

VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES • JANUARY 9, 2018

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.

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
William P. Stris	President	Present	
Lisa Pellicane	Trustee	Present	
James Lavery	Trustee	Present	
Ingrid Wyllie	Trustee	Absent	
Toni Pomerantz	Trustee	Present	
John Maier	Vice President	Present	
Sean Douglas	Trustee	Present	
Armando Hernandez	Trustee	Present	
Kenneth Cummings	Trustee	Present	

Meeting Opened

Board President Stris called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Upon motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Maier 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.

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

The District Clerk reported that the Board received correspondence from a parent praising a workshop she and her daughters attended. The Board was also advised of correspondence regarding the Waiver Committee.

Minutes

A. Board of Education - Committee Meeting - Dec 5, 2017 8:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
SECONDER:	Armando Hernandez, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

B. Board of Education - Business Meeting - Dec 12, 2017 8:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
SECONDER:	Armando Hernandez, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

New Business

A. District Maintainer Resignation

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

Robert Chiapuzzi
 Assignment: District
 Effective: January 9, 2018
 Reason: Personal

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
SECONDER:	Armando Hernandez, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

Superintendent of Schools

A. Authorization to Execute Stipulation of Settlement

Be it resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Stipulation of Settlement and General Release (“Stipulation”) with the parents of the student identified on Confidential Schedule “A,” and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute such Stipulation on behalf of the Valley Stream Central High School District.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Maier, Vice President
SECONDER:	Armando Hernandez, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

- B. Authorization to Ratify Agreement with the VSTA Supervisory Aides Unit**
Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the Agreement with the VSTA Supervisory Aides Unit dated December 21, 2017.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Armando Hernandez, Trustee
SECONDER:	Sean Douglas, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

- C. Approval of the Ed and Gen MacLean Memorial Scholarship**
Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the Ed and Gen MacLean Memorial Scholarship to be awarded annually to a graduating senior at Valley Stream Central High School and Valley Stream South High School in the amount of \$5000 each based upon the following criteria:

- Attended Valley Stream Schools from 1st through 12th grade
- Demonstrated commitment and participation in the school community and/or larger outside community
- Good academic standing
- Submit a 250 word essay responding to the following: “What does citizenship mean to you, and how has that played a part in your growing up in Valley Stream?”

Richard MacLean, the son of Ed and Gen MacLean, spoke of his parents' dedication to the School District and to the Valley Stream Community. His father was a past Board of Education President of the Valley Stream Central High School District. To honor his parents these scholarships have been established.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Armando Hernandez, Trustee
SECONDER:	John Maier, Vice President
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

Information and Exploration

1. **Joint Boards Meeting, Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 PM**

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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Attorney's Report

The attorneys advised the District that they successfully defended the South Country Central School District before the Commissioner of Education in an appeal involving a voter proposition. A resident of that district wanted a proposition placed before the voters reducing the mileage limit for eligibility for transportation. The proposition did not advise the voters that this would increase the tax levy in excess of the district's tax limit and require that the district's budget be approved by 60% rather than 50%. The District contacted some of the people who signed the petition for the proposition and found that some were unaware of this and several asked that their names be removed from the petition. After the names were removed, the petition no longer had the sufficient number of names required and the Board of Education voted to reject it. The Petitioner appealed this, but the Commissioner of Education upheld the Board's decision not to place the proposition on the ballot.

Education Committee

Lisa Pellicane, Chair; Sean Douglas; Kenneth Cummings

Retirements/Resignations - Consent Agenda A1-A6

1. Athletic Director Resignation

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

Joanna Katz - Central High School
Effective: January 11, 2018
Reason: Personal

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

2. Supervisory Aide Resignation

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

Mohamed Mohideen - South High School
Effective: December 16, 2017
Reason: Personal

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

3. **Permanent Substitute Resignation**

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

Susan Gallo - South High School
Effective: January 2, 2018
Reason: Other Employment

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

4. **Building Monitor Resignation**

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

Mary Powell - North High School
Effective: January 12, 2018
Reason: Other Employment

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

5. **Teacher Aide Resignation**

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

Claudine Claiborne - Memorial Junior High School
Effective: December 27, 2017
Reason: Personal

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

6. **Part-Time Clerk Resignation**
 Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends approval of the following resignation:

Mary Powell - North High School
 Effective: January 12, 2018
 Reason: Other Employment

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

Appointments

1. **Appointment of Provisional Principal Typist Clerk**
 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:

Pauletta Key
 Salary Step 1.5.....\$40,488 (prorated)
 Assignment: District Special Education Office
 Effective: January 10, 2018
 Experience: Ms. Key has been a Senior Typist Clerk in the Special Education Office for the Valley Stream Central High School District for 7 months.
 To replace: Ms. Mary Colgan

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER:	John Maier, Vice President
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

2. **Appointment of Athletic Director, 2017 - 2018**

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 at the stipend listed in the Valley Stream Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Athletic Director	School	Step	Stipend
Michael Rubino	Central	1	\$9,665*

*prorated

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER:	Armando Hernandez, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

3. **Appointment of Teacher Aide - Special Education, 2017-2018**

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	School	Step	Salary	Effective Date
Talat Adrees	North	1	\$17,300	January 16, 2018

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER:	Sean Douglas, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

4. **Appointment of Per Diem Substitute, 2017 - 2018**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends the appointment of the following as a per diem

substitute at a rate of \$115 per diem without benefits:

Samantha Cannistraci

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER: John Maier, Vice President
AYES: Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT: Ingrid Wyllie

Stipends/Salary Adjustments - Consent Agenda C1-C4

1. Approval to Pass through Salary Gate

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Commit recommends the approval of the following to pass though salary gates effec as noted:

School	Staff Member	Title	Step	Effective
District	Patricia Wilson	Sr. Acct. Clerk	4.5 - 5	1/01/2018

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER: John Maier, Vice President
AYES: Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT: Ingrid Wyllie

2. Appointment of Adult Education Personnel, Spring 2018

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:

Instructor	Course	Hourly Rate
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 Excel	\$40.00
Sarah Haass	Health & Wellness	\$25.00
Elaina Marku	Kundalini Yoga AM	\$40.00
Elaina Marku	Kundalini Yoga PM	\$40.00
Christina Mastroserio	Volleyball Beginner	\$32.50
Christina Mastroserio	Volleyball Advanced	\$32.50

Barbara Siems	Chair Yoga	\$40.00
Barbara Siems	Gentle Yoga	\$40.00

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER:	John Maier, Vice President
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

3. **Interscholastic Activities, 2017 - 2018**

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
Memorial	Michael DiGiovanna	JH Boys Volleyball HC	1/16/18 - 3/21/18	+	\$3,924
	Michael McQuillan	JH Girls Basketball HC	1/16/18 - 3/21/18	+	\$4,558
	Steven Sharkey	JH Wrestling HC	1/16/18 - 3/21/18	+	\$4,172
North	Geoffrey O'Connell	JH Girls Basketball HC	1/16/18 - 3/21/18	+	\$4,062
	Mary Parisi	JH Boys Volleyball HC	1/16/18 - 3/21/18	+	\$3,924
	Nicholas Romano	JH Wrestling HC	1/16/18 - 3/21/18	+	\$4,062
South	Christopher Bottjer	JH Wrestling HC	1/16/18 - 3/21/18	+	\$4,558
	Richard Boyd	JH Girls Basketball HC	1/16/18 - 3/21/18	+	\$4,558
	Anthony Dalli**	Varsity Winter Track AC	12/22/17 - 3/4/18	-	\$4,469*
	Peter DiThomas	JH Boys Volleyball HC	1/16/18 - 3/21/18	+	\$3,924

*prorated

**Non-district employee

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER:	John Maier, Vice President
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

4. **Co-Curricular Activities, 2017 - 2018**

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
North	Kristen Gebhard	Stagecraft Fall (.5)	11/1/17 - 11/17/17	\$784.50
	Kristen Gebhard	Stagecraft Sp. (.5)	2/26/18 - 4/19/18	\$784.50
	Anthony Montemarano	Stagecraft Fall (.5)	11/1/17 - 11/17/17	\$784.50
	Anthony Montemarano	Stagecraft Sp. (.5)	2/26/18 - 4/19/18	\$784.50
South	Joseph Aguila	Newspaper (.5)	12/15/17 - 6/30/18	\$1,823.50*
	David Fritz	Newspaper (.5)	12/15/17 - 6/30/18	(\$2,394.50)*

*Prorated

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER:	John Maier, Vice President
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

Committee on Special Education

- 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.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Pellicane, Trustee
SECONDER:	John Maier, Vice President
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

Informational Item

Business Report

Ingrid Wyllie-Dacon, Chair; Armando Hernandez; Toni Pomerantz

Financial Reports - Consent Agenda A1-A5

- Treasurer's Report**
The Treasurer's report for the month of November 2017 is submitted for examination.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Armando Hernandez, Trustee
SECONDER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

2. **Budget Status Reports**

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

General Fund

Capital Fund

School Lunch Fund

Special Aid Fund

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Armando Hernandez, Trustee
SECONDER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

3. **Trial Balance Reports**

The Trial Balance Reports for the period July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

General Fund

Capital Fund

School Lunch Fund

Special Aid Fund

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Armando Hernandez, Trustee
SECONDER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

4. **Revenue Reports**

The Revenue Status Reports for the period July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

General Fund

Capital Fund

School Lunch Fund

Special Aid Fund

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Armando Hernandez, Trustee
SECONDER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

5. **Extracurricular Fund Reports**

The Extracurricular Fund Reports for the month of December 2017 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Armando Hernandez, Trustee
SECONDER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

Informational items

1. **Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor**
(July 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017)

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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2. **Conference Attendance**

Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017)

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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3. **District Reimbursements**

Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017)

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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4. **Overnight Conference Attendance**

Staff (July 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017)

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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5. **Meals and Refreshments**

(July 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017)

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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- C. **Approval of Special Education Contract-Woodward Mental Health Center**
 Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an agreement with Woodward Mental Health Center 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:	Armando Hernandez, Trustee
SECONDER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

Policy Committee

James Lavery, Chair; Toni Pomerantz; John Maier

- A. **Policies Recommended for Adoption as Revised on Second Reading**
 The following policies are presented for adoption as revised on second reading:
- 5460 - Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting
- 5460 R - Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting Regulation
- 4741 - Class Ranking

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Lavery, Trustee
SECONDER:	Kenneth Cummings, Trustee
AYES:	Stris, Pellicane, Lavery, Pomerantz, Maier, Douglas, Hernandez, Cummings
ABSENT:	Ingrid Wyllie

- B. **Policy Recommended for Consideration as Revised on First Reading**
 The following policy is presented for consideration as revised on first reading:
- 6700 - Purchasing and Bidding

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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Old and New Business

Opportunity for Guests

Anthony Cruz Jr., the Student Council President at Valley Stream Central High School presented a petition to the Board to consider creating a non-voting seat on the School Board for a student from the District. He believes that this position would allow students to have representation in the decisions that affect their education.

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

Motion to Adjourn

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Maier and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:17 PM.

ADJOURN



Joyce Edelman
District Clerk