

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

Date: January 26, 2009

Location of Meeting:
Shaw Avenue Library Media Center

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Fletcher and seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam to go into Executive Session at 7:35 pm for the purpose negotiations.

Board Members Present:

K. Cummings, T. Egbuchulam, M. Fletcher
C. Stewart, E. Antonelli

Board Members Absent:

Staff Members Present:

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

Staff Member Absent:

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education reconvened the regular meeting at 8:00 pm.

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
R. Meloni, Director of Technology
G. Abbate, Director of Facilities
T. Scrocco, H. Levine, A. Hudson, Building Principals
A. O'Brien, District Clerk

Staff Members Absent:

H. Rabinowitz

Others in Attendance:

S. Aragona, M. Golfo, J. Francis, D. Jean Baptiste, J. Alcala, et al.

I. Superintendent's Report

- a. The Superintendent's Report was submitted and placed on file.
- b. A presentation was given on Anti-Bullying by the students of Clear Stream Avenue School under the direction of Dawn Ragone.
- c. Carol Perkins of R. S. Abrams presented the 2007-08 Claims Audit Report.
- d. Parents, administrators and teachers went for BLT training on 01/23/09.
- e. The PTA's and teacher groups were contacted for potential names to be submitted for the strategic planning committee.
- f. The Superintendent thanked the faculty and staff for the efficient manner in which they handled both the Forest Road School and Clear Stream Avenue closings.

II. Board President's Report

- a. Mr. Cummings reviewed the process with regard to the question/comment form.
- b. Mr. Cummings stated that the board met on 01/12/09 to discuss the budget and will meet again on 02/09/09 to continue discussions on keeping the budget costs to a minimal increase.
- c. Mr. Cummings stated the buildings and grounds tour was on 01/17/09.
- d. Mr. Cummings thanked the faculty and staff in all of the buildings for their efficient handling of both the Forest Road School and Clear Stream Avenue School closing.
- e. Mr. Cummings stated that congratulations were in order for our new President and that he was happy that all of the children were able to witness this historic event at the school.

III. Public Comment

- a. There was none.

IV. Approval of Minutes

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

Regular Meeting	December 22, 2008
Work Session Meeting	January 12, 2009
 2. On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted as corrected the minutes as listed.

Regular Meeting	December 22, 2008
Work Session Meeting	January 12, 2009

V. Education – New Business

- a. Committee for Special Education

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education agreed to provide programs and services for the following special education students as indicated.
- b. Committee for Preschool Special Education

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, 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.
- c. Valley Stream UFSD Thirty Special Education Plan

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the Special Education Plan submitted by Harriet Rabinowitz, Director of Special Education. (Mrs. Rabinowitz' memorandum is attached. The Special Education Plan is on file in the central office.)
- d. Resignation – Contract Substitute Teacher

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education retroactively accepted Tanya Quinones letter of resignation from the position of 3-day contract substitute teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School and 1-day contract substitute teacher at Forest Road School effective 12/23/09.

V. Education – New Business (continued)

e. Appointment – Substitute Teacher/Contract Substitute Teacher

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Jennifer M. Ward to the position of substitute teacher at the per diem rate of \$105 for substitute teachers, beginning 01/27/09, and upon receipt of teacher certification to become a 3-day Contract Substitute Teacher at the Clear Stream Ave. School, Mon., Tues., and Wed., at the per diem rate for contract substitute teachers of \$115, terminating 06/30/09.

f. Membership

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved a membership in Reform Education Financing Inequities Today (R.E.F.I.T) at a cost of \$600.00 for the 2008-09 school year.

g. Co-Liaisons for Homeless Children

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Laurie Buelvas-Kristas and Dawn Ragone, School Social Workers, as the Co-Liaisons for homeless children. The above was recommended by Harriett Rabinowitz, Director of Special Education.

h. Saturday Academy

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the prorated hourly salary, as indicated below, for the following teacher participating in the Saturday Academy.

Michelle Rabinowitz MA, Step 1 hourly rate \$52.04

i. Home Tutor Services

1. On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the provision of home tutoring services (one hour per day) for a 6th grade student for the period 1/12/09 through 1/30/09, or until such time as the student is authorized by their physician to return to school.

2. On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the assignment of Maura Brennan to provide home tutoring services (1 hour per day), at the contract home tutor rate of \$39.37 per hour for a 6th grade student for the period 1/12/09 through 1/30/09, or until such time as the student is authorized by their physician to return to school.

j. Board of Education Policies

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved for the third and final public reading the following board regulation.

Policy #

5420-R

Student Health Services Regulation

VI. Business – New Business

a. Resignation – School Monitor P/T

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education retroactively accepted the resignation of Ishira Malhotra from the position of School Monitor P/T at the Forest Road School effective 12/23/08.

VI. Business – New Business (continued)

b. Step Increase – Teacher Aide

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the following step increase effective 02/09/09.

Rose Kelly Teacher Aide/Clear Stream Ave. Step 3 \$18,226

c. Probationary Appointment – Senior Account Clerk

On a motion by Trustee Antoanelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the appointment of Rosann Colucci to the position of Senior Account Clerk, at a rate of \$49,128 effective January 19, 2009, in accordance with Ed Cullen's recommendation memo dated January 12, 2009.

d. Audit Reports/Special Education Consortium

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached audit reports from the school attorney and internal auditor regarding the special education consortium. (Please note the special education providers with respect to the above reports were approved at the 09/22/08 Board of Education regular meeting #VII-a.)

e. Special Education Service Provider Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved, subject to the changes requested by the school attorney, special education services provider agreements with Kids Success, ACDS and Carole Kornswieg. Please note that the above is part of the special education purchasing consortium. Please see the attached documents. (Please note these provider and rate of pays were initially approved at the 09/22/08 Board of Education regular meeting #VII-a.)

f. Special Education Service Provider Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved, subject to the changes requested by the school attorney, an agreement with the Variety Child Learning Center and authorized the board president to execute such. Please see the attached documents.

g. Professional Development for Literacy Instruction Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved an agreement with LitLife, Inc. and authorized the board president to execute such. The school attorney has reviewed said agreement. Please see the attached documents. (Please note this provider and rate of pay was approved at the 10/27/08 Board of Education regular meeting #VI-m.)

h. Increase Nassau Boces Letter of Intent

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education retroactively authorized an estimated increase of \$1,500 in the 2008-09 Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent for the furnishing and installation of data cabling to support the viewing of the Presidential Inauguration in all school buildings. Please see the attached documents.

VI. Business – New Business (continued)

i. Obsolete Equipment

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education declared the Royal PowerWriter electric typewriter, located in the central office (fixed asset tag # 000471), obsolete and authorize the disposal of such. Please see the attached document.

j. Annual Facilities Report Cards

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached annual facilities report cards and authorized the submission of such to the State Education Department.

k. Proposal

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached proposal for the reconstruction/renovation of the business office area in the not-to-exceed amount of \$18,895.00.

l. Local Government Efficiency Grant

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Nassau BOCES resolution for the purposes of submitting a local government efficiency grant. Please see the attached documents.

m. Target Grant

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education accept and approve the attached Target Grant in the amount of \$800 to be used for a student trip to the Bellmore Theatre.

n. Tree Donation

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education accepted the tree donation by the Cornell University Cooperative Extension Nassau County with a value of \$200. Please see the attached documents.

o. Counseling Services

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Memorandum of Understanding from Peninsula Counseling Center for Counseling Services. The school attorney has reviewed said document.

VII. Finance – New Business

a. Treasurer's Report

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 2008.

b. Revenue & Expenditure Reports

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the 2008-09 Revenue and Expenditure Reports (both through December 23, 2008) that are attached.

VII. Finance – New Business (continued)

c. Transfers Between Accounts (2008-09)

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education 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 carried, the Board of Education adopted the internal claim audit finding of R. S. Abrams for their December 15, 2008 and January 06, 2009 visits. Please note that 480 items were reviewed and there were 5 non-conformances (99% in conformance). Please see the attached documents.

VIII. Building & Grounds – Items of Information

a. Monthly Maintenance Report

The Maintenance Report for December was accepted as submitted.

b. Vandalism Report

The Vandalism Report for December was accepted as submitted.

IX. Old Business

- a. Trustee's Fletcher and Stewart felt it was important that the board address the issue that the school attorney is not required to attend board meetings. Both felt it was important that the school attorney be present to address legal issues as they arise. Trustee Antonelli reminded the Board that the current agreement with the attorneys does not include attendance at every Board meeting, but on an as needed basis and that if the attorneys were to be present at each meeting, the fee structure would probably need to change.

X. Public Comment

- a. The Board of Education and staff were thanked for taking peanut butter off the menu.
b. A question was asked as to whether the district gave a retainer to providers who are approved by the district.
c. A question was asked as to how the district determines where the board meetings will be held.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the regular meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O'Brien
District Clerk