

VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Date: August 25, 2008

Location of Meeting: Shaw Avenue School

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
G. Abbate, Director of Facilities
T. Scrocco, A. Hudson, H. Levine, Building Principals
A. O'Brien, Clerk

Staff Members Absent:

Others in Attendance:

D. Cerrone, S. Tauber, T. Demas, J. Alcala, D. Jean-Baptiste

I. Call to Order

- a. A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

II. Superintendent's Report

- a.. The Superintendent of Schools spoke about the projects/activities that took place during July and August.
 1. Harvard Institute for School Leadership
 2. Administrators' Retreat
 3. Math Pilot
 4. ELA
 5. Public Relations/Website

III. Board President's Report

- a. Mr. Cummings reported that all future Board of Education Work Session Meetings would be held in the Shaw Avenue Library Media Center.
- b. Mr. Cummings advised the public that there would now be two binders of agenda attachments for public viewing at every meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes

a. Reading/Adoption of Minutes (see attachments)

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

Special Meetings: July 16, 2008, August 12, 2008

Regular Meeting: June 23, 2008 (**as amended**)

Reorganization Meeting: July 2, 2008

Tax Setting Meeting: July 2, 2008

2. On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted the minutes listed with corrections made to the June 23, 2008 minutes, page 15 XI A.

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V. Education Committee – New Business

a. Committee for Special Education

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education agreed to provide programs and services for the following special education students as indicated. (see attachment)

b. Committee for Preschool Special Education

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education agreed to provide programs and services for the following preschool special education students as indicated. (see attachment)

c. Extra Pay for Extra Services – Curriculum Writing

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education agreed to retroactively approve extra pay for extra services for Kerry Anderson, Laurie Buevas-Kritas and Dawn Ragone at their computed hourly rate. Please note that the above is to write curriculum in order to train select students in the Resolving Conflict Creatively Program. (see attachment)

d. Kindergarten Hand Skills Program 2008-09 School Year – New York Therapy

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the proposal from New York Therapy for the implementation of an OT Kindergarten Hand Skills Program as per the proposed rate schedule listed below. (see attachment)

\$86.00 for the initial 6 week 45 minute sessions

\$58.00 for the remainder 4-6 week 30 minute sessions.

e. Math Pilot Revised Timeline

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the revised timeline for the Math Pilot – Monday, 09/15/08 meeting to be changed to 09/16/08 to accommodate committee members schedule. (see attachment)

V. Education Committee – New Business (continued)

f. Contractor Service Provider

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved an additional four (4) hours, and not to exceed three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for the period of 09/06/07 - 06/30/08 as funded through the IDEA Part B, Section 611 grant, to Melissa Newman for the purpose of providing parent training services.

g. Club Summaries

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted the club summaries for the 2007-08 school year as submitted. The club summaries are on file in the Superintendents office. (see attachment)

h. Compact for Learning Building Level Team 2007-2008 Summaries

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted the 2007-08 Summary Reports for the Compact for Learning Building Level Teams. (See attached Clear Stream Ave., Forest Rd. and Shaw Ave. Building Level Team Summary Reports. Additional documentation is on file in the Superintendent’s office. (see attachment)

i. Probationary Appointment

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the three-year probationary appointment of Sarah Tauber, to the position of elementary classroom teacher, BA, Step 1 (pending receipt of official transcripts and clearance for employment purposes from New York State Education Department), currently assigned to the Shaw Avenue School, effective September 1, 2008. (see attachment)

j. Appointment – Contract and Inclusion Substitute Teachers

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of the following individuals to the position of contract and or substitute teacher (*pending clearance for employment purposes from the New York State Education Dept.), at the per diem rate for contractual substitutes for the 2008-09 school year, beginning on or about 09/01/08 and terminating 06/30/09. (see attachment)

Contract Substitute	Position	School	Days
Andrea McCann	3 day contract	Shaw Ave.	Mon., Tues., Wed.
Loretta Spina	3 day contract	Forest Rd.	Mon., Tues., Wed.
	1 day inclusion		Fri (inclusion)
Crystan R. Serra	3 day contract	Forest Rd.	Mon., Tues., Wed
Cathy Daly	2 day contract	Forest Rd.	Thurs, and Fri.
Ann Marie McCrystal	2 day contract	Forest Rd.	Thurs and Fri.

V. Education Committee – New Business (continued)

k. Substitute Registry Personnel

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

Substitute Teacher	Beginning	Ending
Jessica L. Hance	09/01/08	06/30/09
Evelyn Hefez	09/01/08	06/30/09
Philip F. Hessemer	09/01/08	06/30/09
Carolyn Mays	09/01/08	06/30/09
Dionne Jones-Hering	09/01/08	06/30/09
Mary Ellen McBride	09/01/08	06/30/09
Eugenie M. Melone	09/01/08	06/30/09
Allison L. Buccino	09/01/08	06/30/09
Michael F. DeMeo	09/01/08	06/30/09
Mary D. Royes	09/01/08	06/30/09
Substitute Nurse	Beginning	Ending
Elaine Friedman	09/01/08	06/30/09
Arlene M. Newman	09/01/08	06/30/09
Alycemarye Gardner	09/01/08	06/30/09
Mary Carr	09/01/08	06/30/09

l. NYSSMA Membership

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the school participation fee for the 2008-09 school year in the amount of \$600.00. (see attachment)

m. Resignation –Elementary Classroom Teacher, Shaw Avenue School

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted Stacey Milici’s letter of resignation from the position of elementary classroom teacher at Shaw Avenue School, effective August 31, 2008. (see attachment)

n. Unassigned Time Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the attached unassigned time agreement for the period of 07/01/08 – 06/30/09. (see attachment)

o. Assistant Principal – Summer 2008

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively authorized Kathryn White, Assistant Principal of Clear Stream Avenue School to work up to 20 days during July and August 2008 at the per diem rate of 1/200th of her salary.

p. Extra Pay for Extra Service

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved extra pay for extra services in accordance with the attached documents for Lisa Powers. (see attachment)

V. Education Committee – New Business (continued)

q. Nassau Boces Letter of Intent - Increase

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved an increase in the 2008-09 Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent in the not-to-exceed amount of \$6,975.00 for the purposes of providing math consulting.

VI. Business Committee – New Business

a. Extra Pay for Extra Service

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved extra pay for extra services for Elaine Marshall in accordance with the attached memo from Henry Mazer dated 06/17/08. (see attachment)

b. Extra Pay for Extra Service

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved extra pay for extra services in accordance with the attached documents for the following personnel: Lisa DelCampo and Paula DiLorenzo. (see attachment)

c. Extra Pay for Extra Service/Nursing Staff

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved six hours of extra services for the school nursing staff to attend E-School training.

d. Extra Pay for Extra Service/Summer Program

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved extra pay for extra services for Karen DePalma to the position of Security Aide for the Special Education Summer School Program at the Shaw Avenue School for the period 08/01/08 to 08/15/08 to be paid at her hourly rate.

e. Substitute Nursing Services/Shaw Avenue Special Education Summer Program

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved substitute nursing services and payment for the Shaw Ave. Special education summer school program. (see attachment)

f. Permanent Appointment

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the permanent appointments of the following personnel in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service regulations. (see attachments)

Name	Title	Effective Date	School
Elizabeth Sanger	Clerk Typist F/T	09/02/08	Clear Stream Avenue
Kathleen Telfer	Clerk Typist F/T	09/02/08	Shaw Avenue

g. Step Increase – Summer Cleaner P/T

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the following step increase. (see attachment)

Name	Title	Effective Date	Step
Eleanor Wyche	Summer Cleaner P/T	07/01/08	2

VI. Business Committee – New Business (continued)

h. Appointment – Part-time School Monitor (Noon Aide/2 hrs. daily)/Shaw Avenue

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the appointments of the following personnel as part-time school monitors (noon aide/2hrs. daily, unless otherwise indicated) at the rates currently established for part-time non-aligned employees, beginning 09/03/08 and terminating 06/30/09. (see attachment)

Name	Title	Step	Effective	School
Rose Kelly	School Monitor P/T	2	09/03/08	Shaw Avenue
Donna Blenk	School Monitor P/T	2	09/03/08	Forest Road

i. Appointment – Teacher Aide/Inclusion Program/Shaw Avenue

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the probationary appointment of Katina Kemas to the position of full-time teacher aide, Step 1, in accordance with the salary schedule in effect for non-aligned employees, effective 09/01/08, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. (see attachment)

j. Amendment – Special Education/Summer School Position

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education amended the appointment of Lynn Calhoun to the position of special education aide for the summer school program at Shaw Avenue for the period of 07/03/08 - 08/15/08 (original request was for 07/07/08- 08/15/08).

k. Special Education Contract/Bellmore UFSD

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the attached 2007-08 special education instruction contract with the Bellmore UFSD. Please note that the school attorney has reviewed said contract. (see attachment)

l. Special Education Instruction Contract/North Bellmore UFSD

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the attached Summer 2008 tuition contract with the North Bellmore UFSD. Please note that the school attorney has reviewed said contract. (see attachment)

m. Tuition Contract/United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the attached Summer 2008 and School Year 2008-09 tuition contract with the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County. Please note that the school attorney has reviewed said contract. (see attachment)

n. Increase Appropriation Health Flex Plan 2006

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the receipt and expenditures of \$184.66 in the general fund for the school year 2007-08. Please note that this money comes from the health flex money (calendar year 2006) in the trust & agency fund that was not reimbursed to employees because it was not spent. Please note that the general fund will increase by said amount.

VI. Business Committee – New Business (continued)

o. Food Service Contract

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved for contract award the 2008-09 Whitson's Culinary Group bid to the foodservice consortium (Districts 13, 30 and the high school district) as administered by the Valley Stream Central High School District as lead educational agency. (see attachment)

p. Transportation Contracts

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved for contract awards the 2008-09 school year Southwest Quadrant Transportation Consortium bids as administered by the Island Park UFSD.

q. Nassau Boces Letter of Intent - Increase

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved an increase in the Nassau BOCES 2008-09 Letter of Intent, in the amount of \$2,950.69, for the purposes of furnishing and installing an additional security camera. (see attachment)

r. Shaw Avenue PTA - Plaques

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the placement of two plaques in accordance with the attached memo from the Shaw Ave. PTA to honor Tom Rouse and Carl Riccobono. (see attachment)

s. Polling Place Agreements

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the attached polling place agreements for the use of the Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools for the purposes of the primary and general elections. (see attachment)

t. Milk Price Increase

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved a 5 cent increase in the milk price (both adults and students) for the 2008-09 school year. (see attachment)

u. Membership Renewal - NAEIR

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved a membership renewal in the National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources (NAEIR) at a cost of \$595 for the 2008-09 school year.

v. Membership Renewal - NFPA

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved a membership renewal in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) at a cost of \$150 for the 2008-09 school year.

w. Consultant Services/Computer Confidence

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the provision of consultant services by Computer Confidence at a cost of \$100 per hour for a total of not more than 8 hours to update, revise and maintain the faculty database for the 2008-09 school year.

VI. Business Committee – New Business (continued)

x. Donation – Office Supplies

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the donation of office supplies with a value of \$100 to the main office of the Shaw Avenue School by Frank Dimino. (see attachment)

y. PTA Graduation Activities

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved not-to-exceed reimbursements to the Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Parent Teacher Associations, of \$7.00 per sixth grade student to be used for the 2008-09 graduation related activities.

a. Network Support

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the attached agreement with Nassau BOCES which provides a Level 1 technician for 2.5 days a week. (see attachment)

aa. Adult Education Course

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the use of the Forest Road School as the site for an adult education course provided by the Valley Stream CHSD. (see attachment)

bb. Data and Assessment Support Position

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the attached agreement with Nassau BOCES which provides a Data Assistant Project Manager for 100 days for the 2008-09 school year. (see attachment)

cc. Authorization – Courier Services

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved Paula DiLorenzo to provide courier services to pick up/drop off testing materials at Nassau BOCES for the 2008-09 school year, not-to-exceed 40 hours. The mileage reimbursement will be at the district rate.

dd. Set-Up for Board and District Meetings

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved payment to Elaine Marshall to facilitate meeting preparation for the 2008-09 school year at her established hourly rate.

ee. Nassau BOCES 2007-08 Final AS-7 Contract

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the Nassau BOCES 2007-08 final AS-7 contract and authorize the Board President to execute such. (see attachment)

VII. Finance Committee – New Business

a. Treasurer’s Report

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Treasurer’s Reports for the months ending June and July 2008. (see attachments)

b. Revenue & Expenditure Reports

1. On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the 2007-08 Revenue and Expenditure Reports (both through June 30, 2008). (see attachments)

2. On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the 2008-09 Revenue and Expenditure Reports (both through August 1, 2008). (see attachments)

c. Transfers Between Accounts (2007-08)

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the transfers between accounts for the 2007-08 school year as delineated. (see attachment)

d. Transfers Between Accounts (2008-09)

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the transfers between accounts for the 2008-09 school year as delineated. (see attachment)

e. Claims Auditor Findings

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education adopted the internal claim audit finding of R. S. Abrams for their June 20, July 7, July 21 and August 5, 2008 visits. Please note that 931 items were reviewed and there were 7 non-conformances (99.2% in conformance). (see attachment)

F. Items of Information

A. State/Federal/County/City Aid (see attachments)

<u>Education-State Aid</u>			<u>Amount</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>
06/30/08 SA4050		Gen Aid	\$ 1,985.00	000090S
07/02/08 SA4355		Jul/Aug	\$31,661.69	000069S
07/01/08 SA 5200		98/99 Excess Cost	\$ 2,561.00	005048S
07/30/08 SA4225		MED ST SH/EC	\$ 9,766.00	000100S
08/13/08 SA0544087090		Missing Child	\$ 7,500.00	303801F
08/15/08 SA4200		Excess Cost	\$71,833.10	000104S

VIII. Building & Grounds – Items of Information

A. Summer Facilities Report

Attached for your review is the Summer Facilities Report.

B. Vandalism Report

Attached for your review is the Summer Vandalism Report.

IX. Public Comment

There was none.

X. Executive Session

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 9:16 pm. to discuss a transportation issue.

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

E. Kanas, Superintendent of Schools
E. Cullen, Assistant Superintendent for Business
P. Burns, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the regular meeting of the Board of Education was reconvened at 9:39 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the regular meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O'Brien
District Clerk

The mission of Valley Stream District Thirty, through collaboration with parents and community partners, is to educate all students to their highest levels of performance in nurturing learning environments that are safe, inclusive, and student centered.