

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

**Date:** May 26, 2011

**Location of Meeting:**  
Shaw Avenue Library Media Center

**Board Members Present:**

E. Antonelli, K. Cummings, J. Lavery

**Board Members Absent:**

C. Pean, C. Stewart

**Staff Members Present:**

E. Kanas, Superintendent of Schools (7:30 p.m.)  
L. Rutkoske, Assistant Superintendent for Business (7:30 p.m.)

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at which time a motion was made by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Lavery and carried, to go into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. for the purposes of matters relating to the employment of a particular person or persons and collective bargaining.

On a motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Lavery and carried, the Executive Session was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

E. Antonelli, K. Cummings, J. Lavery

**Board Members Absent:**

C. Pean, C. Stewart

**Staff Members Present:**

E. Kanas, Superintendent of Schools  
L Rutkoske, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
R. Meloni, Director of Technology  
G. Poole, Director of Curriculum and Instruction  
P. Stellino, Interim Director of Special Education  
J. Singleton, E. Malone Building Principals  
A. O'Brien, District Clerk

**Staff Member Absent:**

A. Hudson, Building Principal  
G. Abbate, Director of Facilities

**Others in Attendance:**

R. Mansfield, D. Cerrone, C. Pope, S. Aragona, P. Serio, J. Francis, J. Innella, D. Darragh, M. Randazzo, P. Amalfitano, G. Bollo-Goldstein, D. Blenk, N. Dougherty, M. Rodriguez, S. Tauber, J. Dody, L. Tauber, S. Rubin, A. Pernick, D. Rosssello, P. Phillips, et al.

I. A quorum being present, the regular meeting was reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

**II. Superintendent's Report**

- a. Dr. Kanas gave a Strategic Plan Update.
- b. Dr. Kanas gave an Aims Web/RTI Update
- c. The first public reading of Board Policies, Regulations and Exhibits 6800, 6830, 6830-R, 6831, 6831-R, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7120, 7365, 7365E, 7500 were presented.
- d. The second public reading Board Policies, Regulations and Exhibits 1050, 6000 – 6600, 6650 - 6690-E, 6705 – 6741 were presented.

**II. Superintendent’s Report (continued)**

- e. The monthly reports were accepted as submitted
- f. Dr. Kanas reported on the district summer program “Commitment to Growth” which she gave a presentation on at the NYS conference in Saratoga.

**III. Board President’s Report**

- a. Correspondence  
There was none.
- b. Trustee Antonelli made a statement on tenure and the guidelines the district follows in order to achieve tenure. She then congratulated all tenure candidates.
- c. Trustee Antonelli congratulated Dr. Kanas and the district on the success of the “Commitment to Growth” summer program.

**IV. Public Comment**

There was none.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

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

Audit Committee Meeting	April 27, 2011
Special BOCES Meeting	April 27, 2011
Regular Meeting	April 27, 2011
Work Session Meeting	May 16, 2011
Special Meeting	May 17, 2011
  - 2. On a motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Lavery and carried, the Board of Education accepted as presented the minutes as listed.
 

Audit Committee Meeting	April 27, 2011
Special BOCES Meeting	April 27, 2011
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Work Session Meeting	May 16, 2011
Special Meeting	May 17, 2011

**VI. Education – New Business**

- a. Tenure Appointments – Administration/Faculty  
On a motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Lavery, and carried, the Board of Education approved the following faculty teacher/administrator appointments as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Present Salary</u>
Amy Pernick	Shaw Avenue	Assistant Principal	9/1/11	MA+60	\$108,500

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

a. Tenure Appointments – Administration/Faculty (continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Degree/ Present Step (10/11)</u>	<u>Present Salary*</u>
Laura Argento	Forest Road	Elementary Education	09/01/11	MA Step 3	\$69,052*
Sharon Benyaminy	Forest Road	Speech – remedial	09/01/11	MA + 45 Step 1	\$71,349*
Maureen Hotzak	Clear Stream	Elementary Education	09/16/11	MA+15 Step 2/3	\$69,251/ \$71,840*
Natalie Nelson	Clear Stream	Elementary Education	10/28/11	MA+15 Step 8/9	\$87,533/ \$90,645*
Sebnem Ozsirkinti	WAKC/Shaw Avenue	ESL	09/01/11	MA Step 1/2	\$64,632/ \$66,786*
Crystan Serra	Forest Road	Elementary Education	09/23/11	MA Step 2/3	\$66,786/ \$69,052*
Sarah Tauber	Shaw Avenue	Elementary Education	09/01/11	B+30 Step 3	\$64,536*
Eric Van Keuren	Shaw Avenue	Physical Education and Recreation	09/01/11	MA Step 3	\$69,052*
Lauren Weick	Shaw Avenue	Elementary Education	09/01/11	MA+30 Step 5	\$79,994*

\*contract pending

b. Memorandum of Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Lavery, and carried, the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 30 hereby approved and ratified the Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Valley Stream Council of Supervisory Associations dated May 25, 2011 and hereby authorized the Superintendent of Schools to execute same and to take all actions consistent with the terms thereof.

c. Appointments

On a motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Lavery, and carried, the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, at its meeting on June 22, 2009, the Board of Education approved the probationary appointment of Gerard Poole to the position of “Director of Curriculum & Instruction” effective July 1, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the actual duties and responsibilities performed by Mr. Poole the Board of Education has determined that the correct title for Mr. Poole’s position is “Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined it is necessary to revise the resolution approving Mr. Poole’s probationary appointment to reflect the correct title of “Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction”; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Poole’s duties and responsibilities as the “Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction” shall remain substantially the same and Mr. Poole shall remain in the same tenure area;

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

c. Appointments (continued)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 30 hereby revised resolution number VI.c., approved at its meeting of June 22, 2009, to amend the title of Gerard Poole’s appointment from the “Director of Curriculum & Instruction” to the correct title of “Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction”. All other aspects of Mr. Poole’s appointment shall remain unchanged.

d. Employment Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Lavery and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached Terms and Conditions of Employment (2011-12) for Gerard Poole effective 7/1/11, with a base salary in the 2011-12 school year to be \$127,500 or equal to the annual base salary of the District’s second least senior Building Principal in the Valley Stream Council of Supervisory Association during the 2011-12 school year, whichever is greater.

e. Appointment

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Tenure</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary</u>	Probationary <u>Term</u>
Johane Ligonde	Building Principal/ Principal	Shaw Ave School	07/01/11	\$127,500.00	3 years

f. Substitute Registry Personnel

On a motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Lavery 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>
Mieta Malloy	05/27/11	06/30/11

g. Substitute Registry Personnel

On a motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Lavery and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of the following individuals to the position of contract substitute teacher at the per diem rate for contractual substitutes for the 2010-11 school year.

<u>Contract Substitute</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Michael Caramanico	05/27/11	06/30/11

h. Student Teacher Placement

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

<u>University/Student</u>	<u>School/Assignment</u>	<u>Duration</u>
<u>Touro College</u> Kristina Williamson	<u>Clear Stream Ave.</u> D. Neiss, Gr.2	May 16-June 24 100 hours

i. NCLB Consolidated Grants

On a motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Lavery and carried, the Board of Education approved the submittal of Consolidated NCLB grant application and the disbursement of grant funds as specified when submitted, for the 2011-12 school year.

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

j. Part 154-LEP

On a motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Lavery and carried, the Board of Education approved the submittal of the Part 154-LEP (Limited English Proficiency) grant application and the disbursement of grant funds as specified when submitted, for the 2011-12 school year.

k. Committee for Special Education

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

l. Committee for Preschool Special Education

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

m. AIS Plan

On a motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Lavery and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached AIS Plan for the 2011-12 school year.

**VII. Business – New Business**

a. Resignation – School Monitor P/T

On a motion by Trustee Lavery, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried, the Board of Education approved the following resignations.

Name	Position	Building	Effective
Terianne Gaudiello	School Monitor P/T	Forest Rd.	05/07/11
Delia Carrillo	School Monitor P/T	Forest Rd.	05/09/11
Iris Molina	School Monitor P/T	Clear Stream Ave.	05/12/11
Gabriella Schwartz	School Monitor P/T	Shaw Ave.	05/20/11*

\* Close of business

b. Summer Cleaning Staff – Seasonal Laborers

On a motion by Trustee Lavery, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of the following individuals as indicated below to the position of Seasonal Laborer in the schools of the District for the period beginning 06/27/11 and ending 08/31/11, pending Civil Service clearance.

Luke Gagstetter	William Seiter
Nicholas Novello	Eleanor Wyche
Brian Reusch	Frank Biondo

c. Cleaner F/T – Forest Road School

On a motion by Trustee Lavery, seconded by Trustee Cummings, and carried, the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 30 hereby rescinds resolution number VII.b. approved at its meeting of February 28, 2011, terminating the employment of Mr. Rizzuto as a Cleaner F/T for the District pursuant to Section 71 of the Civil Service Law and hereby declares such action null and void; and

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

- d. Cleaner F/T – Forest Road School (continued)  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 30 hereby accepts the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Dennis Rizzuto as a Cleaner F/T in the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 30, effective February 12, 2011.
  
- e. Increase in Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent  
On a motion by Trustee Lavery, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried, the Board of Education approved an increase of \$3,240.01 in the Nassau BOCES 2010-11 Letter of Intent, for the purposes of Arts-in-Education.
  
- f. Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent  
On a motion by Trustee Lavery, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the filing of the Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent for the school year 2011-2012. Please see the attached summary departmental snapshot.
  
- g. Educational Data Services  
On a motion by Trustee Lavery, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried, the Board of Education accept and approve the attached licensing and maintenance fee for the 2011-12 school year for the New York Cooperative Bidding Program with Educational Data Services in the amount of \$1,740.00.
  
- h. Use of Facilities  
On a motion by Trustee Lavery, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried, the Board of Education approved the request by the Councilman Darcy’s office for use of the Shaw Avenue School Auditorium in order to host an anti crime program with the 5<sup>th</sup> precinct on 06/13/11 from 7:30 pm to 10:00 p.m..
  
- i. Donation  
On a motion by Trustee Lavery, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried, the Board of Education accepted the donation through Cornell Extension via “Greening of the County” program of a Honey Locust Tree for the Clear Stream Avenue School.
  
- j. 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct/Supporting Deposition  
On a motion by Trustee Lavery, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried, the Board of Education authorized Dr. Kanas to sign the attached supporting deposition allowing the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct to arrest anyone caught trespassing on District Property during the evening hours when the properties are closed to the public, as indicated by the posted signs.

**VIII. Finance – New Business**

- a. Treasurer’s Report  
On a motion by Trustee Lavery, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Treasurer’s Report for the month ending April 2011.

**VIII. Finance – New Business (continued)**

b. Revenue & Expenditure Reports

On a motion by Trustee Lavery, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the 2010-11 Revenue and Expenditure Reports that are attached.

c. Claims Auditor Findings

On a motion by Trustee Lavery, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried, the Board of Education adopted the internal claim audit finding of R. S. Abrams for their 04/26/11 and 5/02/11 visits. Please note that 314 items were reviewed and there were 3 non-conformances (99.04% in conformance). Please see the attached documents.

**IX. Items of Information**

a. Monthly Maintenance Report

The monthly maintenance report for May 2011 was accepted as submitted.

b. Vandalism Report

The monthly vandalism report for May 2011 was accepted as submitted.

**X. Old Business**

There was none.

**XI. Public Comment**

There was none.

On a motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Lavery and carried, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. to go into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Lavery and carried, the Executive Session was adjourned at 9:50 pm, the regular meeting was reconvened and immediately adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O'Brien  
District Clerk