

**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
NOVEMBER 13, 2012**

Board Members Present Elise Antonelli, Dr. Frank Chiachiere, Kenneth Cummings, Joseph DiSibio, Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Anthony Iadevaio, Donna LaRocco, Carolyn Pean, Lawrence Trogel

Board Members Absent: N/A

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. Greg Guercio, Attorney.

Officers of the Board and Administrators Absent: N/A

Meeting Opened

Board President Iadevaio called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Jacobs 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 8:10 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.

Communications

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

New York State School Boards Association

- Information for workshops, webinars and advocacy alerts

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the October 2, 2012 Committee Meeting and October 9, 2012 Business Meeting.

New Business

Foil Request Appeal

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

Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education denies the Freedom of Information Law request of the individual identified on Schedule "A".

Superintendent's Report

A representative from D'Arcangelo & Co. LLP, the District's external auditor, addressed the Board to state that the recent audit report gave the district the highest level of opinion possible. In addition, they thanked the District staff for helping the audit to go smoothly.

Acceptance of Audit

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, as presented by D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

On the question, Trustee Chiachiere informed the community that the Board was not just accepting the audit without reviewing it; that they had ample time to review a copy and discussed the audit in Executive Session that evening.

Health and Welfare Services

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli 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.

Request to Accept Gift

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the following gift to North High School's Athletic Department:

Donated by: Valley Stream North Spartan Club
Qty: One Manitow C450 Ice machine
Value: \$1,000 (as estimated by donor)

Information and Exploration

The Superintendent and Board President Iadevaio invited the building principals to join them in presenting the following Certificates of Recognition:

Student Recognition: National Merit Scholarship Competition –

Semi-Finalists: South High School – Andrew Hess, Michael Yang

Commended Scholars:

Central High School – Rohan Motwani, Chung-Wei Shen

North High School – Abigail Balsamo, Michelle Chen

South High School – Dipana Jain

Student Recognition: National Achievement Scholarship Program -

Semi-Finalist:

North High School - Ayokunle Fagbemi

Student Recognition: National Achievement Scholarship Program -

Outstanding Participants

Central High School – Zachary Aurelus, Jason Grant,

Nathalie Lindor, Serge Thomassini

North High School – Katya Forbes

Hurricane Sandy – Aftermath

Dr. Heidenreich began by saying that it was difficult to fathom the impact that Hurricane Sandy has had on people's lives. The District utilized the one-call system to notify staff, parents and students of the school closings which totaled seven days. The Superintendent's Conference Day was still held on Tuesday, November 6th, however, the focus was different in that the district had to regroup. The District now had to face the social and emotional needs of the staff and students. Overall, the facilities were in good shape. The marking period was extended and the district is working on rescheduling events that were cancelled during the time the buildings were closed.

At this time, Mr. Vincent Toma, from the Franklin Square Norwood Park Civic Assoc., addressed the Board to thank the district for timely updates related to the school closings. He also inquired as to whether the schools could be used as a warming center should the need ever arise. The Superintendent responded that as a school district, we do not have the personnel or provisions to open as a warming center.

Residency Advisory Committee Meeting, Monday, November 26, 8:00 a.m.

Class Size Report 2012-13

Dr. Nekulak shared that the last three budget cycles have seen a reduction in personnel so class sizes have increased.

Graduation Ceremonies

Dr. Heidenreich stated that this was an ongoing discussion and that the District had been researching some off-campus sites for graduation ceremonies. In doing this research, it

was found that it would be cost neutral. The labor costs in District to set up for the outdoor ceremonies offset the cost of renting a site. The building principals had spoken with their respective PTSA's to get their feelings on moving the graduation ceremonies off campus. Some parents liked the stability of knowing that having the ceremony off site, nothing would change due to the weather. History has been that all three schools graduate on the same day at the same time. If the ceremonies were moved off campus, it is very possible that the dates and times would change. The Superintendent asked the Board for their thoughts. Trustee Jacobs felt that if the students wanted their graduation to be in their school building, that trumped the weather and what the parents wanted. Trustee Chiachiere felt that having the ceremonies outdoors was problematic due to the unpredictability of the weather.

The consensus of the Board is to pilot the off campus graduation ceremony for Central High School this June and to bring back the results. It was also suggested that representatives from South and North be invited to get a feel of the ceremony.

Attorney's Report

Gregory Guercio, the attorney for the District presented a report regarding a recent victory of his firm where they persuaded the Court to vacate the decision of the Commissioner of Education on the basis "that the Decision of the Commissioner was irrational." A copy of the report was given to the District Clerk for distribution to the Board of Education.

Education Committee

Resignation

School Nurse Resignation

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

Denise Woods - Memorial
Effective October 12, 2012
Other Employment

Appointments

Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2012-13

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

Olga Calderera
Vanessa Saraceno

Blake Malizia
Melissa Valentino

Approval of Volunteer, 2012-13

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Jacobs, carried unanimously and in accordance with Board of Education Policy 4532 - School Volunteers, the Committee recommends the approval of the following:

<u>Volunteer</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Area</u>
Sherrie Rosenzweig	South	Special Education

Mrs. Rosenzweig retired from the District on June 30, 2012.

Stipends

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

1. Co-Curricular Activities

The Board approved of the following at the appropriate step effective as noted:

SCHOOL	NAME	CLUB	SEASON	AMOUNT
CENTRAL	Buonagurio, Jennifer	Recognition Night (.5)	1/13 - 6/13	\$150.50
	McDermott, Virginia	Recognition Night (.5)	1/13 - 6/13	\$150.50
	Neuner, Amy	Major Musical Conductor	12/12 - 2/13	\$906.00
MEMORIAL	Famighetti, Lisa	Detention Coordinator	11/12 - 6/13	\$2,648.00
SOUTH	Byrne, Colleen	Character Ed. (.5)	11/12 - 6/13	\$1,726.50

2. Interscholastic Activities

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	Paul Jording*	Volunteer Varsity Rifle	11/14/12-03/03/13		NA
	Melissa Valentino	Varsity Girls Gymnastics HC	11/14/11-02/24/12	+	\$4,371

*Out of District Coach

Committee for Special Education

Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education

On motion of Trustee Antonelli, 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

Request for Leave, 2012-13

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

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Provision</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Marie DeVito	Memorial	Custodian	FMLA	10/15/12

Business Committee

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

1. Budget Status Reports

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

- a. General Fund
- b. Capital Fund
- c. School Lunch Fund
- d. Special Aid Fund

2. Trial Balance Reports

The Trial Balance Reports for the period July 1, 2012 through September 30,

- a. General Fund
- b. Capital Fund
- c. School Lunch Fund
- d. Special Aid Fund

3. Revenue Reports

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

- a. General Fund
- b. Capital Fund
- c. School Lunch Fund
- d. Special Aid Fund

4. Extracurricular Fund Reports

The Extracurricular Fund Reports for the month of September 2012

Note: Due to Hurricane Sandy the Treasurer's report and Summary of Cash Accounts for September 2012 is not available. These items will be included next month with the October 2012 statements.

B. Informational Items

1. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012)
2. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012)
3. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012)
4. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012)

Note: Due to Hurricane Sandy the Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012) is not available. These items will be included next month with the October 2012 statements.

C. Approval for Use of School Facilities

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved an agreement with the American Red Cross to allow the Memorial Junior High School to be used as an emergency shelter for disaster relief activities, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement.

D. Approval for Use of School Facilities

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Cummings, carried unanimously and in accordance with Board of Education Policy #1330, the Business Committee recommends the approval of the following organization for first time use of school facilities:

Yankee Doodle Circus
Franklin Square Colts Baseball

E. Budget Transfers

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved of budget transfers dated November 13, 2012, in accordance with Board Policy 6150.

F. Disposal of Equipment

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

Policy Committee

Policies Recommended for Consideration as Revised on First Reading

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

1. Staff Evaluation 0328
2. Code of Conduct
 - 5300.10 Definitions
 - 5300.30 Prohibited Student Conduct
3. Conflict of Interest 9120.1

Old and New Business

None

Opportunity for Guests

None

Motion to Enter into Executive Session

At 8:55 p.m., on motion of Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board entered into Executive Session, with the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and attorney present, to discuss the employment history of a particular person, discussion regarding proposed, pending and current litigation and for collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law). No action was anticipated.

Motion to Reconvene into Public Session

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Cummings, and carried unanimously, the Board came out of Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

November 13, 2012 – Business Meeting

Motion to Adourn

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk