

# VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Business Meeting

Memorial Junior High School, Cafeteria B,

8:00 PM

320 Fletcher Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580

### Executive Session Notice

The Board will enter into Executive Session at 6:30 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	Vice President	Present	
James Lavery	Trustee	Present	
Ingrid Wyllie	Trustee	Present	
Anthony Iadevaio	Trustee	Present	
Joseph DiSibio	Trustee	Present	
Lawrence Trogel	Trustee	Present	
Frank J. Chiachiere	President	Present	

### 2. Meeting Opened

Board President Chiachiere called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Upon motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Trogel 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 PM 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

#### A. Moment of Silence in Remembrance of District Deaf & Hearing Impaired Teacher Judith Blankmeyer

RESULT: DISCUSSED

### 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 workshops and webinars

School Attorney Report August 2015

## Minutes

### A. **Board of Education - Business Meeting - Aug 25, 2015 8:00 PM**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	William P. Stris, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

## New Business

### A. **Transportation Request Appeal**

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby denies the late transportation request appeals by the parents of the students identified on Confidential Schedule "A".

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lawrence Trogel, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

## Superintendent of Schools

### A. **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.

Fire Inspector Bruce Bingham shared with the Board that the annual (every 11 month) inspection was done between July and August this year; except for a few minor violations that were due to construction in the buildings, the District has once again received a "glowing" report.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DISCUSSED</b>
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### B. **Appointment of Homeless Liaison**

Be it resolved that Jennifer Gallagher be designated as Homeless Liaison, effective October 1, 2015.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	William P. Stris, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony Iadevaio, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

### C. **Health and Welfare Services**

Approval of contracts for Health and Welfare Services as requested for the

following school for the 2014-15 school year:

Health and Welfare Services rendered for 5 students attending St. Raymond's School in the East Rockaway Union Free School District @ \$1119.58 per pupil.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

### **Information and Exploration**

1. **Fall Residency Advisory Committee Meeting - Monday, November 23, 2015, 8:30 A.M.; Spring Meeting TBD**

Dr. Heidenreich stated that this year the District will be having an additional meeting in the Spring to accommodate residents of the area. Time and date will be determined at the Fall meeting.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

2. **Opening Day of School**

Dr. Heidenreich shared that he visited all schools on the first day, and despite the weather conditions, staff and students fell right back into the school routine.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

3. **2015 NYSSBA Proposed Resolutions and Voting Delegates Guide**

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

4. **Committee Meeting Topics**

Superintendent Heidenreich stated that at the start of each school year he has a tentative list of topics that he would like discussed with the Board. He stated that any additional topics that Board members would like to be discussed further, to please bring them to his attention.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

### **Attorney's Report**

#### **Education Committee**

##### **Resignations**

1. **Director of Special Education Resignation**

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

Patrice J. Dobies - District Office

Effective: September 30, 2015

Reason: Other employment

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Cristobal Stewart, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	William P. Stris, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

2. **Teacher Request for Retirement**

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

Judith Blankmeyer - District - Speech

Effective: August 17, 2015

Reason: Retirement

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DISCUSSED</b>
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**Appointments**

1. **Appointment of Part-Time Teacher, 2015 - 2016**

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 for credentials, fingerprinting and experience) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Dara Underberg - English (English 7-12, Permanent)

Salary: 1 MA+30 (.6).....\$36,460

Education: School of International Training, B.A.; C.U.N.Y., City College, M.A.Ed.

Effective: September 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Assignment: Central High School

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Cristobal Stewart, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	William P. Stris, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

2. **Appointment of Part-time Teacher/Part-Time Teaching Assistant**

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 for

credentials, fingerprinting and experience) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Lucia Vigliotti - Mathematics (Mathematics 7-12, Initial)  
 Salary: 1 MA (.9).....\$51,173  
 Salary: TA (.1).....\$4,585  
 Education: Adelphi University, B.S.; Adelphi University, M.A. Ed.  
 Effective: September 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016  
 Assignment: South High School  
 This resolution supersedes two June 9, 2015 resolutions appointing Ms. Vigliotti as a .6 Math teacher and a .4 Teaching Assistant at South High School

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Cristobal Stewart, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Lawrence Trogel, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

- 3. **Appointment of Part-Time Teaching Assistants, 2015-2016**  
 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 for credentials, fingerprinting and experience) effective as noted at the salary unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:
  - a. Rebecca Krieger  
 Salary: Step 1 (.3).....\$13,782  
 Effective: September 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016  
 Assignment: South High School  
 Ms. Krieger will continue as a .6 part-time Spanish teacher at South High School
  - b. Jordan Ashley  
 Salary: Step 1 (.4).....\$18,377 (prorated)  
 Effective: September 9, 2015 - June 30, 2016  
 Assignment: North High School
  - c. George Karahalios  
 Salary: Step 1 (.9).....\$29,862  
 Effective: September 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016  
 Assignment: Central High School

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Cristobal Stewart, Vice President  
**SECONDER:** William P. Stris, Trustee  
**AYES:** Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

4. **Appointment of Probationary Maintainers**

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, pending negotiations, unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

- a. Joseph Aprea  
 Salary .....\$41,861 (prorated)  
 Tentative Assignment: District  
 Twenty six week probationary period effective September 9, 2015 - March 8, 2016  
 Mr. Aprea is replacing Mr. Regonini
  
- b. Sean Beckerman  
 Salary .....\$41,861 (prorated)  
 Tentative Assignment: District  
 Twenty six week probationary period effective September 9, 2015 - March 8, 2016  
 This is a new position

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Cristobal Stewart, Vice President  
**SECONDER:** Lawrence Trogel, Trustee  
**AYES:** Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

5. **Appointment of Part-Time Teacher Aides**

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 unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Name	Building	Step	Salary
Jeanne Tundis	North	1	\$13.00
Catherine Shubert	South	1	\$13.00

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Cristobal Stewart, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Lawrence Trogel, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

6. **Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2015 - 2016**  
 Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends the appointment of the following as per diem substitutes at a rate of \$110 per diem without benefits:

Joseph Andreaci	Jacqueline Kucich
Linda Tarabochia	

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Cristobal Stewart, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Lawrence Trogel, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

**Stipends/Salary Adjustments**

1. **Appointment of Adult Education Personnel, Fall 2015**  
 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 effective as noted on an as need basis to be determined by administration:

<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>
Pearl Brummer	Senior Citizens Education Seminar	\$20.00
Shifu Liz Connors	Tai Chi Chuan	\$25.00
Michael Delia	Basic Drawing	\$25.00
JoAnne Devine	Exercise for Health	\$40.00
JoAnne Devine	Chair Yoga for Health	\$40.00
Doreen Gladstone	Intro to Microsoft Office	\$40.00
Darryl Granum	Zumba	\$25.00
Elaina Marku	Kundalini Yoga	\$40.00
Christina Mastroserio	Volleyball Beginner	\$32.50
Christina Mastroserio	Volleyball Advanced	\$32.50
Timothy Murphy	Microsoft Excel	\$30.00

Winnie Tsai	Chinese Painting	\$30.00
Todd Holly	Community Band	\$40.00

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Cristobal Stewart, Vice President  
**SECONDER:** William P. Stris, Trustee  
**AYES:** Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

2. **Approval for Prior Supervisions**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education authorizes the payment of \$268.80 to Ann Marie Grace for athletic supervisions occurring on January 10, 2015, January 20, 2015 and February 13, 2015.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Cristobal Stewart, Vice President  
**SECONDER:** Lawrence Trogel, Trustee  
**AYES:** Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

3. **Interscholastic Activities, 2015 - 2016**

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

School	Coach	Activity	Season	+/-	Stipend
Central	Nadir Almakay	JV Football Assistant	9/2/15 - 11/29/15	-	\$4,750 (prorated)
	Greg Gonzalez	JV Football Assistant	9/9/15- 11/29/15	+	\$4,750 (prorated)
	Vincent Vecchione*	Var. Football Volunteer	8/17/15 - 11/29/15	-	n/a
North	Christina Cobucci*	JH Cross Country HC (Coed)	9/9/15 - 11/2/15	+	\$2,644
South	Brian Hicks*	Var. Soccer Volunteer	8/24/15 - 11/22/15	-	n/a
	Terence Meaney*	JH Football Assistant	9/9/15 - 11/2/15	+	\$3,556

\*Non district employee

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Cristobal Stewart, Vice President  
**SECONDER:** William P. Stris, Trustee  
**AYES:** Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

4. **Co-Curricular Activities, 2015 - 2016**



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

School	Staff Member	Activity	Effective	Stipend
South	Jeanette Azzaretto	Project Green	9/1/15 - 6/30/16	\$1,241
	Virginia Calderaro	World of Difference (.5)	9/1/15 - 6/30/16	\$1,363.50
	David Fritz	Newspaper (.5)	9/1/15 - 6/30/16	\$2,334.50
	Laura Pokorny	It's Academic	9/1/15 - 6/30/16	\$1,241
	Hailey Silverstein	Video Club	9/1/15 - 6/30/16	\$3,556
	Regina Visone	World of Difference (.5)	9/1/15 - 6/30/16	\$1363.50

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Cristobal Stewart, Vice President  
**SECONDER:** Lawrence Trogel, Trustee  
**AYES:** Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

**5. 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
Melissa Kreinin	Part-time Teaching Assistant	South	\$18,749	\$18,759

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Cristobal Stewart, Vice President  
**SECONDER:** Lawrence Trogel, Trustee  
**AYES:** Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

**Committee on Special Education**

**1. Recommendations 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.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Cristobal Stewart, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	William P. Stris, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

### Information Items

1. **Request for Leave, 2015 - 2016**

The following staff member has requested and is granted unpaid leave effective as noted:

Name	School	Area	Provision	Effective
Robert LaBarbera	South	Supervisory Aide	FMLA	9/10/15 - 9/30/15

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DISCUSSED</b>
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### Business Report

#### Financial Reports

1. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report for the month of July 2015 is submitted for examination.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joseph DiSibio, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

2. **Trial Balance Reports**

The Trial Balance Reports for the period July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

General Fund

Capital Fund

School Lunch Fund

Special Aid Fund

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joseph DiSibio, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

3. **Revenue Reports**

The Revenue Status Reports for the period July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

General Fund

Capital Fund

School Lunch Fund

Special Aid Fund

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joseph DiSibio, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

4. **Budget Status Reports**

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

General Fund

Capital Fund

School Lunch Fund

Special Aid Fund

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joseph DiSibio, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

5. **Extracurricular Fund Reports**

There are no Extracurricular Fund Reports for the month of July & August 2015.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joseph DiSibio, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

### **Informational items**

1. **Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor**  
July 1, 2015-August 31, 2015

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DISCUSSED</b>
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2. **Conference Attendance**  
Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2015-August 31, 2015)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DISCUSSED</b>
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3. **Overnight Conference Attendance**  
Staff (July 1, 2015-August 31, 2015)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DISCUSSED</b>
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4. **District Reimbursements**  
Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2015-August 31, 2015)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DISCUSSED</b>
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5. **Meals and Refreshments**  
(July 1, 2015-August 31, 2015)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DISCUSSED</b>
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### **C. Award of URAC Corporation Contract**

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby awards a contract to URAC Corp. to analyze electric and gas charges at a cost of 50% of all refunds that URAC secures, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joseph DiSibio, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	William P. Stris, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

**D. Approval for Use of School Facilities**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with Board of Education Policy #1330, the Business Committee recommends the approval of the following organization for first time use of school facilities:

- Catalyst Prep, LLC.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joseph DiSibio, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Stris, Pellicane, Stewart, Lavery, Wyllie, Iadevaio, DiSibio, Trogel, Chiachiere

**Policy Committee**

**Old and New Business**

**Opportunity for Guests**

A parent asked if students would be allowed to use smart phone apps such as a graphing calculators in class, and if they are not allowed, if the Board would reconsider this policy. Supt. Heidenreich stated that even though the Board of Regents strictly denies any use of smart phones for regents testing, it is under the teacher's discretion about use in the classrooms and that he would follow up on this issue.

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

**ADJOURN**

On the motion of Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:34 PM.



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Gina Zaccari  
District Clerk