

**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
MARCH 9, 2010**

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

Board Members Absent: Elise Antonelli

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, Dr. Bill Heidenriech, Asst. Superintendent of Personnel & Administration, Mr. Gregory Guercio, Attorney.

Officers of the Board and Administrators Absent: N/A

Meeting Opened

Board President Trogel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Upon motion of Trustee Stris and seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, the Board entered into Executive Session for matters of personnel, negotiations and/or litigation and returned to Public Session at 8:15 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 February 2, 2010 Committee Meeting and February 9, 2010 Business Meeting.

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New Business

Annual Fire Inspection Review

Bruce Bingham conducted the annual fire inspection for the district. Each year he moves the inspection up by a month so as to catch a different “cycle” in the buildings. Mr. Bingham stated that all of the buildings did very well and any small issues noticed were corrected immediately.

Approval of Section 504 Hearing Officer Compensation

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved compensation for the Section 504 Hearing Officer, Neil Lederer, in the amount of \$125.00 per hour for services rendered plus reimbursement for mileage, tolls, postage and copying.

Superintendent’s Report

Acceptance of Superintendent of Schools’ Enrollment Projection Report for 2010-11

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board accepted, in accordance with Policy 5110, the Superintendent of Schools Enrollment Projection Report for 2010-11.

Dr. Bernstein explained that each year, the Superintendent is required by policy to report in public on building capacity. There is sufficient space in each building to allow the incoming 7th grade waiver requests to be accepted. The Superintendent did want to make the Board aware that both North and South are within 30 – 40 students of capacity. The Policy Committee might want to review the policy in the event capacity is reached. Current policy provides a lottery provision should capacity be reached.

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 Memorial Junior High School:

Donated by: H & A America Corp.
Qty. One (1) Fujitsu 42” Wide Plasma Display
Value: \$3000 (as estimated by donor)

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Request to Accept Gift

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved to accept the following gift to be used in the Performing Arts program at Central High School:

Donated by: Irene Crovets-Prager
Qty. Assorted Props and Costumes
Value: \$161 (as estimated by donor)

Information and Exploration

One Call Emergency System Report – Three Uses in Past Month

As per Board policy, the Superintendent informed the community and Board that the One Call Emergency System was utilized three times in the past month; all for snow closings.

Saturday, March 13, 2010 Events

Legislative Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - Memorial Junior High School Cafeteria B

Saturday, March 13, 2010 - Four Boards' Meeting re Shared Services

11:00 a.m. - Noon - Memorial Junior High School Cafeteria B

Saturday, March 13, 2010 – Budget Review Session

1:00 p.m. - Memorial Junior High School Cafeteria B

For the benefit of the community, Dr. Bernstein reviewed the schedule for Saturday, March 13, 2010.

Attorney's Report

Gregory Guercio, Attorney for the District, presented a report regarding a recent decision where the Second Circuit Court of Appeals considered the issue of whether a formal grievance, filed by a former teacher with his union, was protected speech under the First Amendment.

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

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Education Report

Resignations

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

1. Assistant Principal Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

In accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Secondary School Administrators Association:

Michael Kaplan – Memorial
Effective: June 30, 2010
Retirement

Mr. Kaplan has served the Valley Stream Central High School District as an administrative associate and assistant principal for 22 years.

2. Nurse/Nurse Coordinator Resignation

Lauren Huntsman – Memorial
Effective March 4, 2010
Other Employment

3. Supervisory Aide Resignation

Alan Irizarry – North
Effective February 9, 2010
Personal reasons

4. Part Time Social Worker Resignation

Samantha Cinque – Central
Effective March 19, 2010
Other Employment

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Appointments

Appointment of Probationary Director of Facilities

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and in accordance with Civil Service Regulations, the Board approved the following appointment (pending verification of credentials, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law with the terms and conditions of employment subject to Board of Education policy 9511 – Non-Bargaining Unit District Office Terms and Conditions of Employment:

Daniel Sabia
Salary\$125,000 (prorated)
Experience: Twenty-one years as Director of Facilities in the Carle Place School District
Twenty-six week probationary period effective March 17, 2010 – September 16, 2010
To replace Mr. Cavassa

The vote was as follows:

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

With 7 “yes” votes and 1 “no” vote, the motion passes.

Appointment of Probationary Nurse

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Stris, carried unanimously and in accordance with Civil Service Regulations, the Board approved the following appointment (pending verification of credentials, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law with salary subject to the completion of Nurse Negotiations:

Ellen Orgera
Salary\$43,228 (prorated)
Tentative Assignment: Memorial
Twenty-six week probationary period effective April 13, 2010 – December 12, 2010
To replace Ms. Huntsman

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Appointment of Part Time Social Worker, 2009-10

On motion of Trustee Stewart, 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:

Jo Ann Hundertmark – Social Worker
Salary Step 1MA (.30).....\$21,541 (prorated)
Education: SUNY Binghamton, BA; SUNY Stony Brook, MA
Effective: March 22, 2010 – June 30, 2010
Tentative Assignment: Central
To replace Ms. Cinque
Ms. Hundertmark was appointed as a .5 social worker at the August 25, 2009 Board of Education meeting. This recommendation increases Ms. Hundertmark social worker assignment by .3.

Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2009-10

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of the following as per diem substitutes at a rate of \$105 per diem without benefits:

Janet Holmes	Ari Bisk
Samantha Koshy	Jawnuta Disclanfani
Jennifer Gaeta	

Salary Adjustments/Stipends

Change of Salary - Column Reclassification

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following changes in column reclassification effective February 1, 2010:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Previous Column</u>	<u>New Column</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Patricia Antonelli	11MA+45	11MA+60	\$104,428
Walter Bachman	25bMA+15	25bMA+30	\$117,416
Nicole Bertrami	9MA+30	9MA+45	\$95,528
Gita Bhairam	9MA+45	9MA+60	\$97,842
Renee Bobe	8MA+30	8MA+45	\$92,333
Timothy Boyens	12MA+15	12MA+30	\$101,610
William Brown	5MA	5MA+15	\$78,089
Jennifer Buonagurio	8MA+45	8MA+60	\$94,597
Kristin Cooney	5MA	5MA+15	\$78,089
Michael Frazer	13MA+15	13MA+30	\$104,794
Anthony Geremina	3MA	3MA+15	\$71,840
Kristin Grant	7MA+45	7MA+60	\$91,433
John Kostkowicz	5MA+15	5MA+30	\$79,994
Kimberly Mangieri	7MA+45	7MA+60	\$91,433
Laura Mesa	8MA	8MA+15	\$87,533
Cristina Paul	4MA+15	4MA+30	\$77,073
Erin Primm	8MA	8MA+15	\$87,533
Maritza Tuohy	9MA	9MA+15	\$90,645
Anne Schroeder	7MA	7MA+15	\$84,155
Deborah Walker	15bMA	15bMA+15	\$109,907
Catherine Ward	15bMA+45	15bMA+60	\$118,024
Laura West	6BA+15	6MA	\$78,194

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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>Coach</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Central	Daniel Achatz	Var. Boys Lacrosse HC	3/8/10-6/13/10	+	\$6,568
Memorial	Mariana Beach	JH Softball HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,597
	Angela D'Amore	JH Lacrosse Girls AC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$2,620
	Douglas DeRosa	JH Lacrosse Boys HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,861
	Michael DiGiovanni	JH Baseball 8 HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,861
	Keith Flynn	JH Baseball 8 AC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,072
	Bryan Goldman	JH Baseball 7 HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,861
	Fallon Hearst	JH Track/Field AC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$2,538
	Jason Nappy*	JH Track/Field AC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$2,538
	Jaclyn Polisi	JH Softball AC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$2,620
	Jennifer Sandtorv	JH Lacrosse Girls HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,597
	Benjamin Tangney	JH Track/Field HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,368
	Daniel Tronolone IV	JH Lacrosse Boys AC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,072
	Daniel Vicchiarelli	JH Baseball 7 AC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$2,620
North	Marianne Barbera	JH Softball 7 HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,368
	Daniel Bart*	JH Softball 8 HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,861
	Santo DiSclafani	JH Baseball 7 HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,861
	Valentin Fernandez	JH Softball AC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$2,620
	Fabian Norman Jara	JH Baseball AC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,072
	Thomas Maddock	JH Track/Field HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,861
	Michael Paolillo	JH Track/Field AC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$2,984
	Philip Sanfilippo	JH Baseball 8 HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,861
South	Richard Boyd	JH Baseball AC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,072
	Stephanie Calzetta	JH Softball 7 AC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,072
	Kristin Cooney	JH Track/Field AC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$2,984
	Ellen Daniels	JH Track/Field HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,861
	Kate DeRuvo*	Var. Track/Field HC	3/8/10-6/13/10	+	\$5,788
	Daniel Drumm	JH Baseball 7 HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,861
	Deborah Fletcher	JH Softball 7 HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,597
	Matthew Johnsen	JH Softball 8 HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,368
	Daniel Kraemer	JH Softball 8 AC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$2,620
	Michael Mahler	JH Baseball 8 HC	4/7/10-6/5/10	+	\$3,861

* Non District employee

On the question, Trustee Stewart inquired as to when he could receive the list of coaching positions and stipends. Dr. Bernstein replied that it would be available for the March 13th meeting.

Approval of Teachers to Pass through Salary Gates

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Jacobs 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>
South	Maritza Tuohy	9-10	3/22/2010
South	Melissa Keegan	9-10	3/27/2010

Approval of Out of School Suspension Teachers, 2009-10

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

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Denise Marasco	Italian/French	\$75.84
Philip Sanfilippo	Special Education	\$75.84

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

- 1. No Action to Report**

Business Committee

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved items 1 – 6.

1. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for the month of January 2010

2. Summary of Cash Accounts

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

3. Budget Status Reports

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2009 through February 28, 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, 2009 through February 28, 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, 2009 through February 28, 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 January 2010

B. Informational Items

1. Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2009 – February 28, 2010)
2. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2009 – February 28, 2010)
3. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2009 – February 28, 2010)
4. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2009– February 28, 2010)
5. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2009 – February 28, 2010)

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Student Agenda Bid

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Jacobs 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, January 11, 2010, and bid packages were mailed to 11 separate vendors. Sealed bids were received from 4 vendors in the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, One Kent Road, until 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at which time they were opened and read aloud. The Business Committee recommends the bid be awarded as follows: Premier Agenda, Bellingham, WA for Central High School, Memorial Junior High School, North High School and South High School; The student Planner, Denver, CO for South High School.

One vendor was disqualified as it did not conform to the bid specifications.

A detailed spreadsheet, which lists all vendor bids, is available for review in the Business Office. (Bid #09/10-29)

Disposal of Equipment

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Jacobs, carried unanimously and in accordance with Board of Education policy 6900, Board approved the disposition of obsolete equipment.

Informational Item

Installation of Card Access and New Key System

Installation of a fully functional card access system, in conjunction with rekeying all district exterior doors, in the amount of \$40,000, utilizing New York State and BOCES contracts as the procurement source.

Dr. Bernstein explained that several months ago, discussions had begun regarding additional security measures. Some of the elementary districts have already implemented these systems. To put in a “first level” system, it would be approximately \$40,000. This does not require a bid as it would utilize state and BOCES contracts. There are still questions to be answered so the Superintendent is not ready to make a recommendation at this time.

Trustee Wraith asked how many locks would be involved. Dr. Bernstein replied it would be rekeying all locks and adding a few additional swipe pads.

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Policy Committee

No Action To Report

Old and New Business

Dr. Bernstein asked if any Board members had questions regarding a report on the Out of School Suspension Program that was sent home to the Board in their last packet.

Several Board members had questions regarding the length of time for infractions; Dr. Bernstein reviewed the procedure. In addition, Dr. Troisi and Dr. Nekulak explained how the Out of School Suspension Program works.

Trustee Stewart inquired as to whether there was a legal opinion as to how many hours students should attend the program. Mr. Guercio responded that they had done some research and that statute does not provide a specific number of hours, however, there is a section that states that 10 hours would allow the district to be eligible for state aid.

A trustee asked why there were more students suspended at Central High School as compared to the other buildings? Dr. Bernstein stated that it was most probably due to the fact that the other buildings have younger students who respond to intervention at an earlier age where Central has the older students. Parent outreach also appears to be more successful with parents of younger students as compared to the older students.

Dr. Bernstein stated that this report gave the District a baseline for the future and it will be closely watched as it is an important issue. The District is obligated to provide a safe environment for students and to ensure that students follow the Code of Conduct.

Opportunity for Guests

A community member shared an experience where a group of young people were loitering by her neighborhood. Dr. Bernstein asked that when anyone sees students behaving in a manner that is inappropriate, they should call the police if needed. The Superintendent asked that they also call the school as the building administration may not be aware of things happening off school property. Trustee Stris added that if it occurs off school property during lunch, the privilege of leaving the campus can be revoked.

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Several parents asked about the possibility of adding a swim team to the athletic roster. Dr. Bernstein stated that this item is on the agenda for the budget discussion on Saturday. Trustee Stewart inquired as to whether there would be an additional insurance cost to adding the swim team? Mr. Loper replied no; the cost is transportation and lane rental.

Trustee Stewart then read a letter that had been emailed to him from a parent, regarding the positives of adding a swim team.

Mr. Spezio, President of the Central/Memorial PTSA, reminded everyone about the substance abuse forum being held on March 24th at South High School.

Motion to Adourn

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Wraith and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk