

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

Date: April 27, 2009

Location of Meeting:
Shaw Avenue Library Media Center

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Antonelli and seconded by Trustee Fletcher to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for the purposes of discussing legal issues.

Board Members Present:

K. Cummings, T. Egbuchulam, M. Fletcher
E. Antonelli

Board Members Absent:

C. Stewart

Staff Members Present:

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

Staff Member Excused:

P. Burns, Assistant Superintendent
for Instruction

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education adjourned the Executive Session of the Board of Education at 7:59 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Staff Members Present:

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

Staff Members Excused:

P. Burns, Assistant Superintendent for
Instruction

Others in Attendance:

A. Pernick, J. Lichter, M. Pascuma-Gangi, J. Granger, D. Clarke, K. Pares, D. Ragone, N. Dougherty, J. Dody, P. Serio, T. Farrell, E. Fitzgerald, G. Lombardo, E. Heumann, D. Cerrone, S. Rubin, J. Innella

I. Superintendent's Report

- a. Dr. Kanas congratulated the 5th grade teachers and all staff for 97% pass rate of the Social Studies Testing.
- b. Dr. Kanas gave a Strategic Planning update.
- c. All administrative reports were accepted as corrected.

II. Board President's Report

- a. Trustee Cummings gave an update on the upcoming May 11, 2009 Budget Presentation.
- b. Trustee Cummings gave an update on voter registration dates and locations.
- c. Trustee Cummings invited the public to Lights on for Education to be held at Memorial Junior H.S., April 30, 2009 at 7:15 p.m.
- d. There were five letters from current and former staff complimenting P. Burns
- e. Trustee Cummings gave an update on the April 6, 2009 Special Meeting.
- f. Trustee Cummings congratulated all tenure candidates and welcomed their family and friends.

III. Public Comment

- a. Trustee Fletcher advised the board to use caution when putting additional agenda items on a Special Meeting Agenda so as not to usurp the place of a regularly scheduled board meeting for the consideration of regular school district business.

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	March 23, 2009
Special Meeting	April 6, 2009
Special Meeting – BOCES Budget	April 21, 2009
Work Session Meeting	April 21, 2009
 2. On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education accepted as presented the minutes as listed.

Regular Meeting	March 23, 2009
Special Meeting	April 6, 2009
Special Meeting – BOCES Budget	April 21, 2009
Work Session Meeting	April 21, 2009

V. Education – New Business

- a. Tenure Appointments - Faculty

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli, and carried, the Board of Education approved the following faculty teacher appointments as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Tenure Appointments

<u>Faculty Member</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Diana Clarke	Clear Stream	Reading	9/1/09
Erica Dody	Clear Stream	Special Education	9/1/09
Nivia Dougherty	Clear Stream	Elementary Classroom Teacher	9/1/09
Ilissa Epstein	Shaw Avenue	Elementary Classroom Teacher	9/1/09
Tina Farrell	Shaw Avenue	Reading	9/1/09
Gina Lombardo	Clear Stream	Elementary Classroom Teacher	11/27/09
Kristen Pares	Clear Stream	Elementary Classroom Teacher	9/1/09
Dawn Ragone	Clear Stream	Social Work	9/1/09

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:20 p.m. to break for the tenure appointment reception and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:44 p.m.

VI. Education – New Business (continued)

b. 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.

c. 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.

d. Leave of Absence for Health/Speech Pathologist/Forest Road School

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli, and carried, the Board of Education approved Rae Costa’s request for a discretionary leave of absence for health, with no benefits, under §5.13 of the Agreement between the Valley Stream Teacher Association, and the Valley Stream UFSD 30 Board of Education beginning 06/01/09 until such time as her physician authorizes her return to work.

e. Resignation – Contract Substitute

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli, and carried, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Amanda Palermo from the position of 2-day contract substitute teacher at the Clear Stream Avenue School effective May 5, 2009.

f. Appointment – Leave Replacement/Classroom Teacher/Clear Stream Avenue School

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli, and carried, the Board of Education approved the leave replacement appointment of Amanda Palermo, to the position of classroom teacher, BA, Step 1, assigned to the Clear Stream Avenue School effective May 5, 2009 and ending on or about June 10, 2009.

g. Substitute Registry Personnel

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli, and carried, the Board of Education approved the per diem substitute registry personnel appointments as follows.

<u>Substitute Teacher</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Andrew Hyland	04/28/09	06/30/09

h. Student Teacher/Observer Placement

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

<u>University/Student</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Type/Duration</u>
<u>Long Island University</u> Ms. Christina Murillo	<u>Forest Road School</u> D. Meinert (Sp.Ed.)	Student Observer Spring 2009 (up to 20 hrs)

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 04/28/09.

Shazia Bhatti	Step 1	\$11.39 per hour	Forest Road School
Terrienne Gaudiello	Step 1	\$11.39 per hour	Forest Road School

VII. Business – New Business (continued)

b. Extra Pay for Extra Service

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education approved Paula DiLorenzo to do the layout of the Write On literacy magazine, not-to-exceed 80 hours, at her contracted hourly rate.

c. Leave of Absence – Teacher Aide

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved a leave of absence for health with no benefits for Linda Parides, Teacher Aide at the Forest Road School beginning 04/07/09 through 06/30/09 as per the attached letter.

d. Annual Meeting Resolution Amendment

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education amended the resolution calling for the annual vote to be held Tuesday, May 19, 2009 (6:00 a.m. to 9:00 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. (Original hours for May 19, 2009 were 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. There is no change in the May 12, 2009 hours)

e. Health and Welfare Service Agreements

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached health and welfare service agreements from the Baldwin UFSD, East Rockaway UFSD and Lynbrook UFSD and authorized the execution and payments of such.

f. Residency Consulting Services

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached proposal from Joel Mitchell for residency consulting services through June 30, 2009.

g. Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education authorized Ed Cullen to file the Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent for the 2009-10 school year. Please see the attached summary document.

h. Transportation Consultant Services

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached transportation consultant services contract of Nancy Nunziata at the cost of \$2,500 and authorized the Board President to execute such. Ms. Nunziata will be the 2009-10 Southwest Quadrant Pupil Transportation Consortium's transportation consultant.

i. Wall Mounted Oscillating Fans

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education, in accordance with the attached memo from Ed Cullen, approved the purchase and installation of a wall mounted oscillating fan in every classroom throughout the district.

VII. Business – New Business (continued)

j. Special Education Consortium

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education approved the participation in a purchasing consortium with Valley Stream UFSD #'s 13 and 24 for the purposes of occupational, physical, speech and other related services. Valley Stream UFSD #30 will serve as the lead district in the preparation/coordination of the request for quote/proposal.

k. EXCEL Aid

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education, accepted and approved the attached grant disbursement agreement and authorize the board president to execute such.

l. Grounds Maintenance

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education, accepted and approved for contract award the bid from Guardian Landscaping, for grounds maintenance. Please note that Guardian Landscaping is the lowest responsible bidder meeting all of the requirements of the bid specifications.

VIII. Finance – New Business

a. Treasurer's Report

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 2009.

b. Revenue & Expenditure Reports

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the 2008-09 Revenue and Expenditure Reports (both through March 31, 2009) that are attached.

c. Transfers Between Accounts (2008-09)

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, 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 Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam, and carried, the Board of Education adopted the internal claim audit finding of R. S. Abrams for their March 17 and April 3, 2009 visits. Please note that 408 items were reviewed and there was 3 non-conformance (99.3% in conformance). Please see the attached documents.

IX. Items of Information

a. Buildings & Grounds

The Maintenance Report for April was accepted as submitted.
The Vandalism Report for April was accepted as submitted.

X. Old Business

There was none.

XI. Public Comment

There was none.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the regular meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O'Brien
District Clerk