

**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
DECEMBER 8, 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: N/A

Meeting Opened

Board President Trogel called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 Cummings, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the November 3, 2009 Committee Meeting, November 10, 2009 Audit Committee Meeting, November 10, 2009 Business Meeting and November 12, 2009 Curriculum Night.

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New Business

Authorization to Execute Amendment to Superintendent's Contract

On motion of Trustee Jacobs and seconded by Trustee Cummings, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute an amendment to the Superintendent's contract dated December 8, 2009.

The vote was as follows:

Trustee Stris	No
Trustee Chiachiere	Yes
Trustee Iadevaio	No
Trustee Jacobs	Yes
Trustee Cummings	Yes
Trustee Antonelli	Yes
Trustee Wraith	Yes
Trustee Stewart	Yes
Trustee Trogel	Yes

With a vote of 7 Yes and 2 No, the motion passes.

In accordance with Board Policy 2360, Trustee Iadevio submitted the following statement:

“Dr. Bernstein has performed admirably over his tenure, but we are still in an economic recession and in light of Gov. Patterson's proposed mid year cuts in school aid, I feel a salary approaching \$300,000 and a benefit package of \$30,000, plus a sick/vacation termination package of approximately \$37,500 is excessive for the residents of the CHSD. The average salary of a Superintendent in Nassau County is approximately \$225,000 and the fact that over 500,000 people lost their jobs this year with the unemployment rate the worst in 22 years at 10.2%, I cannot vote for the contract extension.”

In accordance with Board Policy 2360, Board President Trogel submitted the following statement:

“My affirmative vote to extend the Superintendent's contract is based upon the following:

- The increased percentage of our students participating, passing and mastering; state assessment examinations, Regent subjects and examinations, advanced placement subjects and examinations;
- Successfully raising the expectations and standards for special education classes and students;
- Increasing the district's graduation rate;

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- Implementing standards of accountability for all district employees.

The ability to have continuity of service at the Superintendent's position during this time of financial instability and uncertainty, at the state and federal level, is in the best interest of the students and tax payers of this district."

Superintendent's Report

Authorization to Execute a Settlement Agreement

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved a Settlement Agreement with the employee listed on the attached Confidential Schedule "A," and authorizes the President of the Board to execute same.

Authorization to Execute Settlement

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved a settlement in the amount of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars to the individual named on Confidential Schedule "B," and authorizes the President of the Board to execute same.

Authorization to Execute Memorandum of Agreement with the Educational Office Personnel Association of VSTA

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a memorandum of agreement regarding salary.

Information and Exploration

Student Recognition: AP National Scholar – Mohammad W. Qadri, North High School

Dr. Bernstein explained that this student was recognized at last month's meeting as an AP Scholar with Distinction; however, he actually was an AP National Scholar. The District wants to recognize this high honor tonight.

2010-11 School Year Budget

Dr. Bernstein reminded the Board and community of the following:

- a. Building Tours – Saturday, January 9, 2010 beginning at 8:15 a.m.
- b. 1:00 p.m. Special Meeting re Budget and Capital Projects in the Memorial Board of Education Meeting Room

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American Education Week – Reports

During the week of November 16th, programs were held at all four schools for American Education Week. Some Board members were able to attend the programs and shared that they were very creative and exemplary. Board President Trogel thanked the building Principals, staff and students for their hard work.

Release Date of Waiver Letters – Week of December 14, 2009

The waiver request letters for incoming 7th graders will be released the week of December 14, 2009. Dr. Bernstein reiterated the February 15, 2010 deadline for submission.

2009 On-Site Admission Results

Jill Vogel, District Director of Guidance, spoke regarding the recent event where 5 local colleges and universities came to the district and had students complete applications and then interview with an admissions representative. Of the 417 students who participated, 387 were given acceptances on the spot. The ones that were not immediately accepted were asked for further information. Several students were also given “on the spot” scholarship awards. Dr. Bernstein thanked Mrs. Vogel, the guidance counselors and administrators for their hard work in bringing this program to the district.

New District Website

The Superintendent encouraged everyone to look at the new District website. We will be transitioning from the old one to the new one over the next week.

H1N1 Vaccination Clinic

Dr. Bernstein shared that he was working with the Nassau County Department of Health to arrange for an H1N1 vaccination clinic for the community. Originally, he had tried to have a clinic done on a Saturday, however, the County could not do that. Today, he spoke with the Commissioner of the Dept. of Health and administration from the Village of Valley Stream to sponsor a vaccination clinic on Tuesday, December 15 from 6pm to 10 pm. It will be done as a partnership between the Nassau County Department of Health and Nassau University Medical Center and the District is providing the facility of Central High School. Flyers will be distributed to students at Physical Education classes. Notification has been given to the Herald and we are also asking the PTSA's to get the word out.

Trustee Stris asked if the District was providing any personnel? Dr. Bernstein answered that personnel was being supplied by NUMC and that the county was providing release forms. The District is only providing the facility.

Traffic flow at Central High School

At the last Central/Memorial PTSA meeting, a concern was expressed regarding the traffic flow in front of Central High School during the morning drop-off. Dr. Pompilio has spoken with the POP unit of the Fifth Precinct and officers will be coming to observe the situation and to make suggestions on how to handle the flow more safely.

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Attorney's Report

Greg Guercio, Attorney for the District, presented a report regarding the proposed MSG Varsity Network agreements that many high school districts have received. Mr. Guercio outlined what each of the agreements contain and what his firm is negotiating with MSG regarding the agreements.

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

A community member addressed the Board with a concern regarding the MSG Varsity Network agreement.

Education Report

Leave/ Resignation

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

1. Leave of Absence without Pay

Approval 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:

Patrick Naglieri – Guidance – Memorial
Effective July 1, 2010 – January 21, 2011

2. Monitor Resignations

Acceptance of the following resignation:

- a. Laurie Sarro – North
Effective December 1, 2009
Other Employment
- b. Theresa Miranda - North
Effective December 31, 2009
Retirement
Ms. Miranda has worked for the District since 1993.

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Appointments

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board approved Items 1 – 5.

1. Probationary Appointment – Principal Typist Clerk

Appointment of the following effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law with salary subject to Negotiations with the Valley Stream Association of Educational Office Personnel:

Anne Buith – Memorial
Salary\$61,423 (prorated)
Eight week probationary period effective December 9, 2009
Ms. Buith has worked for the Valley Stream CHSD since August 1998.

2. Probationary Appointment – Principal Typist Clerk

Appointment of the following effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law with salary subject to Board of Education Policy 9511:

Michele Carr – District
Salary\$54,341 (prorated)
Eight week probationary period effective December 9, 2009
Ms. Carr has worked for the Valley Stream CHSD since November 2003. Ms. Carr shall continue to receive the confidential stipend as approved by the Board of Education at the July 14, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

3. Appointment of Monitor

Appointment of the following (pending verification of fingerprinting) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

John Boccuzza - Memorial
Hourly Rate.....\$10.40
Twenty-six week probationary period effective January 4, 2010
Tentative Assignment: Memorial
To replace Ms. Tripodi

4. Appointment of Permanent Substitute, 2009-10

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>
Central	Lisette Elezi	Math	1.0	1/4/10-6/30/10	\$120 per diem

5. Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2009-10

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

Carlo Anselmo	Lauren Celetano
Steven Ewashchshyn	Ellen Feldman
Bibi Mohamed	Leah Pygatt

Stipends/Salary Adjustments

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Wraith and carried unanimously, the Board approved Items 1 – 4.

1. Co-Curricular Activities

Approval 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	Susan Apollo	11 Grade Advisor (.5)	11/10/09-6/30/10	+	\$2,134.50*
	Susan Apollo	One Act Play 11 (.5)	1/04/10-6/30/10	+	\$882
	Jennifer DiMaio	Student Act. Dir. (.5)	12/01/09-6/30/10	-	\$3,094.50*
	Patricia Hirsch	Student Act. Dir. (.5)	12/02/09-6/30/10	+	\$2,271*
South	Paulette Lowe	10 Grade Advisor (.5)	12/01/09-6/30/10	+	\$1,233*

*Prorated

2. Interscholastic Activities

Approval 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>
Central	Christopher Langer*	Boys Var. Track HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,426
Memorial	Donna Sonkin	Equipment Manager	11/30/09-6/30/10	-	\$2,620*
South	Allison McKeon*	Boys Var. Track HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	-	\$4,426**
	Ken Rice	Boys Var. Track HC	11/18/09-3/28/10	+	\$4,426**

*Non District Coach

**Prorated

3. Lunchroom Supervisors, 2009-10

Approval of the following:

<u>School</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Periods</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Memorial	Donna Sonkin	2	11/30/09-6/30/10	-	\$6,899.55*
	Laura Mesa	0.5	11/30/09-6/30/10	+	\$1,724.89*
	Michelle Jackson-Powell	0.5	11/30/09-6/30/10	+	\$1,724.89*
	Jennifer Sandtorv	1	11/30/09-6/30/10	+	\$3,449.78*

*Prorated

4. Approval of Teachers to Pass through Salary Gates

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

<u>School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Effective</u>
South	Janine Ferranti	9-10	9/1/2009

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.

Informational Items

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>
Jennifer DiMaio	North	LOTE/ESL	FMLA	12/3/09-1/11/10
Patrick Naglieri	Memorial	Guidance	Contractual	1/21/10-6/30/10

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Business Committee

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved Items 1-6.

1. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for the month of October 2009

2. Summary of Cash Accounts

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

3. Budget Status Reports

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2009 through November 30, 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 November 30, 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 November 30, 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 October 2009

B. Informational Items

1. Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2009 – November 30, 2009)
2. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2009 – November 30, 2009)
3. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2009 – November 30, 2009)
4. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2009– November 30, 2009)
5. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2009 – November 30, 2009)

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Approval of Independent Auditing Services

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, in accordance with the Board of Education policy 6700, the Request for Proposal from R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP for Independent Auditing Services was approved by the Board of Education at a cost of \$51,600.00 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, with such services commencing January 1, 2011. (RFP#A03 07/08)

Workers Compensation Actuarial Study

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Request for Proposal from Pinnacle Actuarial Services, Inc. for a Workers Compensation Actuarial Study in the amount of \$4,720.00 be approved by the Board of Education for the fiscal year 2009-10. (RFP#A01 10/11)

Memorial Jr. High School General Construction - Change Order Credit

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved Change Order #2 to the Valley Stream Central High School District Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage at Memorial Jr. High School SED #28-02-51-07-0-006-003 contract between the District and Total Construction Corp. in the deduct (credit) amount of (\$5,000.00)

Resolution to Amend 403(b) Retirement Plan

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Wraith and carried unanimously, the Board approved that the Valley Stream Central High School District 403(b) Retirement Plan Document be revised to allow all employees to be eligible to participate.

Resolution to Assign Previous Bid

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board hereby consents to the assignment of its contract with Standard Business Machines Corporation for the purpose of bindery services to A-Quick Bindery, LLC, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an agreement substituting contractors.

Budget Transfers

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously the Board approved of budget transfers dated December 8, 2009 in accordance with Board Policy 6150.

On the question, Trustee Iadevaio stated that one of the transfers was \$175,000 to cover the MTA payroll taxes.

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Policy Committee

Polices Recommended for Adoption as Revised on Second Reading

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following polices for adoption as revised on second reading:

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

Regulations Recommended for Adoption as Revised on Second Reading

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following regulations for adoption as revised on second 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

Policies Recommended for Consideration as revised on First Reading

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

- 2360 Minutes
- 5454 Student Automobile Use
- 6700 Purchasing and Bidding
- 9511 Non Bargaining Unit District Office Administrators Terms and Conditions of Employment

Policies Recommended for Deletion on First Reading

The following policies are presented for consideration for deletion on first reading:

- 5118.2 Senior Privileges and Early Releases
- 8240 Traffic and Parking on School Property

Old and New Business

None

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Opportunity for Guests

None

Motion to Enter into Executive Session

At 9:15 p.m., on motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board entered into Executive Session, with the Superintendent and attorney present, 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 Antonelli, and carried unanimously, the Board came out of Executive Session at 10:05 p.m.

Motion to Adourn

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk

Confidential Schedule "A"

Hiram Fundora

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Confidential Schedule "B"

Peggy Robinson

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