

***These are the Official minutes of the regular meeting of the Valley Stream UFSD #30 Board of Education.***

**Date:** February 23, 2009

**Location of Meeting:**  
Shaw Avenue Library Media Center

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Egbuchulam and seconded by Trustee Stewart to go into Executive Session at 7:46 pm for the purposes of employment history of a particular person(s).

**Board Members Present:**

K. Cummings, T. Egbuchulam,  
C. Stewart, E. Antonelli

**Board Members Absent:**

M. Fletcher

**Staff Members Present:**

E. Kanas, Superintendent of Schools  
E. Cullen, Assistant Superintendent for Business

**Staff Member Absent:**

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education reconvened the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:03 pm.

**Board Members Present:**

K. Cummings, T. Egbuchulam,  
E. Antonelli, C. Stewart

**Board Members Absent:**

M. Fletcher

**Staff Members Present:**

E. Kanas, Superintendent of Schools  
E. Cullen, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
P. Burns, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction  
H. Rabinowitz – Director of Special Education  
R. Meloni, Director of Technology  
G. Abbate, Director of Facilities  
T. Scrocco, H. Levine, A. Hudson, Building Principals  
A. O'Brien, District Clerk

**Staff Members Absent:**

**Others in Attendance:**

B. Wieder, T. Wieder, D. Cerrone, J. Innella, J. Luba, M. Acevedo, I. Epstein, et al.

**I. Superintendent's Report**

- a. The Superintendent's Report was submitted and placed on file.
- b. Mr. Cullen updated the board on the audit being performed at Valley Stream #30 by the NYS Comptroller's Office.
- c. Dr. Kanas updated the board on the Strategic Planning Committee.
- d. Dr. Kanas updated the board regarding the progress of National Grid in the Clear Stream neighborhood.
- e. All administrative reports were accepted as submitted

## II. Board President's Report

- a. Mr. Cummings stated the board will be meeting on 03/16/09 to discuss the budget and on 03/23/09 the board will have the public session regarding the budget at which time the district will adopt the budget and on which date the Board will adopt such.
- b. Mr. Cummings thanked Ms. Hudson, Principal of the Shaw Avenue School for hosting the Founders Day Celebration. It was a wonderful evening and was very well attended.
- d. Correspondence – a letter was received from M. Weinick regarding the Nassau Boces upcoming Election.

## III. Public Comment

- a. There was none.

## IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. Reading/Adoption of Minutes (see attachments)
  1. On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education dispensed with the reading of the minutes as listed.

Regular Meeting	January 26, 2009
Work Session Meeting	February 9, 2009
  2. On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted the minutes as listed.

Regular Meeting	January 26, 2009
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## V. Education – New Business

- a. Committee for Special Education

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education agreed to provide programs and services for the following special education students as indicated.
- b. Committee for Preschool Special Education

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education agreed to provide programs and services for the following preschool special education students as indicated.
- c. Student Observer Placements

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education authorized placement of the following student observers:

<b>University/Student</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Duration</b>
<u>Long Island University</u> Christa Buccola	<u>Shaw Avenue School</u> S. Perrone, Gr. 2	Spring 2009 20 hours (Tues./Thurs.)
<u>Mt. St. Mary's College</u> Amanda Vagnone	<u>Shaw Avenue School</u> J. Smithok, Gr. 3	Spring 2009 10 hours
<u>Hofstra University</u> Matthew Wynn	<u>Clear Stream Avenue School</u> J. Greiss, P.E.	Spring 2009 30 hours
<u>Hofstra University</u> Titilayo Hodges	<u>Shaw Avenue School</u> N. Clark	Spring 2009 30 hours (Fridays)

**VI. Education – New Business (continued)**

d. Home Tutor Services

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached 2008-09 Home Tutor Roster for the provision of home tutoring services, on an as needed basis, at the VSTA contractual rate for home tutor services.

e. Independent Contractor Services Agreement – AUSSIE

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached proposal and contract for the utilization of consultant services of AUSSIE Partners in Professional Development to conduct staff development in the area of literacy at a cost not-to-exceed \$19,075, as funded through the NCLB Title I, Title II-A and Title III-A grants and authorized the board president to execute such contract.

f. NYS Child Abduction Prevention Education Grant

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the disbursement of the NYS Child Abduction Prevention Education grant funds, in the amount of \$10,000.00, as specified for the 2008-09 school year.

g. School Calendar – 2009-10

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached calendar for the 2009-10 school year. The Valley Stream Superintendents and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association, Local 1633, agreed upon this calendar.

h. Retirement – Faculty

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Barbara Wieder from Valley Stream UFSD #30, for retirement purposes, and approved the request for a leave of absence with pay prior to retirement as indicated in Ms. Wieder's letter of February 10, 2009 in accordance with Section 5.9 (Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement) of the Agreement between Valley Stream Teachers' Association, Local 1633, and the Valley Stream UFSD #30 Board of Education, effective July 1, 2009.

i. Board of Education Policies

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education adopted the following board regulation.

Policy #

5420-R

Student Health Services Regulation

**ITEM OF INFORMATION**

Additional Credits

The following District teachers have completed additional graduate credits for salary purposes, retroactive to 02/01/09 (See Graduate Credit Attachment sheet.)

**VII. Business – New Business**

a. Appointments – School Monitor P/T

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of the following School Monitors P/T effective 02/24/09.

Annette Birch	Step 1	\$11.39 per hr	Clear Stream Avenue School
Naila Anjum Khalid	Step 1	\$11.39 per hr	Clear Stream Avenue School
Gabrielle Schwartz	Step 1	\$11.39 per hr	Shaw Avenue School

b. Permanent Appointments – Teacher Aides F/T

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the following permanent appointments to the position of Teacher Aide F/T effective 03/02/09.

Marie Cintorino	Clear Stream Avenue School
Katina Demas	Shaw Avenue School

c. Architect Contract

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached contract with the school architect for the Shaw Ave. capital projects (roof replacement and rescue window retrofit) and authorized the board president to execute such. Please note that the school architect was approved at the July 2, 2008 board reorganization meeting (Item # 9.f.) and that the school attorney has prepared said contract with the assistance of Greg Abbate and Ed Cullen.

d. Special Education Service Provider Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved, subject to the changes requested by the school attorney, special education services provider agreements with Kristine Albanese and New York Therapy. Please note that these providers were approved at the September 22, 2008 board meeting (Item # 7.a.). Please see the attached documents.

e. Claims Auditor Report 2007-08

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached R.S. Abrams (claims auditor) report for the 2007-08 fiscal year. Please note that this report was presented in public session at the January 26, 2009 board meeting.

f. Health and Welfare Service Agreements

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the health and welfare service agreements for the Uniondale UFSD (2007-08 school year) and the Valley Stream UFSD #24 (2008-09 school year) and authorized the execution and payment of such.

## VII. Business – New Business (continued)

g. Cooperative Bids 2009-10

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education authorized Valley Stream UFSD #30 to enter into cooperative bids with the school districts and products/services for the 2009-10 fiscal year in accordance with General Municipal Law. Please see the attached list.

h. New York Cooperative Bid Program/Education Data Services 2009-10

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education authorized the membership and participation in the New York Cooperative Bid Program for skilled trades through Educational Data Services for the 2009-10 fiscal at a cost of \$1,650. Please see the attached list.

i. 2008-09 Building Level Emergency Response Plan Revisions

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved all revisions to the 2008-09 Building Level Emergency Response Plans.

j. Labor Counsel Contracts

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education authorized the President of the Board to execute the Labor Counsel contracts covering the periods March 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 and July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012. Please see attached contracts.

k. Annual Meeting

1. On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education adopted the resolution calling for the annual vote to be held Tuesday, May 19, 2009 (7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) and setting the date for registration, Tuesday, May 12, 2009, (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.); appointing the Board of Registration and Canvass for said vote and authorizing the appointment of Chief Inspectors, Assistant Inspectors and Inspectors of Election by the District Clerk to carry out the necessary procedures for the registration day and voting day.
2. On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education authorized the publishing of this resolution in the *Newsday* and *Valley Stream Herald*.
3. On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education adopted the resolution setting April 20, 2009 as the final date to receive petitions to be placed on the ballot for the 2009 annual meeting.
4. On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education set April 20, 2009 as the final date to receive petitions for Board candidates. (Board candidate petitions require 25 signatures of qualified voters of the District or 2% of those who voted in the previous annual election; whichever is greater, in accordance with §2018 of the State Education Law.) All petitions must be received before 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2009. The signature on the above mentioned petitions must be signatures of residents qualified to vote in the coming election.

**VII. Business – New Business (continued)**

1. Board of Registry and Canvass

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education established the rate of payment for the update of the voting register on Step 2 in accordance with the current salary schedule. Names to be submitted by the District Clerk.

**VIII. Finance – New Business**

a. Treasurer’s Report

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Treasurer’s Report for the month ending January 2009.

b. Revenue & Expenditure Reports

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the 2008-09 Revenue and Expenditure Reports (both through January 30, 2009) that are attached.

c. Transfers Between Accounts (2008-09)

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the transfers between accounts for the 2008-09 school year as delineated in the attached sheet.

d. Claims Auditor Findings

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, Seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education adopted the internal claim audit finding of R. S. Abrams for their January 20, 2009 and February 03, 2009 visits. Please note that 571 items were reviewed and there were 6 non-conformances (98.9% in conformance). Please see the attached documents.

**IX. Building & Grounds – Items of Information**

a. Monthly Maintenance Report

The Maintenance Report for February was accepted as submitted.

b. Vandalism Report

The Vandalism Report for February was accepted as submitted.

**X. Old Business**

a. There was none.

**XI. Public Comment**

b. There was none.

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the regular meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O’Brien  
District Clerk