

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
HELD IN CAFETERIA "B"
MEMORIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
FLETCHER AVENUE, VALLEY STREAM, NEW YORK 11580
DECEMBER 14, 2010**

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

Board Members Absent: Elise Antonelli, Carolyn Pean

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 Cummings called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, and approved unanimously, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss matters of personnel, litigation and negotiations.

At 8:05 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session and entered into Public Session.

Recognition of Visitors

Board President Cummings 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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Communications

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

- A. New York State School Boards Association
 - Legal Alert regarding recent decisions of the Commissioner of Education

- B. Nassau BOCES
 - A letter informing the Board of a public meeting on January 26, 2011 to share the results of an initiative between school districts, BOCES and Nassau County to explore ways to reduce costs for taxpayers living in Nassau County.

- C. Nassau Suffolk School Boards Assoc., Inc.
 - Flyer and registration form for Superintendent's Dinner Conference.

- D. Miscellaneous
 - Information re a workshop being offered by SUNY Oswego for School District Audit Committees
 - A letter from the County Executive re the passage of the 2011 Budget and the elimination of the County Guarantee of property tax refunds and how school districts will be effected.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the November 2, 2010 Committee Meeting; the November 9, 2010 Business Meeting; the November 9, 2010 Audit Committee Meeting; and the November 29, 2010 Special Meeting.

Board President Cummings asked the Board if they would agree to move the student recognition up to this point of the meeting; all Board members agreed.

Dr. Bernstein asked Board President Cummings to join him in presenting the student recognition awards. The High School Principals called each student up to receive their certificate of recognition

Student Recognition: AP Scholars (Exhibit)

New Business

Establishment of Standard Work Day for Elected and Appointed Officials

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved that the Valley Stream Central High School District hereby establishes the following as a standard work day for elected and appointed officials and will report the wages earned by these officials to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based upon the time sheets submitted by these officials to the District’s Personnel Office:

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 Digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Days/Month)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer’s Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Records of Activities)
Elected Officials							
None							
Appointed Officials							
Treasurer	Diane Castonguay	████	██████████	3	7/13/10-6/30/11	Y	NA

Authorization to Execute Agreement

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Jacobs, the Board of Education approved the terms of the Agreement for Superintendent Search Services and Related Activities with School Leadership, LLC for a fee of \$16,000 plus reasonable and necessary expenses and costs as set forth in the Agreement, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the Agreement.

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Board President Cummings asked the District Clerk to poll the Board:

Trustee Stris	yes
Trustee Iadevaio	yes
Trustee Trogel	yes
Trustee Wraith	yes
Trustee Jacobs	yes
Trustee Cummings	yes

Trustee Chiachiere has recused himself from the selection process for a recruiting firm and is recusing himself from the vote for School Leadership, LLP since he has worked as a casual consultant with this organization.

The motion is carried.

Appointment of Acting Superintendent

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board of Education appoints Dr. Thomas Troisi as Acting Superintendent effective December 17, 2010 until the Interim Superintendent takes office on or about January 3, 2011.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Education approves an amendment to the Employment Agreement of Dr. Thomas Troisi with regard to services as Acting Superintendent of Schools and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement.

- Board President Cummings announced that Dr. Richard S. Marsh would be the Interim Superintendent of Schools, beginning on or about January 3, 2011. Dr. Marsh was previously the Superintendent of Schools for the Bethpage School District until his retirement.
- The Board of Education presented Dr. Bernstein with a plaque thanking him for his 7 years of dedication and service to the Valley Stream Central High School District. Board President Cummings stated that the student recognition held earlier tonight is a testament to the work that Dr. Bernstein has done in the District. Dr. Bernstein thanked the school board, administration team, staff and community for all of their support and hard work over the last 7 years.
- In addition, the Board President informed the community that they will be kept notified via the district website and local media of the schedule for meetings with School Leadership who is heading up the search for a new Superintendent of Schools. The Board wants the public to be kept apprised of what is occurring during this process.

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At this point, a community member asked why the district was spending so much money to hire a search firm when the economy was so tight? President Cummings responded that districts hire search firms because they have expertise in this area. Hiring a leader for the district is a very important decision and the best possible candidates need to be brought in.

Superintendent's Report

Authorization to Execute Stipulation of Settlement

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved a settlement of a claim for retroactive Medicare reimbursement by the parties identified on Confidential Schedule "B", and authorizes the Board President to execute a stipulation of settlement resolving the matter.

Approval of New Courses for 2011-12 School Year

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following courses for the 2011-12 school year:

Advanced Placement Art History
Sports Marketing
Internet Sales & Entrepreneurship
College Marketing

Health and Welfare Services

On motion of Trustee Trogel, 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 2010-11 school year:

Health and Welfare services rendered to 50 students attending Sacred Heart Academy located in the Hempstead Union Free School District @ \$864.00 per pupil.

Authorization for Counsel to Execute Agreement on Behalf of District

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Resolution of a claim brought by employee identified on Confidential Schedule "B" and authorizes counsel to execute an agreement on behalf of the District resolving the matter.

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Authorization to Approve Agreement; Ratification of Execution of Agreement by Superintendent; and Authorization of Superintendent to Implement Agreement

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved a confidential Agreement resolving Complaint filed with the United States Office of Civil Rights, brought by the parents of the student identified on Confidential Schedule “C”, hereby ratifies the execution of said Agreement by the Superintendent of Schools, and further authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to take any action necessary to implement said Agreement.

Information and Exploration

2010-11 School Year Budget

Building Tours – Saturday, January 8, 2011 beginning at North High School at 8:15 a.m. The Superintendent informed the community that this was the beginning of the budget process and that the public was invited to attend both the building tour and the afternoon Board meeting.

American Education Week – Reports

Several Board members shared their experiences of attending American Education Week programs at the different district buildings.

Release Date of Waiver Letters – Week of December 13, 2010

Waiver request letters will be mailed out the week of December 13, 2010.

Attorney’s Report

John Sheahan, attorney for the District, presented a report on a recent decision by the Nassau County Family Court where a school district was found to have standing in a guardianship proceeding involving a student, whose residency in the district was being questioned. A copy of the report was provided to the District Clerk for distribution to the members of the School Board.

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Education Report

Resignations/Request for Leave

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved items 1 – 3.

1. Permanent Substitute Resignation

Acceptance of the following resignation:

Nicole Slavinski – English – Memorial

Effective December 14, 2010

Ms. Slavinski will be recommended for a leave replacement teaching position

2. Monitor Resignation

Acceptance of the following resignation:

Marsha Polierer – North

Effective November 23, 2010

Retirement. Ms. Polierer has worked at North High School for 30 years.

3. Clerk Typist Resignation

Acceptance of the following resignation:

Mary Adams – North

Effective January 28, 2011

Retirement. Ms. Adams has worked in the District for 25 years.

4. Teacher Request for Leave of Absence without Pay

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

Teresa Marshall – English – Memorial

October 28, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Personal Reasons

Appointments

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

1. Appointment of Leave Replacement Teacher

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 with salary subject to teacher negotiations:

Nicole Slavinski - English

Salary Step 1BA.....\$55,575 (prorated)

Effective December 15, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Education: St. Joseph's, BA

Tentative Assignment: Memorial

To replace Ms. Marshall. Ms. Slavinski was appointed as a permanent substitute at the August 31, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

2. Appointment of Probationary Supervisory Aide

In accordance with Civil Service Regulations, the Board approved the following appointment (pending verification of credentials, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted with salary subject to the completion of supervisory aide negotiations unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Lisa Famighetti

Salary\$25,503 (prorated)

Tentative Assignment: Memorial

Twenty-six week probationary period effective December 15, 2010 – June 14, 2011

To replace Ms. Torres

3. Appointment of Probationary Monitor

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

Theresa Vela

Hourly Rate.....\$10.40

Twenty-six week probationary period effective December 15, 2010- June 14, 2011

Tentative Assignment: North

To replace Ms. Polierer

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4. Appointment of Permanent Substitute, 2010-11

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>
Memorial	Brian Fraser	Social Studies	1.0	1/3/11-6/30/11	\$120 per diem
Memorial	Sarah Hirschhorn	Biology	1.0	12/15/10-6/30/11	\$120 per diem

5. Appointment of Probationary Nurse

In accordance with Civil Service Regulations, the Board approved the following appointment (pending verification of credentials, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted with salary subject to the completion of clerical negotiations unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Lesley Rothschild
 Salary Step 1\$43,228 (prorated)
 Assignment: Central
 Twenty-six week probationary period effective December 15, 2010 – June 14, 2011
 To replace Ms. Pellegrino

6. Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2010-11

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

Laura Buitrago	Nivia Evans
Eileen Connor	Kevin Kreiser

Committee for Special Education

Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, 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

Requests for Leave, 2010-11

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

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Provision</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Karen Grant	South	Social Worker	FMLA	11/12/10-12/7/10

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Business Committee

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board accepted items 1 - 6:

1. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for the month of October 2010

2. Summary of Cash Accounts

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

3. Budget Status Reports

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2010 through November 30, 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, 2010 through October 31, 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, 2010 through November 30, 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 October 2010

Informational Items

1. Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2010 – November 30, 2010)
2. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2010 – November 30, 2010)
3. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2010 – November 30, 2010)
4. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2010– November 30, 2010)
5. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2010 – November 30, 2010)

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On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved items B and C.

B. Budget Transfers

Approval of budget transfers dated December 14, 2010, in accordance with Board Policy 6150.

C. Disposal of Equipment

In accordance with Board of Education policy 6900, the Business Committee recommends the disposition of obsolete equipment.

Policy Committee

Policy Recommended for Consideration as New on First Reading

The following policy is presented for consideration as new on first reading:

2111.1 Board Member School Visits

Policies Recommended for Consideration as Revised on First Reading

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

5300.30 Prohibited Student Conduct

Trustee Trogel asked if the wording in the last line of paragraph 13 would be changed as previously requested. Trustee Stris responded that it would be.

8330 District Owned and/or Leased Equipment

8410 Student Transportation

8413 Transportation for Nonpublic School Students

Old and New Business

None

Opportunity for Guests

None

Motion to Adjourn

At 9:02 p.m., on motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk

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