

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
HELD IN KELLER AUDITORIUM, CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL,
VALLEY STREAM, NEW YORK
AUGUST 28, 2012**

Board Members Present: Elise Antonelli, Dr. Frank Chiachiere, Kenneth Cummings, Joseph DiSibio, Anthony Iadevaio, Donna LaRocco, Lawrence Trogel

Board Members Absent: Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Carolyn Pean

Officers of the Board and Administrators Present:

Dr. Bill Heidenreich, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Thomas Troisi, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Wayne Loper, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Dr. Tracey Nekulak, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Administration, Mr. John Sheahan, Attorney.

Officers of the Board and Administrators Absent: N/A

Meeting Opened

Board President Iadevaio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Trogel and approved unanimously, the Board entered into Executive Session for the employment history of a particular person, for discussion regarding proposed, pending and current litigation and for collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

At 8:06 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session and entered into Public Session.

Recognition of Visitors

Board President Iadevaio 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.

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A Moment of Silence was held in Remembrance of Memorial Junior High School Health Teacher Stephanie Ginsburg who passed away in August.

Communications

District Clerk, Mary Colgan, shared that the Board had received the following correspondence:

New York State School Boards Association

- Information for workshops, webinars and advocacy alerts

Miscellaneous

- Letters regarding changes in transportation
- Invitation to a workshop entitled “Civil Service 101 for School Districts” given by the NYS Department of Civil Service

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the July 10, 2012 Reorganization Meeting and the July 10, 2012 Business Meeting.

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New Business

Employee Agreements with Assistant Superintendents of Schools, 2012-13

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has appointed Central Administrators as follows:
Dr. Tracey Nekulak appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Administration on July 12, 2011;
Dr. Thomas Troisi, appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction on July 1, 2005; and
Mr. Wayne Loper, appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations on July 1, 2007;
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves three (3) Employee Agreements, one for each of the aforementioned Central Administrators, setting forth terms and conditions of the employment for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and authorizes the Board President to execute each Employment Agreement on file with the District Clerk.

On the question, Board President Iadevaio stated that all three Assistant Superintendents had accepted a salary freeze.

Employee Agreement with Director of Facilities, 2012-13

On motion of Trustee Cummings, Seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has appointed the Director of Facilities as follows:
Mr. James Nothel appointed to the position of Director of Facilities on June 12, 2012;
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves one (1) Employee Agreements, for the aforementioned Director of Facilities , setting forth terms and conditions of the employment for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and authorizes the Board President to execute the Employment Agreement on file with the District Clerk.

Transportation Request Appeals

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board hereby sustains the late transportation request appeals by the parents of the students identified on Confidential Schedule "A2."

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On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board hereby denies the late transportation request appeals by the parents of the students identified on Confidential Schedule "A3."

Superintendent's Report

Authorization to Execute a Stipulation of Settlement and General Release

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board hereby approves the Stipulation of Settlement and General Release ("Stipulation") with the parents of the student identified on Confidential Schedule "A-1" and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute such Stipulation on behalf of the Valley Stream Central High School District.

Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved, in the event there are sufficient funds remaining in the 2011-12 budget, the Board shall cause the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to be funded in June, 2012, in amounts not to exceed \$450,000.

Health and Welfare Services

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved of contracts for Health and Welfare Services as requested for the following school for the 2011-12 school year:

Health and Welfare Services rendered for 10 students attending Long Island Lutheran School in the Jericho Union Free School District @ \$969.15 per pupil.

Information and Exploration

New Teacher Orientation Program

The Superintendent shared that in the past, there are usually about 30 new teachers but due to budget constraints, there are 16 new teachers in the District this year. Dr. Troisi, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction added that several Professional Development Programs had been held during the week.

Staffing Update 2012

Dr. Tracey Nekulak, Asst. Superintendent for Personnel and Administration stated that the District was happy to welcome 16 new teachers as well as filling several Civil Service positions over the summer. As of now, the District is fully staffed.

Summer School Update

Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Director of Summer School, told the Board and Community that Summer School had concluded on a happy note with Summer School Graduation on August 17th. Nineteen of twenty candidates met their graduation requirements. Approximately 920 students participated in summer school programs with an additional 469 in summer music and 128 in driver education.

NCLB Testing Results

Dr. Troisi provided an update on the NCLB assessments.

Attorney's Report

Mr. John Sheahan, Attorney for the District, presented a report regarding a matter in which the Appellate Division, Second Department reversed the decision of the Nassau County Family Court in a guardianship proceeding in which the Family Court granted the grandmother's petition for guardianship and the school district appealed. A copy of the report was given to the District Clerk for distribution to the Board of Education.

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Education Committee

Resignations/Request for Leave

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

1. Part-Time Clerk Typist/Monitor Resignation

Maryann Rosamilia – Memorial
Effective August 21, 2012
Other employment

2. Monitor Resignation

Angela Milillo – Memorial
Effective August 21, 2012
Other employment

3. Part-Time Clerk Resignations

- a. Andrea Morton – South
Effective August 28, 2012
Ms. Morton will be recommended for a monitor position at South
- b. Joann Karam – North
Effective August 28, 2012
Ms. Karam will be recommended for a monitor position at North
- c. Evelyn McGaum – North
Effective August 28, 2012
Other Employment

4. Teacher Request For 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:

Victoria Alaimo – Music – Memorial
Effective: September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

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Appointments

Appointment of Leave Replacement Teachers

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, 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:

- a. Catherine Lusardi – Math
Salary Step 1BA.....\$56,972
Education: Iona College, BA; Queens College, MA
Tentative Assignment: South
Effective: September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013
To replace Ms. Greenman

- b. Kristen Giambrone – English
Salary Step 1BA + 30.....\$61,805
Education: Marist College, BA; Queens College, MA
Tentative Assignment: North
Effective: September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013
To replace Ms. Darougar

- c. Rachel Silvestri– Music
Salary Step 1MA.....\$66,258
Education: SUNY Potsdam, BA; SUNY Stony Brook, MA
Tentative Assignment: Memorial
Effective: September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013
To replace Ms. Alaimo

Appointment of Part-Time Teachers, 2012-13

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, 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:

- a. Leyda Melendez – Special Education
Salary Step 1MA (.9).....\$49,694
Education: Dowling College, BS; Hofstra University, MS
Effective: September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013
Assignment: Central

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- b. Tara McKennett – Math
 Salary Step 1MA (.4).....\$22,086
 Education: Boston College, BS; Hofstra University, MS
 Effective: September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013
 Assignment: South

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved items 3-4.

3. Recall from Preferred Eligibility List

In accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and VSTA the following individual is recalled from the Preferred Eligibility List effective September 1, 2012:

Teaching Assistant

Jeannine Giberti
 Salary Step 1 (.8).....\$24,587
 Education: Adelphi University, BS; MS
 Experience: One year as a teacher assistant at North High School.
 Tentative Assignment: Memorial
 To replace Ms. Hundertmark

4. Appointment of Part-Time Teaching Assistant

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:

Teaching Assistant

Paul Vecchione
 Salary Step 1 (.9).....\$29,058
 Education: SUNY Binghamton, BS; MS
 Tentative Assignment: North
 To replace Ms. Alogna

Appointment of Part-Time Clerks

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Cummings, carried unanimously and in accordance with Civil Service Regulations, the Board approved the following appointment (pending verification of credentials, civil service certification, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted in the manner prescribed by Law:

<u>Clerk</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Patricia Walsh	Central	1	\$10.70
Mary-Louise Powell	North	1	\$10.70
MaryAnn Kvartek	South	1	\$10.70
Eileen Wolf	North	1	\$10.70

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved items 6 – 11.

- 6. Appointment of Teacher Aides – Special Education, 2012-13**
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:

<u>Teacher Aide</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Ruth Abrami	Memorial	2	\$16,765

- 7. Appointment of School Monitors, 2012-13**
The Board approved appointment of the following, (pending verification of credentials, civil service certification, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted, unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

<u>School</u>	<u>Monitors</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>
North	John Boccuzzo	1	\$10.70
North	Joann Karam	1	\$10.70
South	Beverly Dreitlein	1	\$10.70
South	Andrea Morton	1	\$10.70
Memorial	Shemaine Foster	1	\$10.70
Memorial	Christine Stazak	1	\$10.70

8. Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2012-13

The Board approved the appointment of the following as per diem substitutes at a rate of \$105 per diem without benefits:

Ahern, Mary Lou	Galinson, Laura	McGlashan, Frasher
Amaya, Carlos	Gallo, Lisa Marie	McNally, April
Anselmo, Carlo	Garcia, Andrea	Menuau, Natalie
Antonacci, Salvina	Garone, Louise	Mitchell, Kiah D.
Arholekas, Nicholas	Ghanoo, Carlene M	Mohamed, Bibi
Babcock, Courtney	Giambrone, Kristen	Moran, Christine
Babcock, Kenneth H	Gilkes, Patricia A	Morello, Jodi
Bachmann, Gregory	Graves, Claire	Nguyen, Tuan Q
Baker, Christine	Gruber, Renee L	Noble, Douglas
Barkan, Evan	Hader, Jane	Nowack, Francesca
Bashover, Michael	Hanley, Edward	O'Rourke, Kelly M
Bellissimo, Michele	Harkins, Lynn	Osmani, Audrey L
Biondo, Stefanie	Harris, Sandra H. M.	Pashkoff, Torie
Borgella, Jean L	Hempel, Michelle	Peckholdt, Kelly
Buitrago, Laura	Hieb, John	Pepe, Mark
Cardiello, Denise	Hirschhorn, Sara	Pepe, Phillip
Carrella, Karen A	Hoffman, Nathan J	Peters, Jessie
Caruana, Claudia M.	Holmes, Janet	Petti, Jennifer A
Ciccotto, Rosemary	Hruska, Liam	Picillo, Kari M
Cino, Christine	Hughes, Angelique	Polito, Karen
Clarkson-Farrell, Edward	Hughes, Laurie	Pramnieks, Martha
Connor, Eileen	Hurd, Franklin L	Ricot, Arnold
Cooney, Karen T	Incorvaia, Angelo	Ricotta, Jessica
Corr, Rachel	Jeannot, Maryse	Rios, Henry
D'Angelis, John	Jennette, Zenia	Roman, Albina
Davies, Robert	Johnson, Chaunise	Romm, Leonard H.
Dawley, Robert C	Kaminsky, Allison	Ryan, Diana
DeJoseph, Jessica	Karahalios, George	Salem, Robert
Delpriore, Christie M	Kay, Paul M	Samuelson, Evan
Diamond, Jenea	Kelly, Catherine	Santina, Kerry
DiBitetto, Anthony	Khali, Millicent	Schmaeling, Courtney
DiMaria, Ann	Khan, Rakeela B.	Shuldiner, Melanie
DiSclafani, Jawnuta	Kroell, Andrew	Steele, Sannelle
Doll, Victoire N.	Laurenfort, Mirlene	Stock, Kenneth R.
Dorschuck, Charles	Limprevil, Fred D	Tornato, Gilda
Duerr, Amanda	Louissaint, Allen	Verasco, Jennifer
Evans, Nivia	Manning, Mary	Walters, Clive
Farkas, Wendy	Marsh, Christine	Wan, Peter
Farrell, Kevin P	Martin, Kelly	Weinberg, Brandon
Fernandez, Valentin	Mastro, Jaclyn	Wilcox, David
Frank, Michael	Matamoros, Maria X	Zagon, Brian
Fitzpatrick, Laura	McCloud, Stewart	Zounek, Alicia
Gaffney, Sally Ann		

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9. Appointment of Permanent Substitute, 2012-13

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:

<u>School</u>	<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Memorial	Anne Marie Poulos	Spanish	1.0	\$120

10. Appointment of Summer Fine and Performing Arts Personnel, 2012

The Board approved appointment of the following effective as noted at the stipend listed in the Board of Education Non-Negotiating and Contracted Salary Book:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Position</u>
Glenn Guidone	Music Teacher

11. Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer

In accordance with Board of Education Policy 4321.5 Impartial Hearing Officer Selection, Appointment and Reimbursement, the Board approved the appointment of an Impartial Hearing Officer for case number 72460 effective August 16, 2012:

Steven Hakan - \$100 per hour

Stipends

Interscholastic Activities

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Trogel 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>
North	Valentin Fernandez*	JH Football AC	9/06/12-11/03/2012	-	\$3,687
	Fabian Jara	JH Football AC	9/06/12-11/03/2012	+	\$3,958
	Christine Iervolino*	JV Cheerleading HC	8/29/12-03/01/2013	+	\$2,686
	Rachel Gursky	JV Kickline HC	8/28/12-03/01/2013	+	\$2,412
South	Walter Cook*	JV Girls Soccer HC	8/29/12-11/18/2012	+	\$4,371

*Non-District Employee

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Appointment of Lunchroom Supervisors, 2012-13

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following with stipend:

<u>School</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Periods</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	
Memorial	Patrick Cesario	2	+	\$7073	
	Brian Fraser	1	+	\$3537	
	Michele Jackson-Powell	1	+	\$3537	
	John Kostkowicz	1	+	\$3537	
	Margaret McConnell	1	+	\$3537	
	Michael McQuillan	1	+	\$3537	
	Jason Nappy	1	+	\$3537	
	Erin Primm	1	+	\$3537	
	Roni Fornabia	2	+	\$7073	
	Marie Romano	1	+	\$3537	
	Michael Serif	1	+	\$3537	
	Benjamin Tangney	1	+	\$3537	
	North	Daniel Achatz	1	+	\$3537
		James Casella	1	+	\$3537
Jamie Carbone		.5	+	\$1768.50	
Patricia Hirsch		1	+	\$3537	
Fabian Jara		1	+	\$3537	
Corey McNamara		1	+	\$3537	
Nikki Nevitt		1	+	\$3537	
Grace Pariti		.5	+	\$1768.50	
Michael Paolillo		1	+	\$3537	
Andrew Unterweiser		1	+	\$3537	
South	Sharon Zovich	1	+	\$3537	
	Rosanna Ali	2	+	\$7073	
	Christopher Baker	1	+	\$3537	
	Linda Bianculli	1	+	\$3537	
	Richard Boyd	2	+	\$7073	
	Virginia Calderaro	1	+	\$3537	
	Ellen Daniels	1	+	\$3537	
	Elizabeth Escobar	1	+	\$3537	
	Edward Lee	1	+	\$3537	

Committee for Special Education

Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Trogel 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 Leave, 2012-13

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

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Provision</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jennifer Darougar	North	English	Contractual	09/01/2012-06/30/2013
Kathleen Paolillo	North	Social Studies	FMLA	09/01/2012-11/30/2012
Dara Szwejkowski	North	Math	FMLA	09/01/2012-12/05/2012
Caryn Greenman	South	Math	Contractual	09/01/2012-06/30/2013
Debra Schneider	North	Music	FMLA	09/01/2012-11/07/2012

Business Committee

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

1. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for the month of June 2012

2. Summary of Cash Accounts

The Treasurer's summary of cash accounts for the month of June 2012

3. Budget Status Reports

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012

- 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, 2012 through June 30, 2012

- 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, 2012 through July 31, 2012

- 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 June 2012

B. Informational Items

1. Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2012 – July 31, 2012)
2. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2012 – July 31, 2012)
3. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2012 – July 31, 2012)
4. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2012 – July 31, 2012)
5. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2012 – July 31, 2012)

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C. Award of Transportation Contracts – 2012-13 School Year

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved that all applicable Nassau BOCES bids be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting all applicable specifications, to be utilized by the Valley Stream District Transportation Office to transport Valley Stream Central High School District students.

Bids for the transportation of children in the 2012-13 school year were received by BOCES on June 6, 2012. The full listing of bid information is available in the Business Office.

D. Award of Transportation Contracts – 2012-13 School Year

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved that all applicable Southwest Quadrant bids be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting all applicable specifications, to be utilized by the Valley Stream District Transportation Office to transport Valley Stream Central High School District students.

Bids for the Southwest Quadrant of Nassau County school districts were received at the Central Administration Office of Baldwin Union Free School District on May 24, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. for transportation of children in the 2012-13 school year. The full listing of bid information is available in the Business Office.

E. Approval of Special Education Services Contract

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the board approved an agreement with Maryhaven Center of Hope, 450 Myrtle Avenue, Port Jefferson, N.Y. for Instructional Services in the amount set by the State Education Department, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement.

F. Budget Transfers

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board approved of budget transfers dated August 28, 2012, in accordance with Board Policy 6150.

Policy Committee

No Action To Report

Old and New Business

None

Opportunity for Guests

Several parents addressed the Board regarding changes in the transportation for some private school students.

Several community members addressed the Board regarding students at North High School parking in front of their homes and the change in policy for student parking lots.

Motion to Adourn

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee LaRocco and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk

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