

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
HELD IN CAFETERIA "B"
MEMORIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
VALLEY STREAM, NEW YORK 11580
NOVEMBER 10, 2009**

Board Members Present: Elise Antonelli, Dr. Frank Chiachiere, Kenneth Cummings, Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Anthony Iadevaio, Cristobal Stewart, 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: Mary E. 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 Stris, the Board entered into Executive Session for matters of personnel, negotiations and/or litigation and returned to Public Session at 8:05 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 Stris, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the October 6, 2009 Committee Meeting and the October 13, 2009 Business Meeting.

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Superintendent's Report

Acceptance of Audit

Mr. Loper introduced Marianne Van Duyne from R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP; the District's external auditor. Ms. Van Duyne reported that there were no significant deficiencies found during the audit conducted for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried unanimously, the Board approved to accept the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, as presented by R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

Approval of Municipal Agreement with Oceanside Union Free School District

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried unanimously, the Board approved a municipal agreement with the Oceanside Union Free School District to expend the amount of \$5,000 for the use of Oceanside's High School gymnasium and gymnastics equipment.

Request to Accept Gift

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following gift to be housed at South High School:

Donated by: Black Widow Termite & Pest Control Corp.
Qty. One (1) Smartboard & Projector
Value: \$1870.00 (as estimated by donor)

Approval of The Mill Brook Civic Association Scholarship

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried unanimously, the Board approved The Mill Brook Civic Association Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, to one (1) 2010 South High School graduating senior who has fulfilled the following criteria:

1. is a Mill Brook resident;
2. is active in community service;
3. has an 85 or better average; and
4. has submitted an essay of 3-4 paragraphs on either or both of the following topics: "Why Mill Brook has been beneficial to me;" or "Why Mill Brook is a nice place to grow up."

Information and Exploration

Curriculum Night – Thursday, November 12, 2009, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Junior High School Cafeteria B

Dr. Bernstein reminded the community that all are invited to attend this special meeting.

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School Board Recognition Week Presentations

Once a year, the students and community have the opportunity to recognize and thank the members of the Board of Education, who volunteer their time, for all of the work that they do on behalf of the students and the district.

North High School – presented a framed collage of North High School students engaged in various activities.

Memorial Junior High School – presented an original picture of art with the words “Excellence, Achievement and Knowledge – Growth in Progress”

South High School – presented a framed picture highlighting student service and a paperweight made by the construction class.

Central High School – presented a framed collage about Honor Flight to thank the Board for supporting citizenship initiative.

V.S. Council of PTA's – presented each Board member with a plant as a token of thanks.

Dr. Bernstein, Board President Trogel and the respective building Principals presented certificates of recognition in honor of the following:

Student Recognition: National Merit Scholarship Competition –

Commended Scholars: Victor Chang, Christine Lim, Central High School; Nicole Bardabelias, Mohammad W. Qadri, Jinna Wang, North High School; Julia Poje, Jaclyn Jeffrey-Wilensky, South High School

Student Recognition: AP Scholars (Exhibit)

Consideration of Changes to Board of Education Policies re Student Parking

Dr. Bernstein gave an overview of what had been discussed at the November 3rd Board meeting. The public was then given the opportunity to address the Board regarding this issue.

Board President Trogel polled the Board to see if the consensus was to have the Policy Committee make revisions to the current policy. The consensus of the Board was as follows:

Trustee Wraith	yes
Trustee Cummings	yes
Trustee Jacobs	yes
Trustee Stris	yes
Trustee Stewart	yes
Trustee Trogel	yes
Trustee Iadevaio	no
Trustee Chiachiere	yes
Trustee Antonelli	no

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With a consensus of 7 “yes” and 2 “no” the Policy Committee was charged with bringing forward revisions to the Board of Education student parking policies with the anticipation that the policy revisions would become effective September 1, 2010.

Report Regarding Residency Advisory Committee Meeting of October 26, 2009 including Update re: 10th and 11th Grade Student Re-Registration

Dr. Heidenreich presented an overview of what was discussed at the October 26, 2009 meeting.

Curriculum Adjustments

- Art AP Sequence
- High School Social Studies AP

Dr. Troisi outlined some recommended modifications for two courses.

Class Size Report 2009-10

A discussion regarding the average class size report was handled by Dr. Heidenreich.

American Education Week Open Houses

November 16-20, 2009, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

North High School – Tuesday, November 17, 9-10:30 a.m.

Memorial Junior High School – Wednesday, November 18, 9-10:30 a.m.

Central High School – Thursday, November 19, 9-10:30 a.m.

South High School – Friday, November 20, 9-10:30 a.m.

2010-11 School Year Budget

Dr. Bernstein reminded Board members and the community to save the following date:

- a. Building Tours – Saturday, January 9, 2010 beginning at 8:15 a.m.

Attorney’s Report

John Sheahan, Attorney for the District, presented a report regarding a recent case where the court rejected a retired teacher’s argument that a salary notice constituted a contract. The court found that the retired teacher was an at-will employee and therefore the district had the right to terminate him without cause.

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

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Education Report

Resignations

No Action to Report

Appointments

Awarding of Administrative Tenure

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

Tenure Date	Administrator	School	Area
11/15/09	Madeline LoBue	North	Chairperson of Special Educ.

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

Tenure Date	Administrator	School	Area
11/15/09	Catherine Ward	District	Chairperson of CSE

Awarding of Teaching Assistant Tenure

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

<u>Tenure Date</u>	<u>Teaching Assistant</u>	<u>School</u>
11/15/2009	Camille Liodice	Memorial

Appointment of Leave Replacement Teacher

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, carried unanimously and in accordance with the New York State Education Law, the Committee recommends appointment of the following (pending verification of credentials, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Nicole Slavinski - English
Salary Step 1BA.....\$55,575 (prorated)
Effective November 7, 2009 – June 30, 2010
Education: St. Joseph’s, BA

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Tentative Assignment: Memorial

To replace Ms. Marshall. Ms. Slavinski was appointed as a .2 teacher and .8 permanent substitute at the August 25, 2009 Board of Education meeting. This recommendation supersedes the August 25, 2009 appointment. Ms. Slavinski will now be a full time leave replacement teacher.

Appointment of Part Time Teachers

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, carried unanimously, and in accordance with the New York State Education Law, the Committee recommends 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. Jennifer Sandtorv – Social Studies
 Salary Step 2BA (1 Period)\$9,614 (prorated)
 Education: Stony Brook, BA
 Experience: One year as a leave replacement teacher in Valley Stream
 Effective November 7, 2009 – June 30, 2010
 Tentative Assignment: Memorial
 Ms. Sandtorv was appointed as a .2 teacher and .8 permanent substitute at the August 25, 2009 Board of Education meeting. This recommendation supersedes the August 25, 2009 appointment. Ms. Sandtorv will now be a .4 teacher and .6 permanent substitute.

- b. Kerriann Cunningham – School Psychologist
 Salary Step 1MA (.50).....\$32,316 (prorated)
 Education: Albany, BA; Adelphi, MS
 Effective: November 12, 2009 – June 30, 2010
 Tentative Assignment: South
 To replace Ms. Panzarino

Appointment of Permanent Substitute, 2009-10

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio 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>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Memorial	Fallon Hearst	Physical Education	1.0	11/12/09-6/30/10	\$120 per diem

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Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2009-10

On motion of Trustee Stewart, 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:

Stephanie Biondo	Francesca Muraca
Jason Nappy	Kayla Mundy
Michael Gordon	Allison D'Antonio
Christine Ebrimian	Mary Manning
Barry Hornstein	

Appointment of Mentors for Initial Certificate Holders, 2009-10

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

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Jennifer Scallan	30	Special Education	\$49.90
Kimberly Mangieri	30	Math	\$49.90

Appointment of Out of School Suspension Teacher, 2009-10

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following effective as noted:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Laura Shapiro	Memorial	\$75.84

Stipends/Salary Adjustments

Approval of Teachers to Pass through Salary Gates

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere 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	Maureen Duda	9-10	11/13/09
Central	Kathleen Hardy	9-10	11/22/09
Memorial	Jessica Buffalin	9-10	11/27/09

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Co-Curricular Activities

On Motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere 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>
Central	Joseph Maniscalco	Technical Director	11/09-6/10	+	\$3866*
Memorial	Patrick Cesario	Yearbook Advisor	11/09-6/10	+	\$3368
	Helen Kontoleon	Musical Director (.5)	1/10-5/10	+	\$724.50
	Helen Kontoleon	Maj. Mus. Prod. Director (.5)	1/10-5/10	+	\$1840
North	Fabian Jara	11 Grade Advisor (.5)	10/19/09	-	\$1625*
	Fabian Jara	One Act Play 11 (.5)	10/19/09	-	\$587.50*
	Rita Vella	Maj. Mus. Prod. Director (.5)	1/10-5/10	+	\$2055.50
South	Kyle Hayden	Maj. Musical, Music Director	2/10-4/10	+	\$1764
	Elizabeth Escobar	One Act Play 10 (.5)	12/09-02/10	-	\$724.50
	Margaret Panzarino	10 Grade Advisor	10/30/09-6/10	-	\$1233*
	Laura Pokorny	One Act Play 10	11/09-6/10	+	\$1764*
	Thomas Zatorski	Musical Director JHS	12/09-1/10	+	\$4111

*Prorated

Interscholastic Activities

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere 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>
District	Fallon Hearst	Girls Var. Fencing	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,264
	Rachael Martinez*	Girls Var. Gymnastics	11/18/09-3/28/09	+	\$4,264
	Blake McCauley*	Co-ed Var. Rifle	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$3,934
Central	Frank Alesia	Girls Var. Basketball AC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,973
	Katie Anderson	Girls Var. Winter Track HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,426
	Hayward Alfred	Boys Var. Basketball HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$7,746
	Anna Bell*	Girls Var. Bowling HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$3,287
Central	Ari Bisk*	Var./JV Wrestling Vol	11/16/09-2/28/10	+	NA
	Michael Caputo	Boys Var. Bowling HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$3,287
	Christine Conway*	Girls JV Basketball HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,973
	Jack Gorman	Boys JV Basketball HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$5,705
	Derek Gourdin*	Boys Var. Basketball AC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$5,320
	Michael Luckert*	Var. Wrestling HC	11/16/09-2/28/10	+	\$7,005
	Mary Parisi	Girls Var. Basketball HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$7,746
Sean Tobin*	JV Wrestling HC	11/16/09-2/28/10	+	\$5,322	
Memorial	Kaitlin Guarneri*	7 th Girls Volleyball AC	11/09/09-1/16/10	+	\$2,620

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North	Daniel Achatz	Boys JV Basketball HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,973
	David Aguado	Girls Var. Indoor Track AC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,128
	Timothy Boyens	Boys Var. Indoor Track HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,918
	Valentin Fernandez*	Boys JH Basketball AC	11/09/09-1/16/10	+	\$2,620
	Michael Frazer	Girls Var. Indoor Track HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,918
	Patrick Frazer*	Boys Var. Indoor Track AC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,471
	Vito Genova*	Boys Var./JV Bowling HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$3,779
	Charles Hohl*	Boys Var. Basketball AC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$5,705
	Norman Jara	Boys Var. Basketball HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$7,746
	Thomas Maddock	Var. Wrestling HC	11/16/09-2/28/10	+	\$7,517
	Corey McNamara	JV Wrestling HC	11/16/09-2/28/10	+	\$5,705
	Geoffrey O'Connell	Girls Var. Basketball AC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$5,320
	Jeanette Paolillo	Girls Var./JV Bowling HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$3,779
	Kathleen Paolillo	Girls Var. Basketball HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$7,746
	Phillip Testa*	Girls JV Basketball HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,973
South	Nicole Bertrami	Girls Var. Winter Track HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,918
	James Bishop	JV Wrestling HC	11/16/09-2/28/10	+	\$5,322
	Michael Buonagurio	Var. Wrestling HC	11/16/09-2/28/10	+	\$7,517
	Stephanie Calzetta	Girls Var. Basketball AC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,973
	Rafaela Doherty	Girls Var. Indoor Track AC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,128
	Daniel Drumm	Girls Var. Basketball HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$7,241
	Dominick Fontana*	Boys Var. Basketball HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$7,746
	Matthew Johnson	Boys Var. Basketball HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$5,320
	Daniel Kraemer	Girls JH Volleyball AC	11/09/09-1/16/10	+	\$2,620
	Michelle Marcus	Coed Var. Bowling HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$5,653
	Allison McKeon*	Boys Var. Winter Track HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,426
	Christopher Viggiano	Girls JV Basketball HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$5,705
Glenn Wyche	Boys JV Basketball HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$5,705	

*Non District Employee

Committee for Special Education

Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Wraith and carried unanimously, the Board approved to arrange for the placement of students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Informational Items

Request for Leave for Health

The staff member identified on Confidential Schedule "A" has requested and is granted a Leave for Health, having fulfilled the terms and conditions of the Board-VSTA Contract Section 5.11.2 effective October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Requests for Leaves, 2009-10

The following staff members have requested and are granted unpaid leave effective as noted:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Provision</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Carla Diaz	Memorial	Math	FMLA	11/12/09-12/14/09

Business Committee

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

1. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for the month of September 2009

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board approved Items 2 – 6.

2. Summary of Cash Accounts

The Treasurer's summary of cash accounts for the month of September 2009

3. Budget Status Reports

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009

- 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, 2009 through October 31, 2009

- 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, 2009 through October 31, 2009

- 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 2009

Trustee Jacobs left the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

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Informational Items

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

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Central High School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, authorizes the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes in the principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, as per the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York.

ATHLETIC FENCING TEAM EQUIPMENT

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the following bid was accepted:

Bids were advertised, in compliance with General Municipal Law 103, in the official newspaper of the district on Thursday, October 8, 2009 and bid packages were mailed to 25 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 Thursday, October 22, 2009 at which time they were opened and read aloud. The Business Committee recommends the bid be awarded as follows:

Absolute Fencing Gear, Bridgewater, NJ	\$9,554.70
Blue Gauntlet Fencing Gear, Inc., Saddle Brook N.J.	\$3,443.23
Total amount of the award:	\$12,997.93

A list of the awarded items is being kept on file in the Business Office.

During the term of award, which is valid through June 30, 2010, additional items may be procured at the unit prices on the successful bid proposals.

It should be noted that one bid was received after the bid was opened and returned to the vendor unopened. (Bid #09/10-27)

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Policy Committee

Policies Recommended for Consideration as Revised on First Reading:

The following policies are presented for consideration as revised on first reading:

- 2310 Regular Meetings
- 2342 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
- 2352 Rules of Order

Regulations Recommended for Consideration as Revised on First Reading:

The following regulations are presented for consideration as revised on first reading:

- 6830-R1 Expense Reimbursement Regulation for District Employees
- 6830-R2 Expense Reimbursement Regulation for Board of Education Members' Attendance at Approved Conferences and Seminars

Old and New Business

None

Opportunity for Guests

None

Motion to Adjourn

At 10:55 p.m. on motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk

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