

VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES • MAY 7, 2013

Committee Meeting

District Office Board Room

8:00 PM

1 Kent Road, Valley Stream, NY 11580

1. Meeting Opened

Board President Iadevaio called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.. Upon motion of Trustee Cummings , seconded by Trustee Antonelli 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 8:09 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session and entered into Public Session.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Anthony Iadevaio	President	Present	
Elise Antonelli	Vice President	Present	
Carolyn Torres	Trustee	Present	
Donna LaRocco	Trustee	Present	
Jeanne Jacobs	Trustee	Present	
Joseph DiSibio	Trustee	Present	
Kenneth Cummings	Trustee	Present	
Lawrence Trogel	Trustee	Present	
Frank Chiachiere	Trustee	Present	

Draft Agenda for May 14, 2013

Draft Minutes

1. Minutes of March 16, 2013 Special Meeting

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Minutes of April 2, 2013 Committee Meeting

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Minutes of April 9, 2013 Business Meeting

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Minutes of April 17, 2013 BOCES Budget Vote Meeting

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Discussion Items

1. School Climate, Security and DASA

Dr. Heidenreich said that he would like to revisit the School Climate survey in the fall and then conduct a new survey in 2014 to see if improvements have been made. With regard to school security; the district has been working with law enforcement who have given us ideas for enhancements. Overall, the security in each of the buildings has been commended.

The Superintendent began the discussion by saying that we need to have a safe and healthy learning environment for the students and thanked everyone for their hard work in providing this in the buildings. Jill Vogel, District Director of Guidance and Chief Information Officer coordinated a presentation on the Dignity for All Students Acts (DASA). Administrators from each building presented how DASA is implemented including what is done in each building to promote anti-bullying. Board members then asked questions of the administrators present.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. School Report Card

Dr. Thomas Troisi, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Curriculum stated that overall, the District did very well on the School Report Card, which goes through the end of the 2011/2012 school year. Administrators will review the data and provide professional development to the teachers for the needed areas. The District needs to be proactive to meet the common core challenges.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Rifle

Dr. Heidenreich asked the Board for guidance regarding the rifle team. Board President Iadevaio said that they could go with just air rifle to give the team time to fundraise for the next year. Air Rifle only would cost approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000. He felt that once the range is closed, it is closed permanently. Dr. Loper shared that the current pellets used for air rifle use lead; it may reduce the amount of lead so that abatement was not needed every year but that would be something that they would need to look into. In addition, if they use air rifle only, the team would not compete as the coach has stated that the pellets used are not accurate.

Trustee Jacobs felt that a final decision needed to be made; rifle team parents are being led on from meeting to meeting without a final decision. The budget was approved without the rifle team and that is how it should stay. Trustee Cummings asked for the Superintendent's recommendation. The Superintendent stated that if we used money to fund air rifle only, it would be less fund balance. He thinks it would be dangerous to approve the budget and then put something back in.

Trustee Trogel felt that the Board reached a compromise with the private school parents regarding the busing which could possibly not be cost neutral. If it is not, where does that money come from? Then you want to pull another \$8-\$10,000 to keep a team for possibly only one more year if the parents cannot raise the funds.

Board President Iadevaio polled the Board to see if they were interested in keeping the rifle team, using air rifle, non-lead bullets only, at a cost of \$8,000 - \$10,000 a year. The consensus of the Board, 5 - 4, was to keep the rifle team, using air rifle, non-lead bullets only. Trustees DiSibio and Antonelli asked for all information regarding this: salaries involved, abatement timing, supplies, etc.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
SECONDER:	Elise Antonelli, Vice President
AYES:	Iadevaio, Antonelli, Torres, LaRocco, Jacobs, DiSibio, Cummings, Trogel, Chiachiere

Mary E. Colgan
District Clerk