

VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MEETING

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

Date: September 15, 2008

Location of Meeting:
Shaw Avenue Library Media Center

Board Members Present

K. Cummings, T. Egbuchulam, M. Fletcher,
Elise 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

Staff Members Absent

1. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 8:24 p.m.
2. The following items were discussed:
 - I. Guidelines were sent to building administrators, PTA presidents and VSTA representatives to determine where representation is still needed so representatives can be chosen in an inclusive process.
 - II. Ed Cullen facilitated a discussion with the Board of Education regarding SAS 112/GASB 34 in accordance with Ed's memo to Elaine Kanas dated August 21, 2008. The Board of Education has decided to outsource this additional accounting work. It is anticipated that the Board of Education will adopt a resolution at their September 22, 2008 meeting.
 - III. Board Discussion regarding retreat training
 - a. Strategic Planning - The Board expressed interest in a plan. Dr. Kanas will gather information on consultants to facilitate this process.
 - b. Superintendents Evaluation – In the October work session, Dr. Kanas will submit her 2008-09 goals and objectives in relation to the district and Board of Education goals.
 - c. Policy Changes – Dr. Kanas and the district office will bring to the Board of Education, in the immediate future, all policies that need to be reviewed and updated. At the same time a suggested plan is to have School Boards Association review all Board of Education policies through the course of the school year.
 - IV. The Board of Education decided not to pursue the October 15, 1997 Consolidation Plan.

- V. The following were other items discussed:
- a. A resolution for extra pay for extra service does not have to be placed on the board agenda. Effectively immediately the Senior Account Clerk will make copies of all time sheets submitted for extra hours. This applies to hourly staff only. Copies will be provided to the Board for information purposes only.
 - b. All salaries as well as dollar values will be delineated in the actual resolution where possible.
 - c. Effective October 2008 there will be a consent agenda.
 - d. Effective October 2008 there will be a public session in the beginning of the Board of Education Regular Meeting. There will also be a public session at the end of such a meeting. Guidelines will be developed.
 - e. The public seating arrangements in the Shaw Avenue Library Media Center will be modified to accommodate additional seating. A microphone will be available for every meeting.
 - f. The agenda will be posted on the website by Saturday morning prior to the Board of Education Meeting. This will give the public time to review the agenda before the meeting.
 - g. Two binders containing all attachments will be at every Board of Education meeting for public inspection.
 - h. Dr. Kanas will be looking into the student arrival protocols.

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher and seconded by Trustee Antonelli the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Elaine Kanas

