

VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES • NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Business Meeting

District Office Board Room

8:00 PM

1 Kent Road, Valley Stream, NY 11580

Executive Session Notice

The Board will enter into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. and will re-enter Public Session at 8:00 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
William P. Stris	Trustee	Present	
Lisa Pellicane	Trustee	Present	
Cristobal Stewart	Trustee	Present	
James Lavery	Trustee	Present	
Anthony Iadevaio	Trustee	Present	
Carolyn Torres	Trustee	Present	
Jeanne Greco Jacobs	Vice President	Present	
Joseph DiSibio	Trustee	Present	
Lawrence Trogel	President	Present	

2. Meeting Opened

Board President Trogel called the meeting to order at 6:59pm. Upon motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris 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 8:08pm the Board came out of Executive Session and entered into Public Session.

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Information re: Emergency Exits

Recognition of Visitors

Communications

District Clerk, Gina Zaccari, shared that the Board of Education received the following correspondence:

New York School Boards Association

Information regarding various events and seminars

National School Board Association

Information regarding their annual conference

A letter from a parent requesting a meeting with the Board.

Minutes**A. Board of Education - Committee Meeting - Oct 7, 2014 8:00 PM**

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	William P. Stris, Trustee
SECONDER:	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

B. Board of Education - Business Meeting - Oct 14, 2014 8:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
SECONDER:	William P. Stris, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

New Business**A. Authorization to Execute Superintendent's Contract**

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the Superintendent's contract dated November 4, 2014.

In accordance with Board Policy 120, Trustee Stris submitted the following statement:

"One of the most important decisions a trustee must make, if not the most important, is to hire and compensate the CEO of the district. I understand this vote increases the salary of the Superintendent disproportionately to other staff members but to do otherwise is to be penny wise and pound foolish. I believe there is a dearth of qualified candidates for the position and to replace the CEO at this time would probably cost the district the same or more than we now compensate. This is not the time to experiment with new leadership with new leadership with all education mandates."

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 1]
MOVER:	William P. Stris, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Vice President
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel
NAYS:	Carolyn Torres

Superintendent of Schools**A. Acceptance of Audit**

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, as presented by D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

Tricia Lucas, from D'Arcangelo & Co., addressed the Board of Education and stated that the District had received the highest level of opinion during the recent audit.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	William P. Stris, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Vice President
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

B. Annual Fire Inspection Review

The Fire Inspector will be present to discuss the Annual Fire Safety Report which the Superintendent of Schools recommends the Board of Education accept.

The District's annual fire inspection was conducted on September 19, 2014; no violations were recorded.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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Information and Exploration

1. School Board Recognition Week Presentations

Dr. Heidenreich thanked all the teachers as well as the students for their hard work.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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2. New Course - STEM

Dr. Troisi discussed the formation of a new STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) pilot course that will be available for one semester as an elective course. No additional staffing will be required.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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3. Installation of Portable Field Lighting

Dr. Loper explained that the Valley Stream Soccer Club would like the placement of portable lights at Central for their use at practices and games.

Trustee Iadevaio stated that he felt there were many issues with the lights concerning the neighbors' quality of life (noise, brightness).

Vice President Jacobs questioned where these lights would be secured and refueled; stating that spillage is another issue to the District.

Trustee Stris felt a public hearing should be organized so that the District could hear from local residents.

President Trogel asked for a consensus of the Board for such a hearing; all Board members agreed that there were too many liabilities and that no such hearing would be organized and that the District will not go forward with the installation of portable lighting.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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4. Residency Advisory Committee Meeting - Monday, November 24, 2014, 8:30 A.M.

Unaccompanied youth (no documentation) will be discussed at this meeting, among other things.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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Attorney's Report

Greg Guercio, Attorney for the District, presented a report on a recent decision where a federal court granted a school district summary judgment against a student and his parents who alleged that the school district had "wrongfully suspended their son". The parents and student alleged that the school district's actions infringed the student's right to speech under the First Amendment. The federal court rejected these claims.

Education Committee

Resignation/Retirement

1. **Leave Replacement Teacher Resignation**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends acceptance of the following resignations:

Keith Fassano - Memorial - Special Education
Effective: November 7, 2014
Other employment

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Vice President
SECONDER:	William P. Stris, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

2. **Clerical Request for Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends approval 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 Educational Office Personnel:

Lisa Nolan - Principal Clerk Typist - South
Effective: December 31, 2014
Retirement

Ms. Nolan has been with the Valley Stream Central High School District for 25 years.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Vice President
SECONDER:	William P. Stris, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

Appointments

1. Appointment of Leave Replacement Teacher, 2014-15

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with the New York State Education Law, the Committee recommends appointment of the following (pending verification of credentials, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted at the salary, listed in the Valley Stream Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Brian Kelly - Special Education
 Salary Step 1 MA \$67,656 (prorated)
 Education: Adelphi University, BA; MA
 Tentative Assignment: Memorial
 Effective November 10, 2014
 To replace Mr. Fasano/Mrs. Gustav

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Vice President
SECONDER:	William P. Stris, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

2. Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2014-15

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends the appointment of the following as per diem substitutes at a rate of \$105 per diem without benefits:

Donna Bowen
 Jacqueline Brod
 Kristin Bremner
 Sofia Caceres
 Joanne Capolina
 Karen Cooney
 Scott Genovese
 Michael Gordon

Sulagna Guha
 Desire Hopkinson
 JooSoo Kim
 Ashley Learned
 Marie Lemus
 Marisa Moscato
 Stephanie Mueller
 Felicia Palmer
 Christopher Romeo

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Vice President
SECONDER:	William P. Stris, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

3. **Appointment of Part-Time Substitute Cleaner**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends appointment of the following (pending verification of fingerprinting) as a part-time substitute cleaner at a rate of \$12.00 per hour without benefits:

Anthony Ayers

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Vice President
SECONDER:	William P. Stris, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

Stipends/Salary Adjustments

1. **Interscholastic Athletics**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Committee recommends approval of the following stipends at the appropriate step:

School	Coach	Activity	Season	+/-	Stipend
District	Santo DiSclafani	Varsity Bowling Coed HC	11/17/2014-03/09/2015	+	\$5,918
	Erica McKee*	Varsity Fencing	11/10/2014-02/15/2015	+	\$4,464
	Cecelia Bocker*	Varsity Gymnastics	11/17/2014-03/24/2015	+	\$4,464
Central	Frank Alesia	JV Girls Basketball HC	11/17/2014-03/24/2015	+	\$5,571
	Hayward Alfred	Varsity Boys Basketball HC	11/17/2014-03/24/2015	+	\$8,108
	Jack Gorman	JV Boys Basketball HC	11/17/2014-03/24/2015	+	\$5,972

	Arsal M. Lacorte*	JV Wrestling HC	11/10/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$5,772
	Michael Luckert*	Varsity Wrestling HC	11/10/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$7,869
	William Miller	Varsity Indoor Track AC	11/17/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$4,320
	Jason Smith*	Varsity Boys Winter Track HC	11/17/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$4,633
	Jacqueline Starczewski	Varsity Girls Winter Track HC	11/17/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$4,633
	Malysa Thorngren	Varsity Girls Basketball HC	11/17/2014-03/24/2015	+	\$7,129
Memorial	Michael Di Giovanna	JH Girls Volleyball HC	11/05/2014-01/14/2015	+	\$3,794
	Michael Mc Quillan	JH Boys Basketball HC	11/05/2014-01/14/2015	+	\$4,406
North	Daniel Achatz	Varsity Boys Basketball HC	11/17/2014-03/24/2015	+	\$7,354
	David Aguado	JH Boys Basketball HC	11/05/2014-01/14/2015	+	\$3,927
	Carlo Balbo*	Varsity Winter Track AC	11/17/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$4,411
	Timothy Boyens	Varsity Boys Winter Track HC	11/17/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$5,148
	James Casella, Jr.	JV Girls Basketball HC	11/17/2014-03/24/2015	+	\$5,772
	Michael Frazer	Varsity Girls Winter Track HC	11/17/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$5,148
	Thomas Maddock	Varsity Wrestling HC	11/10/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$7,869
	Anthony Montemarano	JV Wrestling HC	11/10/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$5,205
	Geoffrey O'Connell	Varsity Girls Basketball HC	11/17/2014-03/24/2015	+	\$8,108
	Mary Parisi	JH Girls Volleyball HC	11/05/2014-01/14/2015	+	\$3,794
	Daniel Tronolone, IV	JV Boys Basketball HC	11/17/2014-03/24/2015	+	\$5,205
South	Christopher Bottjer	JV Wrestling HC	11/10/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$5,772
	Richard Boyd	JH Boys Basketball HC	11/05/2014-01/14/2015	+	\$4,406
	Michael Buonagurio	Varsity Wrestling HC	11/10/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$7,869
	Peter DiThomas	JH Girls Volleyball HC	11/05/2014-01/14/2015	+	\$3,794
	Daniel Drumm	Varsity Girls Basketball HC	11/17/2014-03/24/2015	+	\$8,108
	Matthew Johnsen	Varsity Boys Basketball HC	11/17/2014-03/24/2015	+	\$8,108
	George Karahalios	Varsity Boys Winter Track HC	11/17/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$5,010
	Mike O'Brien	JV Girls Basketball HC	11/17/2014-03/24/2015	+	\$5,205
	Kenneth Rice	Varsity Girls Winter Track HC	11/17/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$5,148
	Jessica Ricotta	Varsity Winter Track AC	11/17/2014-03/08/2015	+	\$4,591
	Glenn Wyche	JV Boys Basketball HC	11/17/2014-03/24/2015	+	\$5,972

*Non-district employee

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Vice President
SECONDER:	William P. Stris, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

Committee on Special Education

- Recommendation from the Committee on Special Education**
Be it resolved that the Board of Education arrange for the placement of students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Vice President
SECONDER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

Informational Item

1. **Salary Correction**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with the New York State Education Law, the Committee recommends the following salary correction effective as noted:

Name	Position	School	Appointed Salary	Corrected Salary
Jill Capozzi	P.T. Teacher Aide	Memorial	\$10.80	\$12.70

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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Business Report

Financial Reports

1. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report for the month of September 2014 is submitted for examination.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
SECONDER:	William P. Stris, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

2. **Budget Status Reports**

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

General Fund

Capital Fund

School Lunch Fund

Special Aid Fund

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
SECONDER:	Carolyn Torres, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

3. **Trial Balance Reports**

The Trial Balance Reports for the period July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

General Fund

Capital Fund

School Lunch Fund

Special Aid Fund

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
SECONDER:	James Lavery, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

4. **Revenue Reports**

The Revenue Status Reports for the period July 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

General Fund

Capital Fund

School Lunch Fund

Special Aid Fund

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Vice President
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

5. **Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor**

July 1, 2014-October 31, 2014

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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6. **Extracurricular Fund Reports**

The Extracurricular Fund Reports for the month of September 2014 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
SECONDER:	Carolyn Torres, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

Informational items

1. **Conference Attendance**
Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2014-October 31, 2014)

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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2. **Overnight Conference Attendance**
Staff (July 1, 2014-October 31, 2014)

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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3. **District Reimbursements**
Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2014-October 31, 2014)

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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4. **Meals and Refreshments**
(July 1, 2014-October 31, 2014)

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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C. Approval of District Deferred Compensation Plan

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream Central High School District wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions (the "Plan") for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream Central High School District is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law* and

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream Central High School District has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with the Valley Stream Central High School District by

providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax-favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream Central High School District hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials of the Valley Stream Central High School District are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the Plan; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Administrative Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission.

Adopted the 4th day of November, 2014, at a meeting of the Board of Education.

I hereby certify that the Valley Stream Central High School District is a local public employer within the meaning of Section 5 of the State Finance Law and that the adoption of the Plan has received all required approvals of any local governing body or officer and otherwise complies with local law.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
SECONDER:	William P. Stris, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

D. Award of Graduation Facilities Use Contract

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby awards a nonexclusive contract to Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus, 700 Northern Boulevard, Greenvale, New York, 11548 for use of facilities and premises for the graduation ceremony of Valley Stream Central High School, on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at a fee of \$9,763.00, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
SECONDER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

E. Approval of Special Education Residential Svces. Contract-Greenburgh-North Castle UFSD

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an agreement with Greenburgh-North Castle UFSD for Residential 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.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
SECONDER:	Joseph DiSibio, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

F. Approval of Special Education Services Contract-Hewlett-Woodmere Union Free School District

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an agreement with Hewlett-Woodmere Union Free School District 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.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
SECONDER:	Joseph DiSibio, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

G. Budget Transfers

Be it resolved, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Business Committee recommends the approval of budget transfers dated November 4, 2014 in accordance with Board Policy 6150.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
SECONDER:	Carolyn Torres, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

H. Disposal of Equipment

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and in accordance with Board of Education policy 6900, the Business Committee recommends the disposition of obsolete equipment.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
SECONDER:	Joseph DiSibio, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Iadevaio, Torres, Jacobs, DiSibio, Trogel

Policy Committee

A. Policies Recommended for Consideration as Revised on First Reading

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

- a. 5404 Student Wellness
- b. 6650 Claims Auditor
- c. 6680 Internal Audit Function
- d. 6700 Purchasing and Bidding
- e. 6760 Payment Procedures

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Old and New Business**Opportunity for Guests****Consideration of Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel, Negotiations, Legal and Other Legally Permissible Issues****ADJOURN**

On the motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Torres and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:55 pm.



Gina Zaccari
District Clerk