

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 17, 2021

Members Present: President Pellicane, Vice-President Maier, Trustees Hernandez, Herrera, LaRocco, Wheeler and Wilson.

Others Present: Superintendent Don Sturz, Assistant Superintendents Jack Mitchell, Dr. Lisa Conte, Principals Johanne Gaddy, Rosario Iacono and Dr. Scott Comis, School District Attorney Joe Lilly, Director of Technology Mark Onorato. Also in attendance were several District 24 teachers and a Valley Stream 24 resident.

Absent With Prior Notice: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Business Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Pellicane.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:45 PM was made by Vice-President Maier seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to discuss Personnel and Contractual obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made to adjourn Executive Session at 7:39 PM was made by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Vice-President Maier. Motion unanimously carried.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 7:40 PM, at the William L. Buck School by President Pellicane.

II. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Welcome to Visitors: President Pellicane welcomed all in attendance to the Business Meeting and further specified conditions of public comment/questions within Policy 9400.

Motion made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee LaRocco to approve the Minutes of October 13, 2021, October 16, 2021 - Special Meeting and November 3, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence Report from the District Clerk: The District Clerk received the following Correspondences –

October 16, 2021 – I received an email from Ms. Arroyo in regard to DEI School Forums and a response was sent

October 16, 2021 – I received a FOIL request from Ms. Arroyo in regard to DEI Professional Development and a response was sent

October 20, 2021 – I received an email from Ms. Arroyo in regard to questions posed at the last Board Meeting and a response was sent

November 8, 2021 – I received a FOIL request that was sent from Council of Administrators and Supervisors in regard to bargaining units and salary information and a response was sent

November 12, 2021 – I received a FOIL request from Ms. Arroyo in regard to Public Relations

November 15, 2021 – I received an email from Ms. Arroyo in regard to School Board Meeting and a response was sent

November 16, 2021 – I received a FOIL request from Ms. Arroyo in regard to Recruitment / Selection.

Superintendents Report: Welcomed all in attendance.

Dr. Sturz opened the meeting with a warm welcome to teachers and administrators in attendance at tonight's meeting. Dr. Sturz spoke about the district's thematic four Pillars – Wellness, DEI, Student Achievement, Parent Engagement . Dr. Sturz spoke about the District being an ongoing global partner with I3 Technologies and what that will offer to our students. Dr. Sturz also spoke about the Enrichment For All initiative for K-6. Clubs are off to a great start. The Learning Lab for after school enrichment is about to begin. Dr. Sturz also discussed the plans for the

Library Media Centers. The District will once again be participating in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Finally, Dr. Sturz wished everyone well and to enjoy your family time with the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and to remember the 3 W's. Dr. Sturz also thanked all administrators, teachers and staff, parents, the PTAs, and the Board of Education for all they do for the benefit of all of our children.

Dr. Sturz welcomed Principal Iacono.

Principal Iacono spoke on behalf of the Library Media Program and welcomed the Library Media Specialists, Ms. Julia Sollin from Robert Carbonaro School, Ms. Karen Mylan from William L. Buck School and Ms. Cheryl Calamiong from Brooklyn Avenue School. They presented on STEAM activities being offered to all students.

VII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. PERSONNEL – DONNA LAROCCO

Motion made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to move items A. 1 – A. 10 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Nicole Paduano, a Teacher Aide, effective October 22, 2021.
- 2. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Rachael Aiello, as a School Monitor Part-time, effective November 18, 2021. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).
- 3. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Fatima Mlih, as a School Monitor Part-time, effective November 18, 2021, pending fingerprint and Civil Service Clearance. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).
- 4. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of

Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Fatiha Fathy, as a School Monitor Part-time, effective November 18, 2021, pending fingerprint and Civil Service Clearance. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Bonnie Silverman, as a School Monitor Part-time, effective November 18, 2021, pending fingerprint and Civil Service Clearance. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board of Education accepts the resignation of Octavia James, a School Monitor Part-time, effective November 17, 2021.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Octavia James as a full time Teacher Aide 1x1, effective November 18, 2021, pending Civil Service Clearance. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

8. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints the following teacher liaisons for clubs for the 2021-2022 school year, retroactive to November 1, 2021 at the appropriate Club rate per the VSTA contract as follows:

Spanish (all 3 schools) - Matt Roth

Robotics (all 3 schools) - Ariana Arnone

Robotics (all 3 schools) - Tara Brady

9. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following to teach the Learning Lab Program for ELA and/or Math for the 2021-2022 school year. Compensation is in accordance with the appropriate hourly rate of pay as per the current Valley Stream Teachers' Association contract:

Brooklyn Avenue School –

Jessica Anastasio
Joanna Gallo
Kaitlyn Gillespie
Marie Malkiewicz
Samantha Ponzio
Allison Smithwick
Carol Wright

Robert R. Carbonaro –

Ariana Arnone
Chelsea Cittadino
Matt Roth
Stephanie Shapiro
Julia Sollin
Shannon Weber

William L. Buck –

Lisa Bernstein
Lisette Lucifero
Naomi Narain
Kristen Seiger
Katarina Sloboda

Substitutes –

Vinny Milano
Amy Tappeto

10. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following additions to the per diem substitute list for the 2021-2022 School Year:

SCHOOL MONITOR PART-TIME SUBSTITUTE:

Aqsa Azam

B. EDUCATION – MELISSA HERRERA

Motion made by Trustee Herrera, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, to move items B.1 and B.2 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the confidential recommendations of the Committee on Special Education previously approved by the Committee on Special Education on 9/30/21, 10/1/21, 10/4/21, 10/6/21, 10/7/21, 10/7/21, 10/13/21, 10/15/21, 10/20/21, 10/21/21 and 10/21/21, pertaining to students being considered for pre-school special education services as set forth in a schedule provided to the Board of Education and the Board of Education hereby approves and ratifies said recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the confidential recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education previously approved by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education 9/30/21, 10/5/21, 10/5/21, 10/12/21, 10/14/21, 10/21/21 and 10/28/21, pertaining to students being considered for pre-school special education services as set forth in a schedule provided to the Board of Education and the Board of Education hereby approves and ratifies said recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

C. FINANCE – MR. JOHN MAIER

Motion made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, to move item C.1 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby accepts the Treasurer's Report, Collateral Report, Claims Auditor's Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance for September 2021.

VIII. OTHER REPORTS

A. VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

There are three delegates from Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four on the Central High School Board of Education, Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Maier, and Mr. Wilson.

Central High School District – Vice-President Maier – Reported that there will be a residency meeting on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 7pm at Memorial Junior High School.

Residency Hotlines:

Valley Stream School District 516-872-5677
Village of Valley Stream 516-592-5140
Town of Hempstead 516-584-5000

B. LEGAL REPORT – Representative from the law firm, Frazer & Feldman, LLP – No Report

C. LEGISLATION REPORT – MR. ARMANDO HERNANDEZ – No Report

D. POLICY COMMITTEE – MRS. KIMBERLY WHEELER –

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to move items D. 1 and D.2 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education reviews for a 2nd Reading and adoption of the following Policy:

POLICY 7600 - GENDER NEUTRAL BATHROOMS

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board of Education reviews and adopts the following revised policies:

POLICY 1100 – NEWS RELEASES

**POLICY 4410 – STAFF DRUG, ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
POLICY**

**POLICY 5148 – SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (LUNCH AND
BREAKFAST)**

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY: - None

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, to move items # 1 - # 10 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the paybook listed below for the 2021-2022 school year:

#6 - Teacher Liaisons & Clubs

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies an agreement with the VSTA dated, October 18, 2021, regarding a unit member's sick leave bank. The terms of this agreement will be retroactive to October 19, 2021.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education rescinds Resolution #7 under Personnel from the October 13, 2021, Agenda.

4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement executed by the Superintendent of Schools and the President and Vice-President of Operations for the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Unit Leader and Members of the Executive Board for the Valley Stream Teachers' Association Registered Nurses' Unit for a contract covering the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education will award the Transportation Contract to WE Transport for the period of November 18, 2021, through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$1,700.00 ppm for transportation to and from the Academy Charter School in Uniondale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute this transportation contract on behalf of the Board of Education.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with Lakretz Creative Support Services for the 2021-2022 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement, subject to final review and approval by district counsel.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with JF Educational Consulting for the 2021-2022 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement, subject to final review and approval by district counsel.

8. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of the following items:

VALLEY STREAM 24 TAG # OR ID/SERIAL NUMBER	MACHINERY/DEVICE
# 000944	Ariens Snow Blower
Model 522E Product ID #LM0522E003488 Serial # 2013829592	1 John Deere Snow Thrower
Model 522E Product ID # LM0522E003180 Serial # 2013829284	1 John Deere Snow Thrower
Model 6021P Spec # PH-XT149-0311 Serial # 412008318	1 Husqvarna Lawn Mower

9. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Budget Transfer for the 2021-2022 School year:

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL			
DATE: November 17, 2021			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A2630.46	Computer Software	\$ 5,749.43	
A2630.49	BOCES e-Rate Services		\$ 5,749.43
	Google Workspace Edu-Plus		
A9010.8	Employee Retirement	\$ 12,000.00	
A9060.85	Dental Insurance	\$ 6,645.00	
A1621.407-3	Sitework		\$ 18,645.00
	Parkline Asphalt Maintenance - Crack Filling at RWC/WLB		
A1621.407-01	Repairs General-BAS	\$ 2,700.00	
A1621.407-03	Repairs General-WLB		\$ 2,700.00
	GYM Door Repairs - Cafeteria/Gym		
A2020.15	Building Principals Salaries	\$ 10,000.00	
A1420.4	Attorney Fees		\$ 10,000.00
	Frazer & Feldman Non-Retainer Fees		
A2630.2	Computer Equipment	\$ 3,300.00	
A1010.4	Board of Ed Expenses	\$ 3,425.95	
A2630.49	BOCES e-Rate Services		\$ 6,725.95
	Telecommunications Equipment for BOE Meetings		
	TOTALS	\$ 43,820.38	\$ 43,820.38

10. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the Budget Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

XI. DISCUSSION

President Pellicane spoke about getting dates to meet with the other Valley Stream Districts to discuss the Diwali Holiday.

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Motion to go back into executive session at 8:06 PM was made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco. Motion unanimously carried.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the executive session at 9:00 PM was made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting at 9:00 PM was made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee Wheeler. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Biscardi

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District Clerk