

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

Date: March 23, 2009

Location of Meeting:
Shaw Avenue Library Media Center

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Egbuchulam and seconded by Trustee Antonelli to go into Executive Session at 7:05 pm for the purposes of employment history of a particular person(s).

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

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 Antonelli 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 8:05 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
P. Burns, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
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 Absent:

Others in Attendance:

J. Mitchell, K. Lapera, T. Farrell, D. Clarke, J. Alcala, G Pierre, D. Jean Baptista, et al.

I. Superintendent's Report

- a. Dr. Kanas gave a Strategic Planning Update.
- b. Dr. Kanas reported on the District & Building Accountability Report. Dr. Kanas congratulated all Staff Members, Parents, Board of Education members, P. Burns and H. Rabinowitz for last years performance.
- c. Dr. Kanas invited all to attend the Multicultural Week of Celebration hosted by the PTA at the Shaw Avenue School. The displays will be up through Friday morning.
- d. All administrative reports were accepted as submitted.

II. Board President's Report

- a. Trustee Cummings presented a plaque to Trustee Fletcher for her years as President of the Board of Education.
- b. Trustee Cummings notified the public that there will be a seat available for the Board of Education since Trustee Egbuchulam would not be running for another term.
- c. Trustee Cummings stated that the 2009-10 budget is ready and will be presented to the public.
- d. There were two letters from potential candidates for the BOCES Board Election. There was one e-mail regarding a staff member.

III. Public Comment

- a. There was a question regarding the ELA Chair Committee.
- b. There was a question regarding the Puberty Education Program.

IV. Approval of Minutes

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

Regular Meeting	February 23, 2009
Work Session Meeting	March 16, 2009
Special Meeting	March 16, 2009
 2. On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted as presented the minutes as listed.

Regular Meeting	February 23, 2009
Work Session Meeting	March 16, 2009
Special Meeting	March 16, 2009

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. Retirement – Faculty

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Maria Dove 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. Dove's letter of March 15, 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.

VI. Education – New Business (continued)

d. Extension of Probationary Appointment

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education hereby extended the probationary period of the Lindsey Reese in the tenure area of Classroom Teacher through 08/31/10.

e. Resignation – Faculty

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Tina Lauro from the position of Music Teacher at the Shaw Avenue School effective 06/30/09.

f. Child Care Leave of Absence/Assistant Principal – Clear Stream Avenue

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved Kathryn White’s request for a child care leave of absence, with no benefits, under §5.6 of the Agreement between the Valley Stream Council of Supervisory Associations, and the Valley Stream UFSD 30 Board of Education beginning March 10, 2009 and ending March 31, 2009.

g. Interim Assistant Principal/Clear Stream Avenue School

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education retroactively extended the appointment of Loretta Marshall as Interim Assistant Principal for the Clear Stream Avenue School until on or about April 1, 2009 at the daily rate of \$635.00 per day.

h. Resignation – Contract Substitute

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education retroactively accepted the resignation of Loretta Spina from the position of 3-day contract substitute teacher and 1-day inclusion substitute at the Forest Road Elementary School effective 03/05/09.

i. Appointment – Long Term Per Diem Substitute/Life Skills

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the appointment of Loretta Spina to the position of long term per diem substitute at the Forest Road School, at the daily rate of \$115, effective 03/05/09 and terminating 06/09/09.

j. 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>
Christina Bacci	03/24/09	06/30/09
Steve Kaufman	03/24/09	06/30/09

VI. Education – New Business (continued)

k. Appointment– Contract Substitute Teachers

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the following individuals to the position of contract and or inclusion substitute teachers at the per diem rate for the 2008-09 school year, beginning March 24, 2009 and terminating June 30, 2009

<u>Contract Substitute</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Days</u>
Katina Reid	1 day contract	Forest Road	Thur.
Kim E. Lapera	2 day contract	Forest Road	Thur., Fri.
Lisa M. Nasoff	3 day contract 1 day inclusion	Forest Road	Mon., Tues., Wed. Fri.

l. Club Change

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the change in advisor of the Loving Literature Club from Grace Guttman to Grace Guttman and Coleen Dash. The club stipend amount will be split between both teachers.

m. Appointment– Math Committee Chair

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Joanne Lufrano as Elementary Math Committee Chair effective 04/01/09 through 06/30/09 at the annual rate of \$1,500 (pro-rated).

n. Appointment– Math Committee Chair 2009-10

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Joanne Lufrano as Elementary Math Committee Chair for the 2009-10 school year at the annual stipend rate of \$1,500.

o. Appointment– ELA Committee Chair

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Cathy Itri, Tina Farrell and Diana Clarke to share the position of ELA Committee Chair effective 04/01/09 through 06/30/09 at the annual rate of \$1,500 (prorated) to be shared equally among the three.

p. Appointment– ELA Committee Chair 2009-10

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Cathy Itri, Tina Farrell and Diana Clarke to share the position of ELA Committee Chair for the 2009-10 school year at the annual stipend rate of \$1,500 to be shared equally among the three.

q. Compensation Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education authorized retroactively the Superintendent to extend the agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association, Local 1633, covering compensation for a thirty-minute lunchtime, as assigned by the building principal, according to the attached agreement expiring 06/30/09.

VI. Education – New Business (continued)

r. Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the side agreement between Valley Stream Union Free School District 30 and the Valley Stream Teachers’ Association for the payment to teachers at the rate of \$55.00 per hour for their work in “Study Island Training.”

s. Study Island Training

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved payment for the following teachers, for providing parent training in Study Island.

M. Neri	Clear Stream Avenue School	2 hours
S. Galgano	Clear Stream Avenue School	2 hours
C. Dash	Forest Road School*	2 hours
S. Stiefel	Forest Road School*	2 hours
T. Donoghue	Shaw Avenue School*	2 hours
C. Kaye	Shaw Avenue School*	2 hours

*Retroactively

t. Consultant Services – RtI Committee

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the consultant services of ABCD Consulting, Inc. to confer with the RtI Committee to review the existing RtI Plan, advise and provide support in the revision and modification of the Plan, and meet with the ISTs and assist in the development of high quality, research-based instruction as per the attached contract to be accomplished from March 24, 2009 through August 31, 2009 at a daily rate of \$750 per day; \$400 per ½ day and a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00 to be paid through the Special Education Grant (Section 611).

u. Consultant

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved up to six (6) sessions of Staff Development in Literacy during the 2008-09 school year with Susanne Diano at the rate of \$400 per session.

v. Consultant

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved up to five (5) days of consultant services in K Screening and Early Intervention Literacy Services during the 2008-09 school year with Susan Feuerstein at the rate of \$750 per day.

w. Direct Services: Teacher of the Hearing Impaired

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved Josephine A. Paoli for direct services as a Teacher of the Hearing Impaired as per the attached contract services agreement effective 03/24/09 through 06/30/09.

VI. Education – New Business (continued)

x. Student Nurse

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the placement of the following student nurse, as delineated below.

University/Student	Assignment	Type/Duration
<u>St. Joseph's College</u> Edelweiss Singh	<u>Shaw Avenue School</u> S. Lombardo, R.N.	Student Nurse Wednesdays 02/25/09 – 05/06/09

y. Student Observer/Teacher Placements

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

University/Student	Assignment	Type/Duration
<u>Long Island University</u> Krystina Jean	<u>Clear Stream Ave. School</u> M. Brennan, Gr. 3	Student Observer Spring 2009 18 hours
<u>Long Island University</u> Crista Buccola	<u>Forest Road School</u> Sherrie Lewis, Gr 6	Student Observer Spring 2009 10 hours
<u>Hofstra University</u> Jennifer Hill	<u>Forest Road School</u> C. Dash, Gr. 2	Student Observer Spring 2009 30 hours
<u>Molloy College</u> Lauren Golombas	<u>Shaw Avenue School</u> G. Weeks, Resource Room	Student Teacher 03/09/09 – 06/08/09
<u>Queens College</u> Vishisti Persuad	<u>Clear Stream Ave. School</u> Nivia Dougherty, Gr. 4	Student Observer Spring 2009 15 hours

z. Agreement -Puberty Education

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the agreement with Planned Parenthood for the delivery of puberty education workshops in the schools of the district and authorized the execution of payment of \$250 per session for a total of \$1,500.

aa. Clear Stream Avenue School Student Council Recycling Project

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved a recycling program with Royal Waste Services Inc. at the Clear Stream Avenue School.

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 Monitor P/T effective 03/24/09.

Igbala Cekic Step 1 \$11.39 per hr Forest Road School

b. Permanent Appointments – Teacher Aide F/T

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the following permanent appointment to the position of Teacher Aide F/T effective 04/29/09.

Caitlin Rodler Shaw Avenue School

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 03/20/09 through 04/07/09 as per the attached letter.

d. Suspension of Employment

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved a suspension with pay through 03/23/09 of Susan Moeller, School Monitor P/T at the Shaw Avenue School.

e. Termination of Employment

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the termination of Susan Moeller, School Monitor P/T, at the Shaw Avenue School, effective 03/24/09.

f. Health and Welfare Service Agreement

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 Franklin Square UFSD, Levittown UFSD and Uniondale UFSD and authorized the execution and payments of such.

g. 2008-09 Districtwide Emergency Response Plan

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 Districtwide Emergency Response Plan.

h. Textbook Central

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached 2009-10 service agreement with Textbook Central and authorized the Board President to execute such.

i. Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent Increase

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education retroactively authorized an increase in the amount of \$1,068.80 in the 2008-09 Nassau Boces Letter of Intent for the purposes of building level team training.
Please see the attached documents.

VII. Business – New Business (continued)

j. Capital Project – Shaw Avenue School

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved for contract awards the bids from Nationwide Restoration (Shaw Ave. roof replacement) and Arrow Steel (Shaw Ave. rescue window retrofit) in the amounts of \$1,172,500 (including alternates) and \$69,400, respectively and authorized the Board President to execute such contracts once prepared. Please see the attached school architect recommendation.

k. 2009-10 Proposed General Fund Budget

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education adopted the 2009-10 proposed general fund budget at \$30,571,820 and authorized the presentation of such at the May 11, 2009 budget hearing which will be held at the Shaw Ave. School at 7:00 pm.

l. 2009-10 NYS Property Tax Report Card

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education authorized the Assistant Superintendent for Business to file the New York State Property Tax Report card for the 2009-10 school fiscal year as required by New York State Education Law.

m. Capital Reserve Fund

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the establishment of a capital reserve fund in the not-to-exceed amount of \$4,000,000 for a period not-to-exceed 5 years. Please note that establishment of the capital reserve fund requires voter approval.

n. Summer 2010 Capital Projects

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the Summer 2010 capital projects as delineated in the attached. Funding for these projects shall be provided via the capital reserve fund as well as remaining Excel funds. Please note that the capital projects require voter approval.

o. Obsolete Equipment

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education declared the items delineated in Ryan Meloni's memo dated March 4, 2009 obsolete and authorized the environmental disposal of such. Please see the attached document.

p. Target Grant

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the receipt and expenditures of \$800 as delineated in the attached in the general fund. Please note that the general fund budget would be increased by said amount. In accordance with the previously approved grant, all unspent funds shall be returned to the grant provider. An adjusted budgetary appropriation shall be made at a future time.

VII. Business – New Business (continued)

- q. Donation – Target – Take Charge of Education
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the receipt and expenditures of \$224.31 as delineated in the attached in the general fund. Please note that the general fund budget would be increased by said amount.
- r. Donation – - WaMoola for Schools
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the receipt and expenditures of \$63.80 as delineated in the attached in the general fund. Please note that the general fund budget would be increased by said amount.
- s. Southwest Quadrant Pupil Transportation Consortium
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the district's participation in the 2009-10 Southwest Quadrant Pupil Transportation Consortium.
- t. Syntax Agreement
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached agreement with Syntax Communication for the purposes of website development and hosting.
- u. Forest Road School Grounds
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the use of the Forest Road School fields by the Valley Stream CHSD for the spring and fall 2009 for their soccer program.
- v. Service Agreement
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached Equipment Service Agreement with Cross Island Copy Products. Please see the attached document.
- w. District Contracted Security
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried the Board of Education approved the suspension of Arrow Security, the company utilized by the School District to provide security services; and
WHEREAS, such suspension has created a public emergency arising out of an unforeseen circumstance or condition affecting the schools and the safety of the students and School District personnel, thereby requiring immediate action which cannot await competitive bidding, as set forth in General Municipal Law §103(4).
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized and empowered to hire an interim security company to provide security services to the School District until further action may be taken.

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 February 2009.

VIII. Finance – New Business (continued)

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 February 26, 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 February 23 and March 2, 2009 visits. Please note that 442 items were reviewed and there was 1 non-conformance (99.8% in conformance). Please see the attached documents.

IX. Items of Information

a. The Board of Education seat of Trustee Egbuchulam will expire on 06/30/09. Petitions for this seat can be picked up at the office of the District Clerk at 175 N. Central Avenue, Valley Stream, New York between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

b. Buildings & Grounds -Monthly Maintenance Report
The Maintenance Report for February is attached.

c. Building & Grounds – Monthly Vandalism Report
The Vandalism Report for February is attached.

X. Old Business

There was none.

XI. Public Comment

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 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O'Brien
District Clerk