

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

Date: April 26, 2010

Location of Meeting:

Shaw Avenue Library Media Center

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
H. Rabinowitz, Director of Special Education
R. Meloni, Director of Technology
A. Hudson, E. Malone Building Principals
G. Abbate, Director of Facilities
A. O'Brien, District Clerk

Staff Member Absent:

G. Poole, Director of Curriculum
and Instruction
H. Levine, Building Principal

Others in Attendance:

A. Pernick, J. Innella, J. Lavery, C. Kislin, V. Zapelli, D. Annunziata, A. Upton, D. Cerrone, J. Levine, L. Weick, M. Neckonoff, S. Galgano, A. Roberts, N. Bart, A. Auciello, C. Onuoha, N. McInerney, J. Innella, A. DeRiccio, S. Rubin, J. Santarpia, J. Dody, M. Pascuma-Gangi, J. Lichter, R. Mansfield, F. Marino, J. Dallal, D. Darragh, D. Rossello, M. Rossello, T. Donoghue, I. Epstein, R. Decker-Lawson, J. Comcowich, M. Reinhard, R. Kunstler, M. Golfo, J. Lufrano, L. Sanger, S. Perrone, T. Farrel, C. Wood, S. Tauber, E. VanKeuran, J. Centore, K. Zaffuto, J. Rashkin, L. Argento, C. Itri, R. Rudy, J. Granger, S. Lipski, R. Tyler, C. Masone, J. Luba, J. Francis, D. Jean-Baptis, W. Mata, M. Mata, M. Giovelli, S. Cooke, D. Diaz, G. Pierre, M. Schweigert, K. Scuderi, A. Hackmack, et al.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m.

I. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mr. Cullen gave a Budget Update.
- b. Dr. Kanas congratulated the students, parents, faculty and staff on the results of the School Report Card.
- c. The Second Public Reading of Board Policies and Regulations (#4526, 4526.1, 4526R) were presented.
- d. The monthly reports were accepted as submitted.

II. Board President's Report

- a. President Cummings updated the public on voter registration.
- b. President Cummings reminded the public that the Budget Vote is on May 18, 2010.
- b. President Cummings announced that Lights on for Education is on 04/28/10 at Memorial Jr. H.S. at 7:15 pm
- c. President Cummings announced that there would be a budget presentation at the Forest Road PTA meeting on 04/28/10 at 7:00 pm and at the Shaw Avenue PTA meeting on May 05/12/10 at 7:30 pm.
- d. President Cummings announced that the seat of Maria Fletcher was expiring and that Jim Lavery will be running unopposed.
- e. Correspondence: There was none.

The mission of Valley Stream District Thirty, through collaboration with parents and community partners, is to educate all students to their highest levels of performance in nurturing learning environments that are safe, inclusive, and student centered.

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 Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education dispensed with the reading of the minutes as listed.

Regular Meeting	March 22, 2010
Special Meeting (BOCES Budget)	April 20, 2010
Work Session Meeting	April 20, 2010

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

Regular Meeting	March 22, 2010
Special Meeting (BOCES Budget)	April 20, 2010
Work Session Meeting	April 20, 2010

V. Education – New Business

a. Tenure Appointments - Faculty

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher, and carried, the Board of Education approved the following faculty teacher/administrator appointments as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

<u>Faculty Member</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Ryan Meloni	District	Director of Technology	09/01/10
Diana Neiss	Clear Stream	Elementary Classroom Teacher	09/01/10
Christine Pope	Clear Stream	Elementary Classroom Teacher	09/01/10
Joanna Rashkin	Forest Road	Elementary Classroom Teacher	09/01/10

b. Probationary Appointments

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary</u>	Probationary <u>Term</u>
John Singleton	Principal	Clear Stream	07/01/10	\$127,500	3 years

c. Retirement - Faculty

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Dennis Terrell from Valley Stream UFSD #30, for retirement purposes, and approved the request for a leave of absence with pay prior to retirement as indicated in Mr. Terrell’s letter of 03/15/10 and in conformance with the provisions of the current Agreement between Valley Stream Teachers’ Association, Local 1633, and the Valley Stream UFSD #30 Board of Education, effective 05/14/10.

V. Education – New Business (continued)

d. Child Care Leave of Absence – Speech Language Therapist

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved Rae Costa’s request for a 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 for the 2010-2011 school year.

e. Child Care Leave of Absence – Elementary Teacher

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved Melissa Pascuma-Gangi’s request for a 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 for the 2010-2011 school year.

f. Assistant Principal – Summer 2010

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education authorized Amy Pernick, Assistant Principal of Shaw Avenue School to work up to (20) twenty days during July and August 2010 at the per diem rate of 1/200th of her salary.

g. Resignation –Contract Substitute Teacher

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of the following substitute teachers.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Effective</u>
A. Hammond	2 day Contract	Clear Stream	04/27/10
J. Gangi	3 day Contract	Clear Stream	On or about
	2 day Contract	Forest Road	05/14/10

h. Appointments

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the following long term per diem appointment, with no benefits, as listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Ending</u>	<u>Salary</u>
J. Gangi	LTPD Substitute	Clear Stream	On or about 05/14/10	On or about 06/30/10	\$115 per day

i. Appointment – Contract Substitute Teachers

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the appointment of the following individuals to the position of contract substitute teachers 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>
G. Estime	1 day Contract	Clear Stream	On or about 05/14/10	06/30/10
M. Caramanico	2 day Contract	Clear Stream	On or about 05/14/10	06/30/10
K. Sherman	2 day Contract	Clear Stream	04/27/10	06/30/10
J. Gatoff	2 day Contract	Clear Stream	04/27/10	06/30/10

V. Education – New Business (continued)

j. Clubs

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education approved the revision listed below for the 2009-10 school year as indicated.

<u>Gr.</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Level/ Compensation</u>	<u>Reason for Revision</u>
5/6	Forest	Math Club	Review and enhance student concepts in math	14	B. Lesser	CIII, \$1,765	Incorrect step (reported as CII on 8/24/09 Board agenda, VI-N)

k. Student Observers

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

<u>University/Student</u>	<u>School/Assignment</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Queens College Shirley Montoya	Forest Road School Vickey Zapelli, Grade 1	Spring semester, 15 hours

l. 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.

m. 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.

n. Transition Consultant Services for Special Education Administrator

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education authorized a daily rate of \$600.00 not-to-exceed (20) twenty days of transition consultant services for Valley Stream UFSD #30, as provided by Harriet Rabinowitz.

o. Special Counsel

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education authorized and empowered the President of the Board of Education to execute a retainer agreement with Lamb & Barnosky, LLP for Special Counsel services related to a request for Special Education services.

V. Education – New Business (continued)

p. Board of Education Policies, Regulations and Exhibits

On a motion by Trustee Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, Board of Education accepted and approved the following board policies, regulations and exhibits. (These policies are on file in the Office of the Superintendent.)

Policy #

1500	Public Use of School Facilities
1500-R	Public Use of School Facilities Regulation
2270	School Attorney
2310	Regular Meeting
2320	Special Meetings
2330	Executive Sessions
2340	Notice of Meetings
2342	Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
2350	Board Meeting Procedures
2351	Quorum
2352	Rules of Order
2360	Minutes
2382	Broadcasting and Recording of Board Meetings
2410	Policy Development, Adoption, Implementation and Review
2510	New Board Member Orientation
2520	Board Member Training
2521	School Board Conferences, Conventions, Workshops
2530	Membership in School Board Associations
2700	Board-Staff Communications
3000	Goals and Objectives for the Administration
3100	Superintendent of Schools
3120	Duties of the Superintendent
3210	Administrative Team
3230	Organization Charts
3300	Policy Implementation and Administrative Regulations
5152	Admission of Non-Resident Students
5153	Continuation of Educational Services for Non-Resident Students

VI. 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 appointments, in accordance with the salary schedule in effect.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Margaret Flynn	Teacher Aide	Permanent	3 \$18,591	CSA	05/05/10
Donna Blenk	Teacher Aide	Probationary	3 \$18,591	SAS	04/27/10

VI. Business – New Business (continued)

b. Civil Service Termination

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education retroactively approved the following termination effective 04/13/10.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Lisa Miller	Teacher Aide	Termination	1	CSA	04/13/10

c. Textbook Central

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the attached 2010-11 service agreement with Textbook Central and authorized the Board President to execute such.

d. Nassau BOCES Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education approved the district's participation in the 2010-11 Nassau BOCES Pupil Transportation Cooperative, approved the attached resolution and agreement and authorized the Board President to execute such.

e. New York Cooperative Bid Program/Education Data Services 2010-11

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education authorized the membership and participation in the New York Cooperative Bid Program for skilled trades through Educational Data Services for the 2010-11 fiscal year at a cost of \$1,740. Please see the attached list.

f. SCOPE Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached 2010-11 SCOPE license agreement for after school child care at the Shaw Ave. School and authorize the Board President to execute such.

g. Donation

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted a donation of \$400.00 from the Forest Road PTA for the purposes of a "Welcome Screen" in the lobby of the Forest Road School. Please note that the general fund budget would be increased by said amount.

h. Federal Single Audit Report

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the Federal Single Audit Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 as prepared by Cullen & Danowski (external auditor). This report has been provided to the Board of Education under separate cover.

i. Benefits Cycle Report

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the 2009-10 Benefits Cycle Report as prepared by Nawrocki Smith (internal auditor). This report has been provided to the Board of Education under separate cover.

VI. Business – New Business (continued)

j. Cooperative Bid - Steam Traps & Repair Parts Bid

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved for contract award the bids from ABS Pump Repairs and State Supply Company, for Steam Traps & Repair Parts for the schools of the district. Please note that ABS Pump Repairs and State Supply Company as being the lowest responsible bidders meeting specifications on an item by item basis.

k. Cooperative Bid - Treated Dust Mop Bid

On a motion by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Antonelli and carried, the Board of Education accept and approve for contract award the bid from American Pad-ex, for treated dust mops for the schools of the district. Please note that American Pad-ex is the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications.

VII. Finance – New Business

a. Treasurer’s Report

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education accepted and approved the attached Treasurer’s Report for the month ending March 2010.

b. Revenue & Expenditure Reports

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Fletcher 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 Antonelli, seconded by Trustee Fletcher 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 Fletcher and carried, the Board of Education adopted the internal claim audit finding of R. S. Abrams for their March 16 and April 8, 2010 visits. Please note that 401 items were reviewed and there were 3 non-conformances (99.3% in conformance). Please see the attached documents.

VIII. Items of Information

a. Monthly Maintenance Report

The Maintenance Report for the month of April was accepted as submitted.

b. Vandalism Report

The Vandalism Report for the month of April was accepted as submitted.

IX. Old Business

X. Public Comment

- a. There were 4 comments made regarding the process involved in the hiring of the Clear Stream Avenue Principal.
- b. There was a question with regard to the voting process

A motion was made by Trustee Fletcher and seconded by Trustee Antonelli to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O'Brien
District Clerk