

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

Date: December 22, 2008

Location of Meeting:
Shaw Avenue Auditorium

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

M. Fletcher

Staff Members Present:

E. Kanas, Superintendent of Schools
E. Cullen, Assistant Superintendent for Business
P. Burns, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
H. Rabinowitz, Director of Special Education
R. Meloni, Director of Technology
G. Abbate, Director of Facilities
H. Levine, A. Hudson, Building Principals
A. O'Brien, Clerk

Staff Members Absent:

T. Scrocco

Others in Attendance:

Deanna Cerrone, Johanna Lovalovo, Sergio Javier, Mary Sheffield, Allison Sheffield, Cathy Montefusco, Sandra Aragona, Diana Neiss, Kristen Pares, Christine Livolsi, Robert A. Cohen, Dalis Jean-Baptista, June Innella, Bob Gunther, Margie Lugo, et al.

I. Call to Order

A. A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm

II. Superintendent's Report

- a. The Superintendent's Report was submitted and placed on file.
- b. A musical performance was given by the students of Forest Road School under the direction of Barbara Wieder.
- c. Developmental Achievement Citations were presented to Trustees Antonelli and Stewart.
- d. Dr. Kanas reported that she had met with School Leadership regarding Strategic Planning and it was recommended that a Planning Committee be formed. She also reported that the cost of the contract with School Leadership was reduced from \$39,000 to \$30,000.
- e. Dr. Kanas wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season and thanked all of the participants in the holiday concerts at each of the buildings saying they were stupendous.
- f. All Administrative reports were accepted as submitted

III. Board President's Report

- a. Two letters were sent regarding the Clear Stream Avenue School name change and one letter was sent thanking the Shaw Avenue staff and Central Administration for their response to the peanut allergy situation.
- b. Mr. Cummings reviewed the process with regard to the question/comment form.
- c. Mr. Cummings reported that the school attorney had been contacted with regard to what procedures needed to be followed in the event that the District ever wanted to rename one of their buildings. Mr. Cummings said he was going to suggest that the Board develop a policy regarding what steps would have to be taken if a name change was ever to be considered. He expressed that he was sure that this Board would always involve the

III. Board President's Report (continued)

community in any process. Mr. Cummings said there were no plans to change the name of the Clear Stream Elementary School at this time or any time in the foreseeable future.

- d. Mr. Cummings wished everyone a Happy Holiday and thanked the students for the holiday concert.

IV. Public Comment

- a. There was none.

V. Approval of Minutes

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

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

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November 24, 2008

Work Session Meeting

December 15, 2008

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

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VI. Education – New Business

- a. Committee for Special Education

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

- c. Appointment – Volunteer Parent Members

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of the following volunteer parent members for CSE/CPSE Special Education meetings, effective 12/23/08 and ending 06/30/09.

Kim Lapera

Winnier Sgaramella

Valerie Van Etten

- d. Resignation – Contract Substitute Teacher

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted Allison Buccino's letter of resignation from the position of 3-day contract substitute teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School and 2-day contract substitute teacher at Forest Road School effective 12/16/08.

VI. Education – New Business (continued)

e. Board of Education Strategic Planning

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved School Leadership’s offer to conduct Board of Education Strategic Planning in the amount of \$30,000. A cross-contract will be requested from the participating BOCES. Please note that this is a \$9,000 reduction from the previously submitted School Leadership proposal.

f. Math Curriculum

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the Math Connects Program, as a Math Curriculum resource for grades K -6, subject to satisfactory completion of purchase negotiations.

g. Student Teacher/Observer Placements

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

University/Student	Assignment	Type/Duration
<u>Molloy College</u> Kelly Mahoney	<u>Shaw Avenue School</u> M. Pascuma-Gangi (Gr.4) N. Bart (Gr. 1)	Student Teacher Jan. 14 – Mar. 6 Mar. 9 – May 8
<u>Molloy College</u> Lauren Golombas	<u>Shaw Avenue School</u> N. Bart (Gr. 1) M. Pascuma-Gangi (Gr.4)	Student Teacher Jan. 14 – Mar. 6 Mar. 9 – May 8
<u>St. John’s University</u> Lawraine Guichart	<u>Clear Stream Ave. School</u> V. Taliercio, Gr. 1 M. Belski, Gr. 5	Student Teacher Jan. 21 – Mar. 13 Mar. 16 – May 12
<u>Hofstra University</u> Jordanna Gatoff	<u>Shaw Avenue School</u> Paul Farinacci (K-6/Art)	Student Teacher Jan. 28 – Mar. 27
<u>Hofstra University</u> Michelle Milligan	<u>Shaw Avenue School</u> Paul Farinacci (K-6/Art)	Student Teacher Mar. 30 – May 15
<u>Molloy College</u> Alexandria Hatzipetros	<u>Forest Road School</u> Cathy Wood (Sp. Ed.) Grace Guttman (Elem. Ed.)	Participant Observer 30 hours 30 hours
<u>Hofstra University</u> Leah Denenberg	<u>Forest Road School</u> Lisa Freisem (Self-Contained Class)	Student Teacher Mar 30 – May 15

VI. Education – New Business (continued)

h. 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 second public reading the following board regulation.

Policy #

5420-R

Student Health Services Regulation

i. Appointment – Long Term Per Diem Speech/Language Pathologist

On a motion by Trustee Egbuchulam, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Sharon Benyaminy to the position of long term per diem substitute Speech/Language Pathologist, (pending receipt of official transcripts and clearance for employment purposes from New York State Education Department), assigned to the Forest Road School at the per diem rate of \$150.00 per day with no benefits, effective 01/05/09 and ending on or about 05/29/09.

ITEM OF INFORMATION

Additional Credits

The following teacher has completed additional graduate credits for salary purposes, retroactive to 09/01/08:

CLEAR STREAM

Anderson, Kerry Ann

Present Degree

MA + 45

New Degree

MA + 60

VII. Business – New Business

a. 403(b) Plan Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached 403(b) administrator adoption plan agreement and authorized the board president to execute such. Please note that the school attorney has reviewed said document.

b. Tuition 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 instructional services tuition agreement with the Lawrence UFSD and authorized the board president to execute such.

c. Increase – BOCES Letter of Intent

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education authorized an estimated increase of \$5,800 in the 2008-09 Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent for the furnishing and installation of data cabling to support the computerized Nutrikids foodservice point-of-sale system. Please see the attached documents.

d. Increase – BOCES Letter of Intent

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education authorized an estimated increase of \$1,020 in the 2008-09 Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent for the purposes of data cabling. Please see the attached documents.

VII. Business – New Business (continued)

- e. Increase – BOCES Letter of Intent
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education authorized an increase in the amount of \$5,017.37 in the 2008-09 Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent for the purposes of provisioning an emergency notification system. This system is called Connect-Ed. Please see the attached documents.

- f. Mileage Reimbursement Rate
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education, effective January 1, 2009, decreased the personal mileage reimbursement rate to 55 cents per mile. Please see the attached documents.

- g. Disposal of Equipment
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education declared the business office fax machine (Canon Model # H12058) obsolete and authorized the disposal of such.

- h. Voice Mail System
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the telephony consultant’s recommendation regarding a districtwide voice mail system at a cost of \$19,172. (Please see the attached documents)

- i. Sound System Proposal
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached proposal for a sound system in the Shaw Ave. Library Media Center at a cost of \$7,050.

- j. Consultant Services
On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached proposal from Denise Michels for consulting services for the 2009-10 budget vote and election.

- k. Special Education Service Provider Agreements
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 First, Karen S. Bottalico, Metro Therapy, Syosset Home Tutoring, Access 7 Consulting and Elizabeth R. Kazeros. Please note that the above is part of the special education purchasing consortium. . A roll call vote was taken, the results of which are as follows.

Trustee Cummings	yes
Trustee Egbuchulum	yes
Trustee Antonelli	yes
Trustee Fletcher	absent
Trustee Stewart	no

VIII. Finance – New Business

a. Treasurer’s Report

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

b. Revenue & Expenditure Reports

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the 2008-09 Revenue and Expenditure Reports (both through November 26, 2008) that are attached.

c. Transfers Between Accounts (2008-09)

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, 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 Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education adopted the internal claim audit finding of R. S. Abrams for their November 18 and December 2, 2008 visits. Please note that 586 items were reviewed and there were 4 non-conformances (99.3% in conformance). Please see the attached documents.

IX. Building & Grounds – Items of Information

a. Monthly Maintenance Report

The Maintenance Report for December was submitted and placed on file.

b. Vandalism Report

The Vandalism Report for December was submitted and placed on file.

X. Old Business

There was none

XI. Public Comment

- a. There was a statement regarding the Shaw Avenue School response to the peanut allergy situation.
- b. There was discussion regarding the renaming of the Clear Stream Avenue School.
- c. There was a statement regarding the report card committee and the building level teams and more parent involvement.
- d. There was a statement regarding the use of the school social worker and the school psychologist.
- e. There was a question regarding the proposed cuts proposed by the Governor. with regard to our school district.

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Egbuchulam and carried, the regular meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O’Brien
District Clerk