

**OFFICIAL  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HELD AT MEMORIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
FLETCHER AVENUE, CAFETERIA "B"  
VALLEY STREAM, NEW YORK 11580  
FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

**Board Members Present:** Dr. Frank Chiachiere, Kenneth Cummings, Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Cristobal Stewart, William Stris, Lawrence Trogel, Ian Wraith

**Board Members Absent:** Elise Antonelli, Anthony Iadevaio

**Officers of the Board and Administrators Present:**

Dr. Marc Bernstein, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Thomas Troisi, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Wayne Loper, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Mr. Chris Guercio, Attorney.

**Officers of the Board and Administrators Absent:** Dr. Bill Heidenrieck, Asst. Superintendent of Personnel & Administration

**Meeting Opened**

Board President Trogel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Upon motion of Trustee Stris 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 8:02 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 Wraith and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the January 5, 2010 Committee Meeting, January 9, 2010 Special Meeting and January 12, 2010 Business Meeting.

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## **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Bernstein informed the Board and community that the decision had been made to close the schools tomorrow, February 10<sup>th</sup> due to the predicted snow storm. The one call system had been utilized, the closing was on the district website and the proper media outlets were notified.

### **Summer School 2010**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved to establish the offering of Summer School 2010.

### **Approval of Calendar Days for Student Attendance and Days of Religious Observance**

On motion of Trustee Cummings and seconded by Trustee Stris, the Board approved the calendar of days for student attendance for 2010-11, prepared in accordance with the agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the days of Religious Observance. (Exhibit 1)

The vote was as follows:

Trustee Stris	Yes
Trustee Chiachiere	Yes
Trustee Cummings	Yes
Trustee Wraith	Yes
Trustee Stewart	Yes
Trustee Trogel	No

With a vote of 5 "yes" and 1 "no", the motion passed.

### **Request to Accept Gift**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the following gift to be housed at North High School:

Donated by: Valley Stream North Spartan Club  
Qty. One (1) Storage Container  
Value: \$1500 (as estimated by donor)

### **Request to Accept Gift**

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

Donated by: South High School Cultural Society  
Qty. One (1) Storage Container  
Value: \$3500 (as estimated by donor)

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### **Request to Accept Gift**

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

Donated by: Michael Serif

Qty. One (1) Standard Drum Set with Traps

Value: \$400 (as estimated by donor)

Qty. One (1) Casino Lounge "B" Model Bass Amplifier

Value: \$350 (as estimated by donor)

### **Approval of Change to The Joan Geffner Holder Scholarships**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried unanimously, the Board approved an increase in the award of The Joan Geffner Holder Scholarships from \$500 to \$750 annually.

### **Health and Welfare Services**

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved of contracts for Health and Welfare Services as requested for the following school for the 2009-10 school year:

Health and welfare services rendered to 22 students attending school Holy Name of Mary Parochial School located in the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 @ \$455.20 per pupil.

Health and welfare services rendered to 8 students attending the Waldorf School and St. Anne's School located in the Garden City Public School District @ \$741.10 per pupil.

### **Information and Exploration**

*Trustee Jacobs arrived at 8:25.*

Dr. Bernstein invited Board President Trogel and Todd Holly, District Coordinator of Fine & Performing Arts to join him in presenting the following Certificates of Recognition:

**Student Recognition – NYSSMA All-State Conference (Exhibit 2)**

**Student Recognition – All County Music Festival (Exhibit 2)**

**Student Recognition – Long Island String Festival (Exhibit 2)**

**Student Recognition – Long Island Summer School of the Arts (Exhibit 2)**

The Superintendent thanked the community for their support of the music program in addition to acknowledging the hard work of the students, parents and staff.

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### **Update re AP Quadrant Data**

Dr. Troisi gave a presentation in which the Advanced Placement test results of the Valley Stream Central High School District were compared to the test results of the Southwest Quadrant of Nassau County and the BOCES Data Warehouse Average. The results were very positive in that most categories were at average or above average.

***Ryan's Story – Community Forum on Cyberbullying, Thursday, February 25, 2010, 7:30 p.m., Central High School, Keller Auditorium***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Forum on Substance Abuse, Thursday, March 18, 2010, 7:00 p.m., South High School***

Dr. Bernstein reminded the Board and community of these two events being held in the District.

### **Attorney's Report**

Chris Guercio, Attorney for the District, presented a report regarding a recent decision where the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of New York upheld the decision by the school district's Committee on Special Education (CSE) not to classify a student under the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act. The student has Aspergers Syndrome, however, the CSE determined there was no adverse impact on the student's educational performance warranting special education services.

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

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**Education Report**

Resignation

**Teaching Assistant Resignation**

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved acceptance of the following resignation:

Mayra Perez – South  
Effective July 1, 2010  
Retirement. Ms. Perez has worked at South High School since October 2000.

Appointments

**On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved Items 1 – 3.**

**1. Appointment of Monitors**

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

- a. Seema Garg  
Hourly Rate.....\$10.40  
Twenty-six week probationary period effective February 10, 2010  
Tentative Assignment: North  
To replace Ms. Sarro
  
- b. Theresa Vela  
Hourly Rate.....\$10.40  
Twenty-six week probationary period effective February 10, 2010  
Tentative Assignment: North  
To replace Ms. Miranda

**2. Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2009-10**

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

Courtney DeMarco	Laura Fitzpatrick
Shelia Jackson-Damis	Andrew Kroell
Arnold Rosenfeld	Vanessa Saavedra
Eric Vivelo	Martha Pramnieks

**3. Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer**

In accordance with Board of Education Policy 4321.5 Impartial Hearing Officer Selection, Appointment and Reimbursement, and having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends confirming the appointment of an Impartial Hearing Officer for Student 45345 effective February 3, 2010 as per Board of Education President Lawrence Trogel’s letter dated February 3, 2010:

Barbara Ebenstein - \$100 per hour

Stipends/Salary Adjustments

**On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved Items 1 – 3.**

**1. Interscholastic Activities**

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>
<b>Central</b>	Frank Alesia	Var. Baseball HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$6,184
	Katie Anderson	Var. Girls Track/Field HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$5,788
	William Brown	Var. Boys Lacrosse AC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,762
	Michael Caputo	JV Baseball HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,762
	Samantha Cinque	JV Girls Lacrosse HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,499
	Christine Conway*	JV Girls Softball HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,264
	Joanna Capobianco	JV Boys Volleyball HC	3/15/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,264
	Rafaela Doherty	Var. Girls Lacrosse HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$6,568
	Brian Gallagher*	Var. Boys Tennis HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$3,482
	Jessica Garabedian	Var. Girls Lacrosse AC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,762
	Denise Hellman	Var. Girls Badminton HC	3/15/10-6/13/10	+	\$3,779
	Britt Klein	Var. Softball AC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,762
	Anthony J. Lombardo	Var. Baseball AC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,762

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	Gary Maercker*	Var. Boys Track/Field AC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,762
	Michael McQuillan	Var. Boys Track/Field HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$6,568
	Mary Parisi	Var. Boys Volleyball HC	3/15/10-6/13/10	+	\$6,568
	Michael Paul*	JV Boys Lacrosse HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,762
	Arthur Riccio*	Var. Softball HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$6,568
	Jacqueline Starczewski	Var. Girls Track/Field AC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,264
<b>North</b>	David Aguado	Var. Girls Track/Field AC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,264
	Walter Bachman	Var. Baseball HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$6,568
	Timothy Boyens	Var. Boys Track/Field HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$6,568
	James Casella, Jr.	JV Baseball HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,762
	Michael Frazer	Var. Girls Track/Field HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$6,568
	Patrick Frazer*	Var. Boys Track/Field AC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,762
	Kerri Guzzardo	Var. Boys Volleyball HC	3/15/10-6/13/10	+	\$6,568
	Corey McNamara	Var. Softball HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$5,788
	Kathryn Moran	Var. Boys Tennis HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$3,779
	Nikki Nevitt	Var. Softball AC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,264
	Maria Puccio*	JV Softball HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,264
	Richard Schacca*	Var. Baseball AC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,762
	Thomas Schiavo	Var./JV Girls Badminton HC	3/15/10-6/13/10	+	\$3,779
<b>South</b>	Demetri Adrahtas	Var. Softball AC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,762
	David Alt*	Var. Baseball AC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,499
	Nicole Bertrami	Var. Girls Track/Field HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$6,568
	Peter DiThomas	JV Boys Volleyball HC	3/15/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,762
	Dominick Fontana*	Var. Softball HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$6,568
	Kristi Hinkelman	Var. Boys Tennis HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$3,779
	Kenneth Rice	Var. Boys Track/Field AC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,499
	Jillian Saccone	Var. Girls Track/Field AC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,499
<b>South</b>	Scott Stueber	Var. Boys Volleyball HC	3/15/10-6/13/10	+	\$6,568
	Christopher Viggiano	JV Softball HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,762
	Kenneth Ward	Var. Baseball HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$6,568
	Glenn Wyche	JV Baseball HC	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,762

\* Non District employee

## 2. 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>
Central	Jennifer Buonagurio	World of Difference (.5)	01/15/10-6/30/10	-	\$1,938 (prorated)
	Dana Ballatore	World of Difference (.5)	01/15/10-6/30/10	+	\$1,938 (prorated)
Memorial	Adam Bjellend	Musical Choreographer	02//01/10-06/30/10	+	\$1764

## 3. Approval of Out of School Suspension Teachers, 2009-10

Approval of the following effective as noted:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Carol Asaro	LOTE/ESL	\$75.84
Alessandra Petito	Math	\$75.84

### Committee for Special Education

#### **Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education**

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

#### Informational Items

#### **No Information to Report**



## **Business Committee**

*On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board accepted Items 1 – 6.*

**1. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report for the months of November 2009 and December 2009 are submitted for examination.

**2. Summary of Cash Accounts**

The Treasurer's summary of cash accounts for the months of November 2009 and December 2009 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

**3. Budget Status Reports**

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

- 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 January 31, 2010 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

- 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 January 31, 2010 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

- 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 December 2009 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

**B. Informational Items**

1. Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010)
2. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010)
3. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010)
4. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2009– January 31, 2010)
5. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010)

*On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved Items C – H.*

**C. Building Condition Survey**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education awards a contract to Burton, Behrendt and Smith Architecture and Engineering to conduct the state mandated Districtwide building condition survey reports, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute a contract with the vendor in accordance with the District's specifications and the vendor's proposal. (RFP 09/10- B04)

**D. Transportation-Negotiated Contract**

The Business Committee recommends the approval of the negotiated contract between the VSCHSD and Acme Bus Company to provide transportation for a Valley Stream student living at the Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center in Dix Hills to The Greenburgh School in Dobbs Ferry for screening and possible residential placement at the negotiated price of \$380.00.

**E. Catering Bid**

Bids were advertised, in compliance with General Municipal Law 103, in the official newspapers of the district on January 14, 2010 and bid packages were mailed to 13 separate vendors. Sealed bids were received from 2 vendors in the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, One Kent Road, until 11:00 A.M. on January 29, 2010, at which time they were opened and read aloud. The Business Committee recommends the bid be awarded to Valley Caterers as per the District's specifications and the vendor's proposal.

A detailed spreadsheet, which lists all vendor bids by individual line items, is available for review in the Business Office. (Bid # 09/10-30)

**F. Driver Education Summer School Program Bid**

Bids were advertised, in compliance with General Municipal Law 103, in the official newspaper of the District on Monday, January 11, 2010, and bid packages were mailed to 9 separate vendors. A sealed bid was received from 1 vendor in the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, One Kent Road, until 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at which time it was opened and read aloud. The Business Committee recommends the bid be awarded to East Meadow Driving School, Levittown who bid \$455.00 per student. (Bid #10/11-01)

**G. Disposal of Equipment**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and in accordance with Board of Education policy 6900, the Business Committee recommends the disposition of obsolete equipment.

## **H. Budget Transfers**

Be it resolved, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Business Committee recommends the approval of budget transfers dated February 9, 2010 in accordance with Board Policy 6150.

## **Informational Items**

### **1. Professional Services: Request for Proposals**

As per Board of Education Policy #6700, requests for proposals (RFP's) must be issued on an annual basis with the exception of the following professions: school attorneys, architects, auditors, physicians, residency officer, special education service providers, third party plan administrators for Workers' Compensation, unemployment insurance, Medicare and 403b tax shelter annuity services. For these professions Board policy dictates that a RFP be issued within a five year period; however, the Superintendent of Schools must inquire of the Board of Education, prior to February 15<sup>th</sup> of each year if they wish Requests for Proposals to be issued on a more frequent basis.

### **2. Internal Audit Report: January 1, 2010-Six Month Status Report**

### **3. Corrective Action Plan: Response to 2008-09 External Audit**

**Policy Committee**

**No Action To Report**

**Old and New Business**

None

**Opportunity for Guests**

None

**Motion to Adourn**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Wraith and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted By:

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Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk