

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

**Date:** January 25, 2010

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

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

M. Fletcher

**Staff Members Present:**

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

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. at which time a motion was made by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Pean and carried, to go into Executive Session.

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Pean and carried, the Executive Session was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. and the regular meeting was reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

M. Fletcher

**Staff Members Present:**

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

**Staff Member Absent**

**Others in Attendance:**

A. Pernick, J. Innella, Deanna Cerrone, N. Bart, C. Masone, M. Mahoney, S. Tauber, et. al.

**I. Superintendent's Report**

- a. Dr. Kanas stated that the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Program was postponed.
- b. Dr. Kanas stated that the Nassau County PTA Recognition was postponed.
- c. Dr. Kanas gave a Strategic Planning Update
- d. The First Public Reading Board Policies, Regulations and Exhibits (#2270 – 3300) (5152 & 5153) were presented
- e. The Second Public Reading Board Policies, Regulations and Exhibits (#1900 – 2260) were presented
- f. The Third and final Public Reading Board Policies, Regulations and Exhibits (#1050 – 1741) were presented
- g. The monthly reports were accepted as submitted
- h. Other

**II. Board President's Report**

- a. Correspondence: There was none.
- b. Mr. Cummings congratulated the District on the condition of the buildings and grounds. He stated the Building and Grounds Tour was great.

**III. Public Comment**

There was none.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

a. Reading/Adoption of Minutes (see attachments)

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

Regular Meeting	December 21, 2009
Work Session Meeting	January 11, 2010

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

Regular Meeting	December 21, 2009
Work Session Meeting	January 11, 2010

**VI. Education – New Business**

a. Resignation – Contract Substitute Teacher

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education retroactively accepted the resignation of Lisa Nasoff from the position of contract substitute teacher at the Forest Road School, effective close of business 01/15/10.

b. Resignation – Substitute Teacher

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education retroactively accepted the resignation of Allison Siegfried from the position of substitute teacher, effective close of business 12/23/09.

c. Child Care Leave of Absence – Teacher – Shaw Avenue

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved Jeanine Lichter's request for an unpaid child care leave of absence, with no benefits, under §5.12 of the Agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association, Local 1633, and the Valley Stream UFSD #30 Board of Education beginning 12/23/09 and ending 06/30/10.

d. Appointment – Leave Replacement – Shaw Avenue

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the leave replacement appointment of Courtney Masone, to the position of classroom teacher, MA, Step 1, (\$64,632) assigned to the Shaw Avenue School effective December 23, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

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

e. Clubs

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached list of club revisions and additions for the 2009-10 school year as indicated.

Grade	School	Club	Purpose	# of students	Sponsor	Level/Rate	Reason for Revision
3-5	Shaw Ave.	Homework Club	To help the students learn the importance of being responsible	15 – 30	Teresa Donoghue	C1, \$1,175	Too many teaching hours for shared club (originally on 10/26 agenda, VI-H)
3-5	Shaw Ave.	Homework Club	To help the students learn the importance of being responsible	15 – 30	Sarah Tauber	C1, \$1,175	Too many teaching hours for shared club (originally on 10/26 agenda, VI-H)
3	Forest Rd.	AIS ELA	Remedial language arts	5 – 10	Loretta Spina	C1, \$1,175	Change of sponsor during Colleen Dash's absence (originally on 8/24/09 agenda, VI-N)
2	Forest Rd.	Loving Literature	Instilling love of different literary genres	5 – 7	Loretta Spina	C1, \$1,175	Change of sponsor during Colleen Dash's absence (originally on 8/24/09 agenda, VI-N)
5-6	Shaw Ave.	Theatre Arts	Develop communication skills & creative problem solving	10 – 20	Paul Farinacci	C1, \$1,175	J. Post should be removed as a sponsor (originally on 8/24/09 agenda, VI-N)
5-6	Shaw Ave.	Scrabble	Develop & strengthen vocabulary, spelling	4 – 12	Jacqueline Capewell	C1, \$1,175	Club will not be taking place (originally on 8/24/09 agenda, VI-N)

f. Appointment – Contract Substitute Teacher

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Stewart 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 of \$115.00 for contractual substitutes for the 2009-10 school year.

<u>Contract Substitute</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Michel Zderko	5 day contract	Shaw Ave.	01/26/10	06/30/10

g. Extension of Long Term Per Diem Appointment

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the extension of the following long term per diem substitute teacher appointment, with no benefits, at the per diem rate of \$115 per day as listed below. This appointment was originally scheduled to end on or about 12/18/09.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective - and Ending on or about</u>
Celina Taylor	LT Per Diem Substitute Music Teacher	Forest Road/ Shaw Ave.	10/27/09 – 02/01/10*

\* Originally scheduled to end on or about 12/18/09 (BOE meeting 10/26/09 – VI.e)

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

**h. Substitute Registry Personnel**

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, 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>
Heather Graham	01/26/10	06/30/10
Lisa Nasoff	01/26/10	06/30/10
Kathleen Hughes	01/26/10	06/30/10
Justine Singer	01/26/10	06/30/10
Amanda Ricotta	01/26/10	06/30/10

**i. Gate - Faculty**

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education approved the passage of the following faculty member as per the following gate schedule.

<u>Faculty Member</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Degree &amp; Credits</u>	<u>Step to Step (09/10)</u>
Sandra Aragona	WAKC	Elementary Classroom Teacher	2/12/10	MA + 60	14 to 15

**j. Student Observers' Teacher Assignment - Revised**

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

<b><u>University/Student</u></b>	<b><u>School/Assignment</u></b>	<b><u>Duration</u></b>
<u>Adelphi University</u> Amanda Fasano Michelle Sacco	<u>Forest Road School</u> Taya Kelly (Gr.3/Inclusion) (during Coleen Dash's absence)	25 hours each

**k. Student Observer**

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

<b><u>University/Student</u></b>	<b><u>School/Assignment</u></b>	<b><u>Duration</u></b>
<u>Touro College</u> Michael Perrone	<u>Shaw Ave. School</u> Deanna Cerrone (Gr. 6)	50 hours

**l. Student Teacher**

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

<b><u>University/Student</u></b>	<b><u>School/Assignment</u></b>	<b><u>Duration</u></b>
<u>Hofstra University</u> Melinda Howell	<u>Clear Stream Ave. School</u> Valerie Taliercio (Gr.1)	3/22/10-5/14/10
<u>Hofstra University</u> Sonya Harvey	<u>Forest Road School</u> Lisa Freisem (Self Cont., Gr.K-2)	3/22/10-5/14/10
<u>LIU/C.W. Post</u> Marie Sarro	<u>Clear Stream Ave. School</u> Marisa Neri (Gr. 3) Karin Savino (Gr. 5)	1/26/10–3/12/10 3/15/10-5/5/10

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

m. Committee for Special Education

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

n. Committee for Preschool Special Education

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

o. Memorandum of Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the Administrative Bargaining Unit and the Valley Stream UFSD #30 and authorized the Board President to execute such.

p. Board of Education Policies, Regulations and Exhibits

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, 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 #	
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

q. Translation Services

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education approved the provision of translation services/ESL Report Card for Grades K-6, as provided by Ericksen Translations, Inc., during the 2009-2010 school year, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$520.

r. Resignation – Principal Clear Stream Avenue School

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried, the Board of Education accepted Helene Levine's letter of resignation dated January 25, 2010 from the position of Principal of the Clear Stream Avenue School effective June 30, 2010.

**VII. Business – New Business**

a. Civil Service Appointments

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli 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>
Igbala Cekic	School Monitor P/T	Part Time	1	\$11.62 per hr	FRS	1/26/10

b. Security Cameras/Nassau BOCES

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accept and approve the attached Nassau BOCES proposal for security cameras at the Shaw Ave. School and authorize the Board President to execute such.

c. Annual Meeting

1. On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education adopted the resolution calling for the annual vote to be held Tuesday, May 18, 2010 (6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.) and setting the date for registration, Tuesday, May 11, 2010, (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.); appointing the Board of Registration and Canvass for said vote and authorizing the appointment of Chief Inspectors, Assistant Inspectors and Inspectors of Election by the District Clerk to carry out the necessary procedures for the registration day and voting day.
2. On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education authorized the publishing of this resolution in *Newsday* and the *Valley Stream Herald*.
3. On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education adopted the resolution setting April 19, 2010 as the final date to receive petitions to be placed on the ballot for the 2010 annual meeting.
4. On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education set April 19, 2010 as the final date to receive petitions for Board candidates. (Board candidate petitions require 25 signatures of qualified voters of the District or 2% of those who voted in the previous annual election; whichever is greater, in accordance with §2018 of the State Education Law.) All petitions must be received before 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2010. The signature on the above mentioned petitions must be signatures of residents qualified to vote in the coming election.

d. Board of Registry and Canvass

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education established the rate of payment for the update of the voting register on Step 2 in accordance with the current salary schedule. (Names to be submitted by the District Clerk.)

e. Stipulation of Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Stipulation of Agreement between the Custodial/Maintenance Bargaining Unit and the Valley Stream UFSD #30 and authorized the Superintendent of Schools to execute such.

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

f. Valley Stream Teachers’ Center

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the contribution, pro-rated among the Valley Stream Union Free School Districts 13, 24, 30 and CHSD, for the Valley Stream Teachers’ Center at a cost of approximately \$7,000 for each district for the 2009-10 school year.

g. Use of Facilities

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the request of the Village of Valley Stream, for the use of facilities, for the purpose of a Special Village Election to be held on 03/16/10 from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm at the Shaw Avenue and Clear Stream Avenue Schools. (A rental fee of \$70 will be paid to VS30.)

**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 December 2009.

b. Revenue & Expenditure Reports

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 that are attached.

c. Transfers Between Accounts

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 December 15 and December 22, 2009 visits. Please note that 293 items were reviewed and there were 6 non-conformances (98% in conformance). Please see the attached documents.

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

a. Monthly Maintenance Report

The Maintenance Report for January was accepted as submitted.

b. Vandalism Report

The Vandalism Report for January was accepted as submitted.

**X. Old Business**

**XI. Public Comment**

A motion was made by Trustee Stewart and seconded by Trustee Antonelli to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O'Brien  
District Clerk