

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

**Date:** November 24, 2008

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

**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  
P. Burns, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction  
H. Rabinowitz, Director of Special Education  
R. Meloni, Director of Technology  
H. Levine, Building Principal  
A. O'Brien, Clerk

**Staff Members Absent:**

A. Hudson, T. Scrocco

**Others in Attendance:**

A Pernick, C. Kislin, M Golfo, T. Donoghue, K. Andersen, D. Ragone, P. Farinacci, G. Kopsick, T Farrell, J. Mitchell, D. Darragh, D. Rossello, F. Marino, T. Milici, S. Aragona, D. Ingram, K. Ingram, P. Robinson, C. Riccobono, C. Montefusco, L. Rostron, C. Montefusco, D. Von Werne, B. Rostron, L. Von Werne, J. McComb, K. Lakouts, B. Lakouts, C. Russo, K. Sendlein, S. Sendlein, B. Seiter, N. Seiter, J. Talio, M. Giorelli, W. Mata, I. Melgar, S. Deonarine, M. Bruer, R. Miller, J. Spano, D. Spano, M. Valenti, M. Laudani, D. Sitton, M. Lupo J. Francis. et al.

**I. Call to Order**

- a. A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 8:04 pm.

**II. Superintendent's Report**

- a. The Superintendent's Report was submitted and placed on file.
- b. Presentations on PBIS and Peer Mediation were given by the students of Valley Stream #30 with the guidance of D. Ragone, K. Andersen, A. Pernick and P. Farinacci.
- c. The Superintendent explained the changes made to Regulation #5420-R – titled - Student Health Services Regulation.
- d. All administrative reports were accepted as submitted.

**III. Board President's Report**

- a. Mr. Cummings reviewed the process with regard to the question/comment form.
- b. Mr. Cummings indicated that effective December 2008 the board meetings will begin at 7:00 pm, at which time it will immediately enter into Executive Session. The Board will then reconvene to Public Session at 8:00 pm.

**IV. Public Comment**

There was none.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

a. Reading/Adoption of Minutes (see attachments)

1 On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried the Board of Education dispensed with the reading of the minutes as listed.

Regular Meeting	October 27, 2008
Work Session Meeting	November 17, 2008

2. On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried the Board of Education accepted the minutes of 10/27/08 as amended as well as the 11/17/08 minutes.

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Work Session Meeting	November 17, 2008

**VI. Education – New Business**

a. Committee for Special Education

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, on a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Stewart 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

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Preschool Special Education, on a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education agreed to provide programs and services for the following preschool special education students as indicated.

c. Resignation – Substitute Teacher

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mary Ellen McBride from the position of substitute teacher effective 10/10/08.

d. Superintendent’s Goals

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached Superintendent’s goals for the 2008-09 school year.

e. Salary Rate Revision/Substitute Teachers 2008-09

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education amended the October 27, 2008 previously approved resolution for per diem substitute teachers to add the following language in *italics*:

<u>Current Rate</u> <u>Per Day</u>	<u>Dollar Increase from</u> <u>7-2-08 Resolution</u>	<u>Revised Rate</u> <u>Per Day</u>	<u>Description</u>
\$90	\$15	\$105	for the first 10 days
\$100	\$10	\$110	on the 11 <sup>th</sup> day in the same position
\$100	\$10	\$110	after 50 days of services in any position
\$105	\$10	\$115	after 100 days in any position

*No benefits are involved with these positions*

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

e. Salary Rate Revision/Substitute Teachers 2008-09 (continued)

*Effective October 28, 2008, the salary rate for contract substitute teachers is set at \$115 per diem for the 2008-09 school year*

*No benefits are involved with these positions*

f. Substitute Registry Personnel

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Stewart 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>
Christina Marullo	11/25/08	06/30/09
Anthony Giani	11/25/08	06/30/09
Beth Wiesendanger	11/25/08	06/30/09
Aida Sanchez	11/25/08	06/30/09
Constance Budd	11/25/08	06/30/09
Hazel Knights	11/25/08	06/30/09

g. Appointment – Contract Substitute Teacher

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of the following individual to the position of contract substitute teacher at the per diem rate for contractual substitutes for the 2008-09 school year, beginning November 25, 2008 and terminating June 30, 2009. (see attachment)

<u>Contract Substitute</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Days</u>
Amanda Palermo	2 day contract	Clear Stream Avenue	Thurs, and Fri

h. Saturday Academy

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education approved the prorated salary, as indicated below, for the following substitute teachers participating in the Saturday Academy.

<u>Substitute Teacher</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Tanya Quinines	MA, Step 1
Allison Buccino	MA, Step 1

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

i. Student Teacher/Observer Placement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education authorized placement of the following student teacher and observers.

<b>University/Student</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Type/Duration</b>
<u>Hofstra University</u> Jillian Martinelli	<u>Shaw Avenue School</u> Paul Farinacci (K-6/Art)	Student Teacher Nov-Dec 2008
<u>Queensborough College</u> Fanta McLean	<u>Shaw Avenue School</u> Jeanine Lichter	Participant-Observer Nov-Dec 2008 (30 hrs)
<u>Queens College</u> Marie Karahalias	<u>Forest Road</u> Emilia Kister	Student Observer Nov-Dec 2008

j. Membership - ASCD

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education approved membership in the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development for the Assistant Principal of Shaw Avenue School in the not-to-exceed amount of \$79 per year.

k. Board of Education Strategic Planning

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached proposal from School Leadership in the not-to-exceed amount of \$39,000 for the purpose of Board of Education Strategic Planning. It is anticipated that a cross-contract will be requested from the participating BOCES. A roll call vote was taken, the results of which are as follows.

Trustee Cummings	yes
Trustee Egbuchulam	yes
Trustee Antonelli	no
Trustee Fletcher	no
Trustee Stewart	yes

Trustee Egbuchulam emphasized exploring the most economical approach to conducting the strategic planning project.

l. Board of Education Policies

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved for the first public reading the following board regulation.

<u>Policy #</u> 5420-R	Student Health Services Regulation
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**VI Education – New Business (continued)**

m. Appointment – Alternate Chairperson – Subcommittee on Special Education

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of the following faculty member for extra services in order to conduct CSE meetings during the 2008-09 school year.

Subcommittee on Special Education – Clear Stream Avenue School

Alt. Chairperson: Patricia Serio

**ITEM OF INFORMATION**

Additional Credits

The following District teachers have completed additional graduate credits for salary purposes, retroactive to 9/1/08: (See Graduate Credit Attachment sheet)

**VII Business – New Business**

a. Appointment – Teacher Aide

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the permanent appointment of Rose Kelly to the position of full time teacher aide, Step 2, currently assigned to the Clear Stream Avenue School, effective 11/24/08, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations.

b. Accounting Services

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached proposal from The Galamery Company for 2008-09 accounting services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$6,250? This is to prepare the 2008-09 financial statements with the assistance from the business office.

c. Special Education Tuition Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, 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, a special education services tuition agreement with the Franklin Square UFSD.

d. Lunch Byte Systems, Inc - Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved, subject to the changes requested by the school attorney, the attached agreement with Lunch Byte Systems, Inc.

e. Village Tax Exemption Application/Minerva & D’Agostino

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education authorized Minerva & D’Agostino to prepare the application for exemption of the village tax for the 2009-10 tax year at the not-to-exceed cost of \$2,500. Please see the attached documents.

## VII Business – New Business (continued)

- f. Flex Spending  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached JJ Stanis 2009 Flexible Spending notification letter dated November 4, 2008.
- g. 175 N Central Avenue Condominium  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education authorized Keane & Beane to contact Forchelli, Curto, Schwartz, Mineo, Carlino & Cohn, regarding the district's additional space needs at 175 North Central Ave and approve costs in the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000 that may be incurred by Forchelli, et. al., in providing assistance to Keane & Beane.
- h. Use of Facilities  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached building use request from the Nassau County Legislature for the purposes of conducting a community meeting at the Forest Road School on how to challenge your assessment?
- i. AFLAC Programs  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the offering of AFLAC programs to all district staff. Please note that these programs are being offered at no cost to the district.
- j. Budget Calendar, Deadlines and Actions  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached 2009-10 budget development calendar and school budget deadlines and actions.
- k. Audit Purchasing Compliance – Special Education Purchasing Consortium  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached proposal from Nawrocki Smith for the purposes of auditing purchasing compliance regarding the special education purchasing consortium.
- l. Special Education Service Provider Agreements  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, 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 GEK Therapeutic Resources and GWJ Consultants. Please note that the above is part of the special education purchasing consortium.

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

### **m. WAN/LAN Maintenance Agreement**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached proposal from Long Island Fiber Exchange dated 11/13/08 in the not-to-exceed monthly cost of \$4,104. This is for the replacement and maintenance of the network switching and filtering equipment.

## **VIII Finance – New Business**

### **a. Treasurer’s Report**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Treasurer’s Report for the month ending October 2008.

### **b. Revenue & Expenditure Reports**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the 2008-09 Revenue and Expenditure Reports (both through October 31, 2008) that are attached.

### **c. Transfers Between Accounts (2008-09)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli 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**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education adopted the internal claim audit finding of R S Abrams for their October 20 and November 3, 2008 visits? Please note that 1,177 items were reviewed and there were 11 non-conformances (99% in conformance). Please see the attached documents.

### **e. Special State Legislative Grant**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the receipt and expenditures of the special state legislative grant in the amount \$50,000, in accordance with the attached document. Please note that the general fund budget will be increased by said amount. These funds will be used for the purchase of computers/technology upgrades, educational materials and/or physical plant improvements to school buildings, sports fields or classrooms.

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

### **a. Monthly Maintenance Report**

The Maintenance Report for October was submitted and placed on file.

### **b. Vandalism Report**

The Vandalism Report for September and October was submitted and placed on file.

## **X. Old Business**

There was none.

**XI. Public Comment**

- a. There was discussion regarding the renaming of the Clear Stream Avenue School.
- b. There was a question regarding the Report Card Committee.
- c. There was a request for the removal of all peanut products from the menu of the Valley Stream #30 lunch program, and a request was made to add a peanut table.

**XII. Executive Session**

There was none.

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and unanimously carried, the regular meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O'Brien  
District Clerk