

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

**Date:** October 26, 2009

**Location of Meeting:**

Shaw Avenue Library Media Center

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Staff Members Present:**

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

**Staff members Absent:**

None

**Others in Attendance:**

J. Mitchell, V. Zapelli, L. Reese, C. Serra, C. Kaye, M. Lauro, M. Mahoney, R. Rudy, C. Masone, N. Bart, J. Granger, S. Cooke, S. Distler, C. Kislin, N. McInerney, A. Violate, C. Taylor, M. Neckonoff, S. Rubin, D. Maerhofer, S. Aragona, J. Innella, D. Jean-Baptiste, J. Alcala, P. Griffith, S. Perrone, C. Distler et al.

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

**I. Superintendent's Report**

- a. Alan Yu of Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen & Danowski gave an External Audit Report.
- b. Lauren Agunzo of Nawrocki Smith gave an Internal Audit Report.
- c. Dr. Kanas gave a Strategic Planning Committee Update.
- d. Dr. Kanas reported on the H1Ni vaccinations.
- e. The Monthly Reports were accepted as submitted.

**II. Board President's Report**

- a. Correspondence – There was none.
- b. Trustee Cummings gave an update on the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Trade Show.
- c. Trustee Cummings thanked everyone for Board Appreciation Day.
- d. Trustee Cummings gave an update on the required readings for the Policy Manual.

**III. Public Comment**

There was none.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

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

Work Session Meeting	September 14, 2009
Regular Meeting	September 21, 2009 (as corrected)
Audit Committee Meeting	October 19, 2009
Work Session Meeting	October 19, 2009

**V. Approval of Minutes**

a. Reading/Adoption of Minutes (see attachments) (continued)

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

Work Session Meeting	September 14, 2009
Regular Meeting	September 21, 2009 (as corrected)
Audit Committee Meeting	October 19, 2009
Work Session Meeting	October 19, 2009

**VI. Education Committee – New Business**

a. Leave of Absence

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved Jessica Mitchell’s request for an unpaid leave of absence for 11/25/09.

b. Leave of Absence

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved Sebnem Ozsirkinti’s request for an unpaid leave of absence for health with no benefits, under §5.13 of the Agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers’ Association, Local 1633, and the Valley Stream UFSD #30 Board of Education beginning on or about 12/27/09 and ending on or about 02/22/10.

c. Resignation

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education accepted Mary Mahoney’s letter of resignation as a (3) day contract substitute teacher at the Shaw Avenue School effective 10/27/09.

d. Appointments

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the following appointment as listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Probationary Term</u>
Stephanie Distler	General Music Teacher/Probationary	Shaw	10/27/09	MA, Step 1 \$64,632	3 years
Mary Mahoney	6th Gr. Classroom Teacher/Leave Replacement	Shaw	10/27/09 – 06/30/10	MA, Step 1 \$64,632	N/A

e. Long Term Per Diem Appointment

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the following long term per diem substitute teacher appointment, with no benefits, at the per diem rate of \$115 per day as listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective on or about-Ending on or about</u>
Celina Taylor	LT Per Diem Substitute Music Teacher	Forest Road/ Shaw Ave.	10/27/09 – 12/18/09

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

f. Mentor Assignments

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of the following faculty to serve as mentors to the following new teachers (mentees) during the 2009-2010 school year, not-to-exceed 60 hours per year (a minimum of 15 hours per semester) and in accordance with the negotiated contract and agreement between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association as indicated below.

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>New Teacher (Mentee)</u>
D. Cerrone	M. Mahoney
T. J. Adams	L. Kloc-Alberghini
S. Cooke	S. Distler

g. Clubs

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached list of additional clubs for the 2009-10 school year.

h. Club Revisions

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached list of club revisions. (resolution originally approved on August 24, 2009 - VI.n.)

i. Club Revisions

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached list of club revisions. (resolution originally approved on September 21, 2009 - VI.b.)

j. Substitute Registry Personnel

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher 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>
Katharine Sherman	10/27/09	06/30/10
Kelly Mahoney	10/27/09	06/30/10
Kimberly Braga	10/27/09	06/30/10
Rebecca Sorenson	10/27/09	06/30/10
Randy Berkun	10/27/09	06/30/10
Michel Zderko	10/27/09	06/30/10
Nichele Saunders	10/27/09	06/30/10
Kati Miano	10/27/09	06/30/10
Andrew Clarke	10/27/09	06/30/10
John Ignacio	10/27/09	06/30/10
Celina Taylor	10/27/09	06/30/10

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

k. Letter of Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the attached letter of agreement for Edward Cullen effective 07/01/09, with a salary of \$165,000 for the 2009-10 school year. A roll call vote was taken, the results of which are as follows.

Trustee Cummings	yes
Trustee Fletcher	yes
Trustee Antonelli	yes
Trustee Stewart	no
Trustee Pean	yes

l. Agreements

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the following side agreements between Valley Stream Union Free School District 30 and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association for the following.

<u>Agreement</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Translation Services	\$63.00 per page	10/27/09	06/30/10
Study Island	\$55.00 per hr.	02/23/10	06/30/10
Technology Committee	\$1,500.00 yearly stipend	07/01/09	06/30/10

m. Appointment– Technology Committee Co-Chairs

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Ilissa Epstein and Theresa Donoghue as Elementary Technology Committee Co-Chairs effective for the 2009-10 school year at the annual rate of \$1,500 to be split equally between the two.

n. Committee for Special Education

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

o. Committee for Preschool Special Education

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

p. Subscription Membership

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education authorized a subscription to the NCLB Compliance Insider publication for the Office of the Director of Curriculum and Instruction. (Please note that the cost of this subscription is \$224.00.)

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

q. Psychology Student Interns

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education authorized the placement of the following student interns.

<b><u>University/Student</u></b>	<b><u>Assignment</u></b>	<b><u>Duration</u></b>
<u>St. John’s University</u> Nazli Rodriguez	<u>Clear Stream Ave.</u> Jennifer Orellana, Psych.	2009-2010 school year
<u>Queens College</u> Tina Marie Santaniello	<u>Forest Road</u> Lauraine Casella, Psych.	2009-2010 school year

r. Student Participant Observers

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

<b><u>University/Student</u></b>	<b><u>School/Assignment</u></b>	<b><u>Duration</u></b>
<u>Hofstra University</u> Christine Tyrrell	<u>Shaw Ave.</u> Paul Farinacci, K-6 Art	Fall 2009, 20 hours
<u>SUNY Old Westbury</u> Rachel Rosenzweig	<u>Forest Road</u> Cathy Wood, Sp.Ed. <u>Shaw Ave.</u> Joyce Smithok, Gr. 2 (Inclusion)	Fall 2009, 20 hours
<u>SUNY Old Westbury</u> Lauren Badome	<u>Forest Road</u> Cathy Wood, Sp.Ed.	Fall 2009, 20 hours

s. Student Teacher

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

<b><u>University/Student</u></b>	<b><u>School/Assignment</u></b>	<b><u>Duration</u></b>
<u>Valdosta State University</u> Lesley Anne Bovell	Shaw Avenue Patricia Phillips-Rice	01/11/10 – 04/30/10

t. Student Nurse

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education authorized the placement of the following student nurse.

<b><u>University/Student</u></b>	<b><u>School/Assignment</u></b>	<b><u>Duration</u></b>
<u>St. Joseph’s College</u> Medjy Fontin	<u>Shaw Ave.</u> Susan Lombardo, R.N.	Wednesdays Fall 2009

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

u. Student Observers

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

<b>University/Student</b>	<b>School/Assignment</b>	<b>Duration</b>
<u>SUNY Old Westbury</u> Samantha Diaz	<u>Clear Stream Ave./WAKC</u> Mary Kay Ficarrota, Kgn.	Fall 2009, 20 hours
<u>St. John’s University</u> Allison Maxon	<u>Clear Stream Ave./WAKC</u> Sandra Aragona, Kgn. <u>Shaw Ave.</u> Jan Granger, Gr. 3 <u>Forest Road</u> Sherrie Lewis, Gr. 6	Fall 2009, 2 hours each placement
<u>Hofstra University</u> Julie Bass	<u>Shaw Ave.</u> Gloria Weeks, Resource Rm. Tr.	Fall 2009, 14 hours
<u>Hofstra University</u> Sophia Castleman	<u>Clear Stream Ave.</u> Patricia Serio, Resource Rm. Tr.	Fall 2009, 14 hours
<u>Hofstra University</u> Lauren Moser	<u>Forest Road</u> Lisa Freisem, Sp.Ed.	Fall 2009, 15 hours
<u>Touro College</u> Ivy Lesser	<u>Forest Road</u> Ellen Fitzgerald, Grade 3 Taya Kelly, Grade 3	Fall 2009, 50 hours

**VI. Education Committee  
Item of Information**

a. Board of Education Policies, Regulations and Exhibits – First Reading

<u>Policy #</u>	
0000	Mission Statement and Vision
0100	Equal Opportunity
0110	Sexual Harassment
0110-R	Sexual Harassment Regulation
0110-E.1	Sexual Harassment Formal Complaint Form
0110-E.2	Sexual Harassment Complaint – Appeal Form
0150	HIV/AIDS
0200	School District Goals and Objectives
0300	Accountability
0310	Board Self-Evaluation
0320	Evaluation of the Superintendent
1000	Community Relations Goals

**VII. Business – New Business**

a. Civil Service Appointments

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education, approved the following civil service appointments, 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>
Colleen Manta	Teacher Aide,	Probationary	Step 1	12,083	SAS	10/27/09
Shazma Sadozai	School Monitor	Part Time	Step 1	\$11.62 per hr	CSA	10/27/09
Leonardo Arias	Cleaner, P/T	Part Time	Step 1	11.62 per hr	WAKC	10/27/09
Michelle Vitalo*	School Nurse	Probationary	Step 1	40,347	FST	10/27/09

\* Pending Civil Service Certification

b. Forest Road School Student Council Recycling Project

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Pean and carried, the Board of Education approved a recycling program with Royal Waste Services Inc. at the Forest Road School.

c. Donation – Target – Take Charge of Education

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the receipt and expenditures of \$143.26, as delineated in the attached, in the general fund. Please note that the general fund budget would be increased by said amount.

d. BOCES Letter of Intent - Increase

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved an increase in the 2009-2010 Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$570, to enable the district's music teachers to participate in professional development sponsored by the New York State Council of Administrators of Music Education (NYSCAME) on November 3, 2009.

e. Increase in Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved an increase in the 2009-10 Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent in the not-to-exceed amount of \$14,515.20 for library online databases.

f. Increase in Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved an increase in the 2009-10 Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,297 Assessment and Data Reports.

g. Purchasing Guidelines

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached 2009-10 purchasing guidelines.

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

h. Special Counsel

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of the law firm of Donoghue, Thomas, Auslander & Drohan, LLP to act as Special Counsel to the Board of Education consistent with the terms of the fee proposal from said law firm dated 10/23/09 and hereby authorized the President of the Board to execute the aforementioned fee proposal.

i. Consultant Services

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached proposal from the school architect for the purposes of an exterior wall investigation at the Shaw Ave. School.

j. Playground Surface Repairs

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved playground surface repairs at the Clear Stream Ave., Forest Rd. and Shaw Ave. Schools in accordance with Greg Abbate's memo dated 09/15/09. (Please note that these are estimated costs.)

k. Internal Audit Reports

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the 2008-09 internal auditor (Nawrocki Smith) reports.

l. Management Representation Letter

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, Seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached management representation letter for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 and retroactively authorized the Superintendent of Schools and Assistant Superintendent for Business to execute such.

m. Management Letter, Audit Opinion and Financial Statements 2008-09

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the management letter, audit opinion and financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. Please note that the management letter and audit opinion are prepared by Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski (external auditor) while the financial statements are prepared by The Galamery Co. with assistance from the business office. (These reports are on file in the business office.)

n. Amendment of Resolution

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the amendment of resolution (VII.b, August 24, 2009) to read Step 3 for both Donna Blenk and Rose Kelly.

o. Tuition Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached special education services tuition agreement with Uniondale Public Schools, for the 2009-10 school year.

**VIII. Finance – New Business**

a. Treasurer’s Reports

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Treasurer’s Reports for the month ending September 2009.

b. Revenue & Expenditure Reports 2009-10

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the 2009-10 Revenue and Expenditure Reports (both through September 30, 2009) that are attached.

c. Transfers Between Accounts (2009-10)

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli 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 Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education adopted the internal claim audit finding of R. S. Abrams for their September 22 and October 5, 2009 visits. Please note that 345 items were reviewed and there were 3 non-conformances (99.1% in conformance). Please see the attached documents.

e. Special State Legislative Grant

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the receipt and expenditures of the special state legislative grant in the amount \$50,000, in accordance with the attached document. Please note that the general fund budget will be increased by said amount.

**IX. Items of Information**

a. Buildings & Grounds

The Maintenance Report for the month of October 2009 was accepted as submitted.  
The Vandalism Report for the month of October 2009 was accepted as submitted.

**X. Old Business**

**XI. Public Comment**

- a. A question was asked with regard to the proposed cuts in Albany
- b. A statement was made about the priority of salaries.

A motion was made by Trustee Stewart and seconded by Trustee Fletcher to go into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. for the purposes of discussing negotiations.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Staff Members Present:**

E. Kanas, Superintendent of Schools  
E. Cullen, Assistant Superintendent for Business

**Staff Member Absent:**

None

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education adjourned the Executive Session of the Board of Education at 10:10 p.m., reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:11 p.m. and immediately adjourned the Regular Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O'Brien  
District Clerk