

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

Date: September 22, 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
T. Scrocco, A. Hudson, H. Levine, Building Principals
A. O'Brien, Clerk

Staff Members Absent:

Others in Attendance:

A. Pernick, J. Lufrano, R. Mansfield, J. Mitchell, M. Golfo, T. Farrell, M. Hopsick, J. Innella,
I. Epstein, C. Serra, et. al

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Comment

- a. None

III. Superintendent's Report

- a. The Superintendent of Schools introduced representatives of the Math Pilot Committee who spoke regarding the Math Pilot Project.
- b. The principals gave reports on each of their schools.
- c. Mr. Cullen explained the process by which the Internal Auditor submits their reports to the Audit Committee and the procedure that is then followed with regard to their recommendations.

IV. Board President's Report

- a. Mr. Cummings introduced Mr. Ron Longo from Keane & Beane P.C the school new attorney.
- b. Mr. Cummings reported that the board will be doing consent agenda's as much as possible in order to spend more time on educational discussions.
- c. Mr. Cummings also reported that there would be guidelines to follow for public comment. These guidelines for participation are on the website. These guidelines will also appear on the question sheet.

V. 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	August 25, 2008
Audit Committee Meeting*	September 15, 2008
Work Session Meeting	September 15, 2008
Special Meeting	September 15, 2008

* The Audit Committee is the comprised of the Board of Education
 2. On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried the Board of Education accepted the minutes as listed.

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VI. Education – New Business

- a. Committee for Special Education

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried 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 carried Board of Education agreed to provide programs and services for the following preschool special education students as indicated. (see attachment)
- c. Resignation – Elementary Classroom Teacher – Forest Road School

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted Amanda Lehrman's letter of resignation from the position of elementary classroom teacher at Forest Road School, effective September 12, 2008.

VI. Education – New Business (continued)

d. Leave of Absence

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved Karin-Lise Witt’s request for an unpaid leave of absence effective September 25, 2008 through October 3, 2008.

e. Side Agreement/Development of Math Framework/Curriculum

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the attached side agreement between Valley Stream UFSD #30 and the Valley Stream Teachers Association for the Development of Math Framework/Curriculum at a rate of \$55.00 per hour.

f. Extra Pay for Extra Services

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively authorized payment to the following teachers for preparing a math curriculum framework for distribution to parents, at the rate of \$55.00 per hour.

Valerie D’Alto	13 hours
Joanne Lufrano	25 ¼ hours
Susan Stiefel	25 ¼ hours

g. Monthly Reimbursement – Southwest Quadrant/NCCOSS

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education authorized a monthly reimbursement (September 2008 – June 2009) in the amount of \$25.00 per month for Dr. Elaine Kanas to attend the monthly meetings of the Southwest Quadrant of the Nassau County Council of School Superintendents.

h. Gate Revision

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the date change of Keri Rothman-Kaufman’s gate eligibility, from Step 9 to Step 10, effective December 19, 2008. (original motion was approved at the February 26, 2007 meeting.)

i. Club Activities

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved all 2008-09 clubs as submitted. The above is on file in the Superintendent’s office.

VI. Education – New Business (continued)

j. Student Observers/Psychologist Interns, 2008-09

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education authorized the placement of the following student observers and student psychologist intern in the schools of the district as indicated.

<u>Student Observer</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Duration</u>	
Jessica Ricotta	Nicholas Clark	25 hours	
Adelphi University	Shaw Ave.	Fall Semester	
Christa Buccola	Ralph Laudano	10 hours	
L. I. University	Forest Road School	Fall Semester	
<u>Student</u>	<u>Cooperating</u>	<u>Days Per</u>	
<u>Psychologist Intern</u>	<u>Psychologist</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Regina Tagliatela	Jennifer Orellana	3 days	09/23/08–
Touro College	Clearstream Ave.	per week	06/30/09
		Mon, Tues, and Wed.	

k. Resignation – Substitute Teacher

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Jessica Hance from the position of substitute teacher effective 09/09/08.

l. Resignation – Contract Substitute Teacher

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Cathy Daly from the position of 2-day contract substitute teacher at Forest Road School and 3-day contract substitute teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School effective 09/16/08.

m. Resignation – Contract Substitute Teacher

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Crystan Serra from the position of 3-day contract substitute teacher at Forest Road School and 2-day contract substitute teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School effective 09/23/08.

n. Appointment – Elementary Classroom Teacher – Forest Road School

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the three year probationary appointment of Crystan Serra to the position of elementary classroom teacher, (pending receipt of official transcripts) Masters, Step 1, currently assigned to the Forest Road School (\$58,294; 2006/2007 salary schedule) effective 09/23/08.

o. VSTA Teachers Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the VSTA Teachers Stipulation of Agreement dated 09/03/08 which is effective 07/01/07 – 06/30/10.

VII. Business – New Business

- a. Special Education Purchasing Consortium Service Providers
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved for contract awards the attached 2008-09 purchasing consortium special education service providers.
- b. Minerva & D'Agostino P.C.
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved for payment the attached invoice in the amount of \$562.50 from Minerva & D'Agostino P.C.
- c. Minerva & D'Agostino P.C.
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education authorized additional legal services at an amount not-to-exceed \$2,000 for an outstanding case(s) from the 2007-08 school year.
- d. Purchasing Guidelines
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the attached September 2008 purchasing guidelines. Please note that the school attorney has reviewed such.
- e. Joel Mitchell/Residency Consultant
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved Joel Mitchell's invoice in the amount of \$150.00 for residency consultant services.
- f. Joel Mitchell/Residency Consultant
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved Joel Mitchell to provide residency consultant services through December 2008.
- g. Nassau Boces Letter of Intent - Increase
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education authorized an increase in the amount of \$8,070 in the Nassau BOCES 2008-09 Letter of Intent for the purchase and implementation of the Bold Systems computerized voter registration and election system. Please note that this is an extension of last year's agreement.
- h. Accounting Services
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved for contract award an agreement with The Galamery Company, Inc. for accounting services in an amount not-to-exceed \$4,000 in accordance with their proposal dated August 25, 2008.

VII. Business – New Business (continued)

i. Permanent Appointment

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the permanent appointment of Samuel Andres to the position of Custodian F/T currently assigned to Forest Road School effective 10/29/08 in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service regulations.

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

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/2 hrs. daily, unless otherwise indicated) at the rates currently established for part-time non-aligned employees, beginning 09/23/08 and terminating 06/30/09

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary/Per Hour</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>School</u>
Mary Borgese	School Monitor P/T	1	\$11.39	09/23/08	Forest Road
Ishira Malhotra	School Monitor P/T	1	\$11.39	09/23/08	Forest Road

k. Probationary Appointment – Teacher Aide/Forest Road School

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved the probationary appointment of Ronni Haanraads to the position of full-time teacher aide, Step 1, \$11,846 in accordance with the salary schedule in effect for non-aligned employees, effective 09/23/08 in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations.

l. Resignation – School Monitor P/T

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Jackie DiCanio from the position of School Monitor P/T at the Forest Road School effective 09/01/08.

m. Consultant Services/Board of Education

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and unanimously carried, the Board of Education approved an increase of \$1,300 for consultant services from School Leadership LLC for Board of Education training. (Original resolution was approved in the 06/23/08 Board of Education meeting, in the amount of \$1,200.)

VIII. Finance – 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 Report for the month of August 2008. (see attachment)

b. Revenue & Expenditure Reports

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 August 29, 2008). (see attachments)

VIII. Finance – New Business (continued)

c. 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 in the attached sheet.

d. 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 August 19 and September 4, 2008 visits. Please note that 187 items were reviewed and there were 2 non-conformances (99% in conformance). (see attachments.)

IX. Building & Grounds – Items of Information

a. Monthly Maintenance Report

The Maintenance Report for September is attached

b. Vandalism Report

The Vandalism Report for September is attached

X. Old Business

a. Math Pilot

XI. Public Comment

There were numerous comments made with regard to the Math Pilot Program.

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the regular meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 10:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O'Brien