

**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
MARCH 8, 2011**

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

Board Members Absent: N/A

Officers of the Board and Administrators Present:

Dr. Richard Marsh, Interim 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 Chiachiere and approved unanimously, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. 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 8:07 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session and entered into Public Session.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Board President Cummings asked for a moment of silence to honor Teresa Marshall, a teacher at Memorial Junior High School, who had passed away late last week.

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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.

Communications

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

New York State School Boards Association

- Alerts regarding the State Budget
- Information regarding various workshops

SCOPE

- Information for conference entitled “The Changing Population on Long Island”

Miscellaneous

- Letter from parent requesting late bus services for students attending private schools
- Invitation to North High School Spartan Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- Invitation to Annual PTA Council Legislative Breakfast

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the February 1, 2011 Committee Meeting, the February 8, 2011 Business Meeting and the February 17, 2011 Special Meeting.

Board President Cummings provided the following update regarding the Superintendent search:

Superintendent Search Update for VSCHSD as of March 2, 2011

Interested Candidates: 32 have expressed interest
Of those candidates, 28 are male and 4 are female

Current Work Location of
Candidates: 28 from New York State
3 from New Jersey
1 from Illinois

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Current Position Held: 9 Superintendents
12 Asst. Superintendents/Central Office
7 Principals
4 Other

Number of Candidates with
Doctorate degree: 16 hold a doctorate

How did the candidate learn
About the vacancy: 15 from the New York Times
7 from Education Week
10 Other

Superintendent's Report

Community members, students and parents addressed the Board with their questions and concerns regarding the proposed budget.

Approval of District Budget – 2011-12

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board approved the proposed school district budget for the 2011-12 school year in the amount of \$101,983,619.

On the question, Trustee Iadevaio asked about increasing the budget amount by \$15,000 in order to have a school sign placed at South High School. The Board members discussed this option and felt that it should be included as part of the expenditure from the Capital Reserve Account but dependent upon completing projects that are based on health and safety first.

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Authorization of Placement of Voter Proposition

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved the placement of the following voter proposition at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 17, 2011 and directs the District Clerk to forward to the District Clerks of Valley Stream UFSD 13, Valley Stream UFSD 24 and Valley Stream UFSD 30 to place said proposition in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

Resolved, that the proposed budget of expenditures of Valley Stream Central High School District, Nassau County, New York for the year 2011-2012 be approved in the amount of \$101,983,619 and that the sum be raised through a levy upon the taxable property in the Valley Stream High School District, after first deducting the monies from state aid and other sources, as provided by law.

Approval of Capital Reserve Proposition

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Central High School District hereby declares that a proposition to establish a capital reserve fund shall be submitted for approval by a majority vote of qualified voters of the District at the annual meeting and budget vote to be held on May 17, 2011, for the purpose of funding capital improvements in all the buildings of the District, which may include such projects as additions and reconstruction, roofing, asbestos abatement, heating/ventilation, masonry work, windows, and similar projects, plus architect and project management fees, ancillary or related work and site work required in connection therewith.

It is further resolved, the ultimate amount of the proposed capital reserve fund inclusive of accumulated interest shall be seven million, seven hundred thousand dollars (\$7,700,000); and

it is further resolved, that the proposed capital reserve fund shall have a term of ten (10) years and shall be funded by Board authorized transfers of unappropriated fund balances from the general fund and the interest accrued on such funds over the term of the capital reserve fund.

Approval of Capital Expenditure from Capital Reserve Fund

On motion of Trustee Stris and seconded by Trustee Jacobs, the Board hereby directs that a proposition to expend funds, in the maximum amount of \$1,000,317 from the existing capital reserve fund be submitted for approval by a majority vote of qualified voters of the District at the annual meeting and budget vote to be held on May 17, 2011 for the purpose of funding capital improvements at all buildings and District-wide, including an exterior sign at South High School and those projects as set forth on the Board of Education Building Tour document dated January 8, 2011, provided that the Board may amend the project list based on Board priorities.

On the question, Trustee Iadevaio requested that the wording of the proposition include the sign at South High School. Trustee Stris stated that the consensus during the building tour was to replace one school building sign each year. Trustee Trogel felt that it should come from the capital reserve account, however, after health and safety based projects were completed first.

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John Sheahan, Attorney for the District, stated that he would provide the District Clerk with the amended proposition that would include wording for the sign and that the projects would be based on Board priorities.

The vote was as follows:

Trustee Stris	No
Trustee Chiachiere	No
Trustee Iadevaio	Yes
Trustee Trogel	Yes
Trustee Antonelli	No
Trustee Wraith	Yes
Trustee Pean	Yes
Trustee Jacobs	No
Trustee Cummings	Yes

With a vote of 5 “yes” and 4 “no”, the motion passes.

Acceptance of Federal Audit

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the Federal Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, as presented by R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

Summer School 2011

On motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved to establish the offering of Summer School 2011.

Summer School will be at Central High School this year with Dr. Pompilio as Summer School Principal.

Acceptance of Superintendent of Schools’ Enrollment Projection Report for 2011-12

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved to accept, in accordance with Policy 5110, the Superintendent of Schools Enrollment Projection Report for 2011-12

Request to Accept Gift

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved to accept the following gifts to be housed at South High School:

Donated by: Project Green

Qty. One (1) Smartboard and Audio Equipment with Brackets

Value: \$3460 (as estimated by donor)

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Approval of The Mary Anfora Memorial Scholarship

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved The Mary Anfora Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, to be awarded to a 2011 graduating South High School student who meets the following criteria:

1. he/she is a student in good standing;
2. he/she demonstrates integrity and kindness; and
3. he/she will be attending a two year or four year college or technical school.

Health and Welfare Services

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Jacobs 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 29 students attending Holy Name of Mary School located in Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 @ \$460.80 per pupil;

Health and welfare services rendered to 9 students attending Our Lady of Peace School located in the Lynbrook School District @ \$764.80 per pupil;

Health and welfare services rendered to 161 students attending Kellenberg High School located in the Uniondale Union Free School District @ \$616.31 per pupil;

Health and welfare services rendered to 1 student attending the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County located in the Uniondale Union Free School District @ \$616.31 per pupil; and

Health and welfare services rendered to 62 students attending Holy Trinity Diocesan High School located in the Hicksville School District @ \$550.78 per pupil.

Information and Exploration

Dr. Marsh asked Dr. Joseph Pompilio, Principal of Central High School to introduce Margaret Milano and to present her with a Certificate of Recognition.

Student Recognition -

Finalist: National Merit Scholarship Competition

Central High School – Margaret Milano

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Saturday, March 12, 2011
Legislative Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Memorial Junior High School Cafeteria B

The Interim Superintendent reminded the Board and community about this event.

Dr. Marsh also shared with the Board that Central High School Senior Joanne Imbert won a State title in track and field over the past weekend and the District Rifle Team also won the State Championship.

Appeal

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board hereby upholds the determination of the Superintendent of Schools dated July 7, 2010 and denies the appeal of the parent listed on Confidential "A".

Attorney's Report

John Sheahan, Attorney for the District, presented a report regarding the Mandate Relief Redesign Team which was created by Governor Cuomo to consider ways to reduce unfunded or underfunded mandates on schools and local governments. A copy of the report was given to the District Clerk for distribution to the Board of Education.

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Education Report

Resignations

Request for Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the request for a leave of absence with pay prior to retirement in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Directors Association:

Michelle Gay – Director of Special Education – District
Effective: September 1, 2011
Retirement
Ms. Gay has been the District Director of Special Education for 10 years.

Leave Replacement Counselor Resignation

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

Jennifer Gaeta – Guidance Counselor – South
Effective February 28, 2011
Other Employment

Teaching Assistant Request for Leave of Absence without Pay

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following request for a leave of absence without pay:

Michelle Lyons – South
Effective March 9, 2011 – June 30, 2011
Ms. Lyons will be recommended for a leave replacement guidance counselor position.

Monitor Resignation

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

Patricia Smalling – North
Effective February 9, 2011
Retirement. Ms. Smalling has been a monitor at North for 28 years.

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Stipends/Salary Adjustments

Interscholastic Activities

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris 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>	
Central	Brian Fraser	JV Baseball HC	03/07-06/12	+	\$4,264	
	Christie Morgante*	JV Softball HC	03/07-06/12	+	\$4,264	
	Robert Santoro	JV Baseball HC	03/07-06/12	-	\$4,264	
Memorial	Douglas DeRosa	JH Boys Lacrosse HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,861	
	Michael DiGiovanna	JH Baseball (8 th) HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,861	
	Keith Flynn	JH Baseball AC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,072	
	Bryan Goldman	JH Baseball (7 th) HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,861	
	Karen Grant	JH Girls Lacrosse HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,861	
	Kaitlin Guarneri*	JH Softball HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,368	
	Jason Nappy	JH Track/Field AC	03/28-06/04	+	\$2,742	
	Jaelyn Polisi	JH Softball AC	03/28-06/04	+	\$2,816	
	Jessica Ricotta*	JH Girls Lacrosse AC	03/28-06/04	+	\$2,620	
	Robert Santoro	JH Track/Field AC	03/28-06/04	+	\$2,538	
	Benjamin Tangney	JH Track/Field HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,597	
	Daniel Tronolone, Jr.	JH Boys Lacrosse AC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,072	
	North	Daniel Bart*	JH Softball (8 th) HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,861
		Marc Dern*	JH Baseball AC	03/28-06/04	+	\$2,620
Christine DiLapi*		JV Softball HC	03/07-06/12	+	\$4,264	
Santo DiSclafani		JH Baseball (8 th) HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,861	
Valentin Fernandez		JH Softball AC	03/28-06/04	+	\$2,816	
Thomas Maddock		JH Track/Field HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,861	
Douglas Noble*		JH Baseball (7 th) HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,377	
Michael Paolillo		JH Track/Field (Coed) AC	03/28-06/04	+	\$2,984	
Kathleen Rieger		JH Softball (7 th) HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,368	
Laura West		JH Track/Field AC	03/28-06/04	+	\$2,742	
South		George Amitrano*	JH Softball (7 th) HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,368
		Christopher Bottjer	JH Softball AC	03/28-06/04	+	\$2,620
		Richard Boyd	JH Softball HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,861
	Kristin Cooney	JH Track/Field AC	03/28-06/04	+	\$2,984	
	Ellen Daniels	JH Track/Field HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,861	
	Daniel Drumm	JH Baseball (7 th) HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,861	
	Michael Mahler	JH Baseball (8 th) HC	03/28-06/04	+	\$3,861	

*Non District Employee

Co-Curricular Activities

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris 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>Effective</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Memorial	Darla Carberry	Stage Craft	3/15/11-5/15/11	+	\$1764
North	Jennifer Kehoe	Career/Technical Ed (.5)	02/17/11-6/30/11	-	\$587.50 *
	Vincenza Coppeto	Career/Technical Ed (.5)	2/17/11-6/30/11	+	\$587.50 *
South	Jennifer Gaeta	7 Grade Advisor (.5)	02/18/11-6/30/11	-	\$705.50 *
	Alessandra Petito	7 Grade Advisor (.5)	02/18/11-6/30/11	+	\$705.50 *

*prorated

Change of Salary - Column Reclassification

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following changes in column reclassification effective February 1, 2011:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Previous Column</u>	<u>New Column</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kim Alvarez	11MA+30	11MA+45	\$102,002
Christopher Baker	12MA+15	12MA+30	\$101,610
Renee Bobe	9MA+45	9MA+60	\$97,842
Kathleen Bock-Kearns	14MA+45	14MA+60	\$113,881
Renee Colonna	1BA	1BA+15	\$56,557
Anthony Geremina	4MA+15	4MA+30	\$77,073
Timothy Boyens	13MA+30	13MA+45	\$108,280
William Brown	6MA+15	6MA+30	\$83,125
Michael Frazer	14MA+30	14MA+45	\$111,370
Jennifer Kehoe	8BA+60	8MA	\$84,135
Anne Larkin	12MA+45	12MA+60	\$107,667
Julia Lenigan	7MA	7MA+15	\$84,155
Tara Lupo	8MA+30	8MA+45	\$92,333
Allen Nafte	9MA	9MA+15	\$90,645
Cristina Paul	5MA+30	5MA+45	\$82,871
Jennifer Polletta	11MA+30	11MA+45	\$102,002
Joseph Powers	10MA+15	10MA+30	\$95,479

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Approval of Teachers to Pass through Salary Gates

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Trogel 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>
Memorial	Tracy Alesia	9-10	3/3/2011
Memorial	Beth Ann Corsentino	19-20	4/26/2011
South	Stephanie Guzowski	9-10	3/27/2011

Department Heads, 2010-11

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved appointment of the following effective as noted at the stipend listed in the Board of Education Non Negotiating Salary Book:

<u>Department Head</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Jennifer Kehoe	North	PE, Health & CTE	-	\$3055*
Vanessa Coppeto	North	PE, Health & CTE	+	\$3055*

*Prorated

Appointment of Lunchroom Supervisors, 2010-11

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following with stipend subject to teacher negotiations:

<u>School</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Periods</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
South	Joseph Guastafeste	1	-	\$3,449.78*
South	Dawn Attard	1	+	\$3,449.78*

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>
Deborah Fletcher	South	Math	FMLA	2/14/11-3/30/11
Kimberly Mangieri	Memorial	Math	FMLA	3/3/11-3/23/11

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 2011

2. Summary of Cash Accounts

The Treasurer’s summary of cash accounts for the month of January 2011

3. Budget Status Reports

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011

- 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 January 31, 2011

- 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 February 28, 2011

- 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 2011

B. Informational Items

1. Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2010 – February 28, 2011)
2. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2010 – February 28, 2011)
3. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2010 – February 28, 2011)
4. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2010– February 28, 2011)
5. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2010 – February 28, 2011)

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C. Award of Driver Education Summer School Program Bid

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the following bid was approved:

Bids were advertised, in compliance with General Municipal Law 103, in the official newspapers of the District on Thursday, January 20, 2011 and Friday, January 21, 2011. 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 AM on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 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 #11/12-01)

D. Award of Student Agenda Bid

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following bid:

Bids were advertised, in compliance with General Municipal Law 103, in the official newspapers of the district on Thursday, January 20, 2011 and Friday, January 21, 2011. 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 Thursday, February 10, 2011, at which time they were opened and read aloud. The Business Committee recommends the bid be awarded to Premier Agenda, Bellingham, WA.

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 #10/11-14)

E. Transportation-Negotiated Contract

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the negotiated contract between the VSCHSD and Brown Transportation to provide transportation for a Valley Stream student living at the Pathways Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 1805 Providence Avenue, Niskayuna, New York to The Kevin G. Langan School, 314 South Manning Boulevard, Albany, New York for educational placement from February 15, 2011 to May 31, 2011 at the cost of \$19,200.

Policy Committee

No Action To Report

Old and New Business

None

Opportunity for Guests

- A parent asked the Board for an update on the investigation regarding the computer security breach at South High School.
- In addition, a community member addressed the Board with a request for a community forum with regards to the possibility of a consolidation study.
- A parent requested the Board to consider late bus services for private school students.

Motion to Adjourn

At 10:11 p.m., on motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned.

Submitted By:

Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk

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