

VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES • FEBRUARY 5, 2013

Committee Meeting

District Office Board Room

8:00 PM

1 Kent Road, Valley Stream, NY 11580

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Anthony Iadevaio	President	Present	
Elise Antonelli	Vice President	Absent	
Carolyn Pean	Trustee	Present	
Donna LaRocco	Trustee	Present	
Jeanne Jacobs	Trustee	Present	
Joseph DiSibio	Trustee	Present	
Kenneth Cummings	Trustee	Present	
Lawrence Trogel	Trustee	Late	9:00 PM
Frank Chiachiere	Trustee	Present	

B. Minutes Opened

Board President Iadevaio called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.. Upon motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Chiachiere and approved unanimously the Board entered into Executive Session for the employment history of a particular person, for the discussion regarding proposed pending and current litigation and for collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the civil service law (The Taylor Law).

At 8:01 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session and entered into Public Session.

Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel, Negotiations, Legal and Other Legally Permissible Issues

Draft Agenda for February 12, 2013 Business Meeting

Draft Minutes

- a. Minutes of January 5, 2013 Special Meeting

RESULT: DISCUSSED

- b. Minutes of January 8, 2013 Business Meeting

RESULT: DISCUSSED

- c. February 12, 2013 DRAFT Business Meeting Agenda

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Discussion Items

1. Board/Superintendent Goals - Greater Parent Access to the District's Student Information System

Dr. Heidenreich explained that at the Board of Education/Superintendent Retreat, one goal was to improve communication between the school and parents and guardians. Jill Vogel, District Director of Guidance, provided an overview of the progress with the Parent Portal and the future uses of it.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Superintendent's Proposed 2013-14 Budget

The Superintendent explained that under the tax cap, the rules have changed and Districts need to work to keep the budget under that cap. The State aid projections seem to indicate that the District will be receiving more money than last year but we will still need to make cuts. Dr. Loper added that there has been a 5% increase in state aid, however, he feels this is high due to an error in transportation aid calculations. Any of the capital projects are considered exemptions and are not included in the tax cap. If they were included, more cuts would need to be made.

The Assistant Superintendents reviewed the proposed cuts. Dr. Heidenreich added that with regard to the cuts in some athletic programs; changes have been made over the last few years without eliminating anything but the District is at the point now where we need to look at eliminating teams - teams that cost the most per pupil. Those are usually the teams that run "off grounds" such as bowling, rifle and golf.

Dr. Nekulak shared that the Principals were looking into finding creative ways to continue as many co-curricular activities as possible. They would like to scale back costs without taking away opportunities.

The Superintendent also addressed the possibility of changing more private school students from yellow buses to using the MTA transportation system. They are not being denied anything and Dr. Loper added that he has not received any complaints from anyone that is currently using the MTA passes. By adding three more schools, it could save approximately \$120,000. An advantage of using the MTA is that it provides late buses for kids who want to do sports and clubs. That has been a complaint in the past in that there was not late busing. Dr. Heidenreich said it comes down to what serves the greater good. The private school students would not be denied anything but if we continue to provide the yellow buses, it would come down to denying the students attending our schools, the larger population, programs.

Board President Iadevaio polled the Board to see if there was a consensus to go further with the use of MTA transportation. The consensus of the Board was yes.

Dr. Loper shared with the Board that there was a need to buy a new truck which would not come from the new budget but from the current budget. The Board President polled the Board and the consensus was to purchase the vehicle.

The Assistant Superintendent of Business said that there is a great deal of uncertainty with regard to the Tax Certiorari appeal. This could involve a great deal of money if it comes to pass and the District does not have any money budgeted for it. Dr. Loper feels that the District should create a reserve which he felt the District could cover with generated money. Dr. Heidenreich recommended that the money not be budgeted this year, he would rather preserve as many opportunities for the students as possible.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Student Parking

Dr. Heidenreich shared that a new twist had arisen with regard to the student parking issue. When the independent security group was at Central, they commended Dr. Pompilio on having the closed parking lot as it controlled the flow of traffic and access to the facility. So not only are we achieving student safety but also building safety. The

Superintendent feels that it would not be wise to reopen the lots after a safety professional has said it would reduce the safety for the building, therefore, he is recommending that the lots stay closed.

Trustee Trogel stated that originally, he did vote to revisit the policy, however now, he would want to get more information. In reality, any changes to the policy would not take effect until September so the Board should take the time now to get all the information. Would like to see the final report from the security experts. Feels this should be tabled and discussed properly.

The Superintendent said that on the bright side, the security group wants to use Central High School as a model security school. We are getting great advice but the best tool is an informed staff and student population.

The Board President polled the Board and the consensus is to put the changes into the policy and leave it on for first reading at the February 12th Board Meeting.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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ADJOURN

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Trogel and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 10:05 p.m.