Brook, BA
Effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010
Tentative Assignment: Central

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere, 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:

- f. Katherine Plett - Business
Salary Step 1MA (3 Periods).....\$32,316
Education: SUNY Albany, BA; Hofstra MS
Effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010
Tentative Assignment: Central

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere, 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:

- g. Jennifer Sandtorv – Social Studies
Salary Step 2BA (1 Period)\$9,614
Education: Stony Brook, BA
Experience: One year as a leave replacement teacher in Valley Stream
Effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010
Tentative Assignment: Memorial

Appointment of Dean of Students, 2009-10

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved appointment of the following effective as noted at the stipend listed in the Board of Education Non Negotiating Salary Book:

<u>Dean</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>FTE</u>
Brett Strauss	Central	1.0

Appointment of Permanent Substitutes, 2009-10

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board 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>Rate</u>
Memorial	Nicole Slavinski	English	.8	\$96 per diem
Memorial	Jaclyn Polisi	Math	1.0	\$120 per diem
Memorial	Jennifer Sandtorv	Social Studies	.8	\$96 per diem
Central	Luisa Batista-Escadon	Spanish	.6	\$72 per diem
Central	Courtney Bedus	English	1.0	\$120 per diem
South	Robert Altenburg	Math	1.0	\$120 per diem
North	Tatiana Jordan	ESL	1.0	\$120 per diem

Stipends/Salary Adjustments

Interscholastic Activities

On motion of Trustee Stewart, 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>Advisor</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Memorial	Jacqueline Molina*	Kickline	9/10/09-6/1/09	+	\$2,353
South	Stephanie Calzetta	JV Volleyball HC	8/31/09-11/22/09	+	\$4,264
Central	Michael Bruntvedt*	Varsity Tennis	8/31/09-11/22/09	+	\$2,287

*Non District Employee

Committee for Special Education

Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Cummings 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 Leaves, 2009-10

The following staff member has requested and is granted unpaid leave effective as noted:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Provision</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Melanee Bedell	South	Music	Contractual	9/1/09-6/30/10
Christina Lord	Central	Typist Clerk	FMLA	7/15/09-8/12/09
Tara Lupo	South	Special Education	FMLA	9/1/09-10/16/09

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Business Committee

Treasurer's Report

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Treasurer's report for the month of June 2009

Summary of Cash Accounts

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Treasurer's summary of cash accounts for the month of June 2009

Budget Status Reports

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009

- a. General Fund
- b. Capital Fund
- c. School Lunch Fund
- d. Special Aid Fund

Trial Balance Reports

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Trial Balance Reports for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

- e. General Fund
- f. Capital Fund
- g. School Lunch Fund
- h. Special Aid Fund

Revenue Reports

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Revenue Status Reports for the period July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009

- i. General Fund
- j. Capital Fund
- k. School Lunch Fund
- l. Special Aid Fund

Extracurricular Fund Reports

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Extracurricular Fund Reports for the month of June 2009

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Informational Items

1. Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2008 – July 31, 2009)
2. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2008 – July 31, 2009)
3. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2008 – July 31, 2009)
4. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2008 – July 31, 2009)
5. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2008 – July 31, 2009)

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Amendment to Resolution Appointing Workers' Compensation Insurance Administrator

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved the resolution approving the appointment of PMA Management Corp. ("PMAMC") approved by the Board of Education 7/14/09 is hereby amended to revise the charges by PMAMC for medical bill savings on a contingency basis from 15 percent of actual savings as stated in the prior resolution, to 25 percent of actual savings. (RFP: 09/10-A17)

Cooperative Bid Participation Resolution

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, of the Valley Stream Central High School District of New York State (the "School District") wishes to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County ("Nassau BOCES") for the purchase of various commodities and/or services as authorized by and in accordance with the Education Law and General Municipal Law, Section 119-o and utilizing the Nassau BOCES subscription rate of \$8,500.00. (Complete resolution attached)

Maintenance Garage General Construction - Change Order

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board approved Change Order #1 to the Maintenance Garage at Memorial Junior High School Project #SED #28-02-51-07-0-006-003 contract between the District and Total Construction Corp. in the amount of \$7,250.00.

Central High School Electrical Construction - Change Order

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board approved Change Order #1 to the Central High School Electrical Construction Project #SED #28-02-51-07-0-001-034 contract between the District and Cooper Power and Lighting in the amount of \$6,534.59.

Award of Musical Instrument 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 newspapers of the district on Thursday, May 21, 2009 and bid packages were mailed to 37 separate vendors. Sealed bids were received from 16 vendors in the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, One Kent Road, until 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at which time they were opened and read aloud. The Business Committee recommends the bid be awarded as follows:

Advantage Music	\$13,080.90
National Educational Music Company	\$11,593.55
Music & Arts	\$ 135.00
Ardsley Music	\$ 1,992.00
Washington Music Center	\$ 2,835.00
Southwest Strings	\$ 4,888.50
 Total amount of the award:	 \$34,524.95

A detailed spreadsheet, which lists all vendor bids by individual line items, is available for review in the Business Office. (Bid #09/10-23)

Approval for Use of School Facilities

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Antonelli, 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:

Envision Valley Stream

David Sabatino, one of the co-founders of the organization addressed the Board to share the goal of Envision Valley Stream which is to create a vision plan to be shared with Valley Stream community leaders.

Approval To Expend Debt Service Reserve Funds

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appropriates the sum of \$1,729,124.00 from the Debt Service Reserve for the purpose of retiring long term debt obligations identified as Series 1999A, 2000A, and 2000B, and hereby authorizes the payment of such amount to satisfy such debt obligations.

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Award of District Newsletter 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 Monday, July 13, 2009 and bid packages were mailed to 17 separate vendors. Sealed bids were received from 5 vendors in the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, One Kent Road, until 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at which time they were opened and read aloud. The Business Committee recommends the bid be awarded to Tobay Printing, Copiague. A detailed spreadsheet, which lists all vendor bids by individual items, is available for review in the Business Office.

Policy Committee

Policy Recommended for Adoption as Revised on Second Reading

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, The Board approved the following policy for adoption as revised on second reading:

4741 Class Ranking

Old and New Business

Mr. Loper stated that all constructions projects that are vital to the health and safety of the students are completed.

Opportunity for Guests

None

Motion to Enter Into Executive Session

At 8:43 p.m., on motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Chiachere and carried unanimously, the Board entered into Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel, negotiations and/or litigation. Action was anticipated.

Motion to Reconvene Into Public Session

At 8:53 p.m., on motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board came out of Executive Session and reconvened into public session.

Appeal of Denial of Transportation

On motion of Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved to uphold the determination of the Superintendent of Schools in the matter of the transportation appeal dated August 24, 2009. (Schedule A)

Appeal of Superintendent's Hearing Decision

On motion of Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved to uphold the determination of the Superintendent of Schools in the matter of the suspension appeal dated July 17, 2009. (Schedule B)

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Motion to Adjourn

At 9:00 p.m. on motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk

SCHEDULE “A”

Gerardo Araujo

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SCHEDULE "B"

Justin Corke

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