

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

**Date:** February 22, 2010

**Location of Meeting:**

Shaw Avenue Library Media Center

**Board Members Present:**

K. Cummings, M. Fletcher, C. Stewart,  
C. Pean

**Board Members Absent:**

E. Antonelli

**Staff Members Present:**

E. Kanas, Superintendent of Schools  
E. Cullen, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
G. Poole, Director of Curriculum and Instruction  
A. Hudson, H. Levine, Building Principals  
A. O'Brien, District Clerk

**Staff Member Absent:**

H. Rabinowitz, Director of Special  
Education  
R. Meloni, Director of Technology  
E. Malone, Building Principal  
G. Abbate, Director of Facilities

**Others in Attendance:**

A. Pernick, J. Innella, J. Tripp, J. Lavery, J. Baptist

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

**I. Superintendent's Report**

- a. J. Lynn Tripp spoke on the Creation of a Community Blog.
- b. Dr. Kanas congratulated both Maria Fletcher and June Innella on the recognition given to them by the Nassau County PTA.
- c. Dr. Kanas gave a Strategic Planning Update.
- d. E. Cullen gave a Budget Update.
- e. Dr. Kanas stated that the Shaw Avenue Elementary School Banking Program was postponed indefinitely.
- f. Dr. Kanas stated that the First Public Reading of Board Policy (#4526) was postponed.
- g. The Second Public Reading Board Policies, Regulations and Exhibits (#2270 – 3300) (5152 & 5153) were presented.
- h. The Third Public Reading Board Policies, Regulations and Exhibits (#1900 – 2260) were presented.
- i. The monthly reports were accepted as submitted.

**II. Board President's Report**

- a. Correspondence: There was a letter from Nassau BOCES regarding the Budget.
- b. Mr. Cummings invited the public to Founders Day – Wednesday, February 24, 2010 Forest Road School at 7:00 p.m..
- c. Mr. Cummings invited the public to a presentation on Cyber Bullying at the Keller Auditorium, VSCHSD on February 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
- d. Mr. Cummings thanked H. Levine for all of her work at Clear Stream Avenue School and wished her well in her future endeavors.

**III. Public Comment**

There was none.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

a. Reading/Adoption of Minutes (see attachments)

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

Regular Meeting	January 25, 2010
Work Session Meeting	February 8, 2010

2. On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education accepted the minutes as listed.

Regular Meeting	January 25, 2010
Work Session Meeting	February 8, 2010

**V. Education – New Business**

a. Resignation – Teacher

On a motion by Trustee Pean, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education accepted Lindsey Reese’s letter of resignation from the position of teacher at the Forest Road School, effective 06/30/10.

b. Substitute Registry Personnel

On a motion by Trustee Pean, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education approved the per diem substitute registry personnel appointment as follows.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Victoria Rodriguez	02/23/10	06/30/10
Victoria Kushner	02/23/10	06/30/10

- c. On a motion by Trustee Pean, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education approved the club revision for the 2009-10 school year as indicated.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Club</b>	<b>Days/Hours</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b># of students</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Level/Rate</b>	<b>Reason for Revision</b>
3	Shaw Ave. ELA	M, T, Th, Fri 3–3:45 pm	Preparation for ELA assessments	8 – 10	Jennifer Andrews (Contract Sub)	Cl, \$1,175	Additional ELA club added to be retroactively approved, to begin 2/4/10

V. **Education – New Business (continued)**

d. Student Observers

On a motion by Trustee Pean, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education authorized placement of the following student observers.

<b>University/Student</b>	<b>School/Assignment</b>	<b>Duration</b>
<u>Hofstra University</u> Crystal Brown	<u>Forest Road School</u> Grace Guttman (Gr.2)	Spring semester, 30 hours
<u>St. John’s University</u> Allison Maxon	<u>Shaw Avenue School</u> Debra Meinert (Sp.Ed.) / <u>Forest Road School</u> Cathy Wood (Sp.Ed.)	Spring semester, 15 hours

e. Student Participant Observer

On a motion by Trustee Pean, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education authorized placement of the following student participant observer.

<b>University/Student</b>	<b>School/Assignment</b>	<b>Duration</b>
<u>St. John’s University</u> Jana Rashkin	<u>Forest Road School</u> Joanna Rashkin (Gr.5)	Spring semester

f. Student Teacher

On a motion by Trustee Pean, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education authorized placement of the following student teacher.

<b>University/Student</b>	<b>School/Assignment</b>	<b>Duration</b>
<u>Hofstra University</u> Diane Ramis	<u>Forest Road School</u> Lisa Freisem (Self Cont., Gr.K-2)	3/22/10-5/14/10

g. Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent - Increase

On a motion by Trustee Pean, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education approved an increase in the 2009-10 Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent for a cross contract with the Cattaraugus-Allegheny BOCES for the renewal of Study Island.

h. Committee for Special Education

On a motion by Trustee Pean, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education agreed to provide programs and services for the following special education students as indicated.

i. Committee for Preschool Special Education

On a motion by Trustee Pean, 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.

**V. Education – New Business (continued)**

j. School Calendar – 2010-11

On a motion by Trustee Pean, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached calendar for the 2010-11 school year. The Valley Stream Superintendents and the Valley Stream Teachers’ Association, Local 1633, agreed upon this calendar.

k. Board of Education Policies, Regulations and Exhibits

On a motion by Trustee Pean, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, Will the Board of Education accepted and approved the following board policies, regulations and exhibits. (These records are on file in the Superintendent’s Office.)

Policy #	
1050	Annual District Election and Budget Vote
1110	School-Sponsored Publications
1120	School District Records
1120-R	School District Records Regulation
1120-E.1	School District Records Exhibit
1120-E.2	Request for Records by Email
1120-E.3	Agency Response to Email Request for Records
1130	News Media Relations
1222	Relationship with Booster Organizations
1230	Public Participation at Board Meetings
1400	Public Complaints
1420	Complaints About Curricular or Instructional Materials
1420-R	Complaints About Curricular Or Instructional Materials Regulation
1510	Public Sales on School Property
1530	Smoking and Other Tobacco Use on School Premises
1740	Relationship with Nonpublic Schools
1741	Home-Schooled Students

**Item of Information**

a. Additional Credits

The following teachers have completed additional graduate credits for salary purposes, retroactive to February 1, 2010:

<b>CLEAR STREAM</b>	<b>Present Degree</b>	<b>New Degree</b>
Maureen Hotzak	MA	MA + 15
Gina Lombardo	MA	MA + 15
Christine Pope	MA + 15	MA + 30
Valerie Taliercio-Miranda	MA + 30	MA + 45
<b>FOREST ROAD</b>	<b>Present Degree</b>	<b>New Degree</b>
Ronni Horowitz	M	M + 15
<b>SHAW AVENUE</b>	<b>Present Degree</b>	<b>New Degree</b>
Laurie Buelvas-Kritas	MA + 30	MA + 45
Lauren Weick	MA	MA + 15

**VI. Business – New Business**

a. Civil Service Appointments

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education approved the following civil service appointment, in accordance with the salary schedule in effect.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Angela Failla	Typist-Clerk	Part-time	Step 1	\$19.60 hourly*	Districtwide	2/23/10
Geraldine Goldstein	Teacher Aide F/T	Permanent	Step 1	\$12,083 annually	Shaw Ave.	3/02/10

\*Pending contract settlement

b. Copier Agreements

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached OCE copier agreements for the Shaw Ave. and Clear Stream Ave. Schools and authorized the Board President to execute such.

c. Southwest Quadrant Transportation Consortium

On a motion by Trustee Pean, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education approved the district's participation in the 2010-11 Southwest Quadrant Pupil Transportation Consortium.

d. Tuition Agreements

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Special Education Services Tuition Agreements with Malverne UFSD, Valley Stream UFSD #24 and Garden City UFSD and authorized the Board President to execute such.

e. Interpreter Services

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached agreement with Mill Neck and authorized the Board President to execute such.

f. Architect Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Architect Agreement with John A. Grillo Architects and authorized the Board President to execute such. This is for the Summer 2010 capital projects.

g. Emergency Response Plan/Revisions

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the revisions to the 2009-10 Emergency Response Plans. (These revisions are on file in the Business Office.)

h. Vacation Pay

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education approved a 2009-10 accrued vacation payout for Helene Levine, not-to-exceed 21 days.

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

i. Purchasing Consortium

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education approved the district's participation in a purchasing consortium with Valley Stream UFSD #'s 13, 24 and VSCHSD for the school year 2010-11, for the purposes of occupational, physical, speech and other related services. Valley Stream UFSD #30 will serve as the lead district in the preparation/ coordination of the request for quote/proposal.

j. Capital Projects

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education adopted the following resolution: In accordance with the New York State Education Commissioner's Regulation 155.9 (as amended), school districts assume the role of lead agency for the environmental review of capital projects. As such, it has been determined by the Board of Education, that New York State Education Department Facilities Planning Project Control Numbers (TBD) for corridor ceiling/light replacement at the Shaw Ave. School and window replacement (in phases) at the Clear Stream Ave., Forest Rd., and Shaw Ave. Schools are hereby classified as a Type II Action having no significant environmental impact and requiring no further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) as amended. The above are Summer 2011 capital projects.

**VII. Finance – New Business**

a. Treasurer's Report

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Pean and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 2010.

b. Revenue & Expenditure Reports

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Pean and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the 2009-10 Revenue and Expenditure Reports that are attached.

c. Transfers Between Accounts

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Pean and carried, the Board of Education approved the transfers between accounts for the 2009-10 school year as delineated in the attached sheet.

d. Claims Auditor Findings

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Pean and carried, the Board of Education adopted the internal claim audit finding of R. S. Abrams for their January 19 and February 2, 2010 visits. Please note that 630 items were reviewed and there were 6 non-conformances (99% in conformance). Please see the attached documents.

**VIII. Building & Grounds – Items of Information**

a. Monthly Maintenance Report

The Maintenance Report for February was accepted as submitted.

b. Vandalism Report

The Vandalism Report for February was accepted as submitted.

**IX. Old Business**

There was none.

**X. Public Comment**

a. There was a question with regard to the hiring and recruiting of staff.

A motion was made by Trustee Fletcher and seconded by Trustee Stewart to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O'Brien  
District Clerk