

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
7:30 PM

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

The Public Hearing regarding the District-Wide Safety Plan of 2019-2020 school year was called to order. There were no public comments presented.

Immediately following, the Business Meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Hernandez.

Members Present: Vice-President Kimberly Wheeler, Trustees DePace, LaRocco, Maier, Pellicane, and Shipley.

Absent With Prior Notice: None.

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Vice-President Wheeler to approve the minutes of August 21, 2019 and September 4, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence Report: None.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Sturz recognized the new teachers and their swift assimilation into the flow of their positions. Dr. Sturz briefly touched on the ongoing initiatives, upcoming events, the new digital calendar, and the capital improvements being made throughout the District.

Dr. Sturz expressed gratitude to all the staff on their hard work.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

Motion made by Trustee Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Maier to move items A1 through A6 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

A. PERSONNEL –MS. LISA PELLICANE

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Elizabeth Smyth as Part-time School Monitor, effective September 20, 2019.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the permanent appointment of Saundra Hernandez, as Account Clerk, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Exam 8012D, effective October 17, 2019.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Naimah Atif as Part-time School Monitor, effective September 24, 2019.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following additions to the per diem substitute list for the 2019-2020 School Year:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:

Jordan Sabinsky
Ramona Sharma
Tina Stanise
John Brunjes (pending fingerprint clearance)

5. WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously appointed Catherine Cancro, Nancy Jakobsen, Saundra Hernandez to the Civil Service position of Account Clerk;

WHEREAS, based upon the duties currently being performed by each of these employees and communications between the District Administration and Civil Service, the Superintendent recommends that Catherine Cancro, Nancy Jakobsen, and Saundra Hernandez be appointed as provisional Senior Account Clerks pending passage of the promotional exam to be offered by Civil Service in or about March of 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Catherine Cancro, Nancy Jakobsen, and Saundra Hernandez are hereby appointed as provisional Senior Account Clerks pending passage of the promotional exam offered by Civil Service in or about March of 2020 at the lateral rate of compensation set forth in the collective bargaining agreement with the Valley Stream Association of Educational Office Personnel.

That said provisional appointments and lateral rate of compensation shall be effective as of September 26, 2019;

That in the event that any of the aforementioned employees do not pass said promotional exams offered by Civil Service in or about March of 2020, the employee(s) will automatically revert to the position of Account Clerk and be compensated at the rate received by said employee(s) as Account Clerk as of July 1, 2019.

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the following Salary Changes, effective September 1, 2019:

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Jessica Anastasio | - Step 4 MA +30 |
| Joanna Gallo | - Step 3 MA +30 |

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Vice-President Wheeler to move items B1 and B2 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

B. EDUCATION – MR. JOHN MAIER

1. 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 7/17/2019, 7/25/2019, 8/19/2019, 8/21/2019, 9/05/2019, 9/06/2019, 9/09/2019, and 9/12/2019, 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. 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 on 08/16/2019, 8/28/2019, 8/29/2019, and 9/12/2019 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.

Motion made by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Maier to move item C1 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

C. FINANCE – MR. PAUL DEPACE

1. 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 July, 2019.

I. 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. Maier, Mrs. Pellicane and Mr. Hernandez.

Residency Hotlines:

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

There are no Legal, High School, or Legislation Reports this evening.

Motion made by Vice President Wheeler, seconded by Trustee Maier to move item D1 as listed. Motion unanimously carried

D. POLICY COMMITTEE

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education review and adopt the following policies:

POLICY 5146: STUDENT PRIVACY

POLICY 5147: NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE OF CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS

POLICY 8400: SOLICITING FUNDS FROM AND BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Vice-President Wheeler to move item 1 under New Business as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

1. That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make the required transfers in the 2019-2020 Budget as indicated below:

| BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL | | | |
|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| DATE: September 25, 2019 | | | |
| CODE | DESCRIPTION | FROM | TO |
| A9060.8 | Hosp & Med Insur | \$ 65,000.00 | |
| A2250.477 | Special Ed - Tuition | | \$ 65,000.00 |
| | Transfer needed for Special Ed Tuition costs for one additional student | | |
| | FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL | | |
| | TOTALS | \$ 65,000.00 | \$ 65,000.00 |

Motion made by Trustee DePace, seconded by Vice-President Wheeler to move item 2 under New Business as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

2. That the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Valley Stream Union Free School District 30 to provide instruction of students with disabilities in those situations where the District is unable to provide for the education of such students with disabilities in special classes in the schools of the District during the period September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020;

That the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute such agreement on behalf of the Board.

Motion made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Wheeler to move items 3 through 11 under New Business as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board approve, during the 2019-2020 school year, use of the reading program Max Scholar, at a cost not to exceed \$2000.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the contribution of alternative seating and tabletops from The Atlantic Philanthropies Director/ Employees Designated Gift Fund with a value of \$1,500.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education adopt the revised Paybooks: #1 Administrative Salaries and #3 Clerical Salaries.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement for Health and Welfare Services with Lawrence Public Schools from July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2019, subject to the terms and conditions and in accordance with the attached rate agreement reviewed by District counsel.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the following:
 - The allocation of funds to the Unassigned Fund Balance in an amount that is \$1,195,211.76, 4% of the 2019-2020 Budget
 - Allocate the balance of available funds \$245,000 to the TRS Reserve;
 - Allocate the balance of available funds \$509,855 to the Capital Reserve
8. WHEREAS, the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019 labor agreement between the Board of Education of Valley Stream #24 and United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) expired on June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the respective parties have engaged in negotiations for a successor agreement to the expired labor agreement; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the District and the Union reached an agreement for a successor agreement that has been memorialized in a Memorandum of Agreement dated August 22, 2019, which Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the membership of United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU), has ratified said Memorandum of Agreement, That the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement hereinabove referenced.

9. That upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Valley Stream UFSD #24 Board of Education hereby accepts grant-in-aid in the amount of \$75,000, and increases the 2018-2019 General Fund by that amount. This Grant-In-Aid is to be appropriated pursuant to subdivision 2 of Section 1718 of the Education Law as amended by Chapter 82 of the Laws of 1995 for General Purposes. The offsetting revenue shall be A 3289 Revenue Code: Other State Aid.

Further, that the total amount of \$75,000 is appropriated in the following Budget Code:

| Budget Code | Amount | Description |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 2630-200 | \$75,000.00 | Computer Equipment |

10. THEREFORE, that in accordance with Education Law Section 2801-a and its accompanying regulations, upon providing the opportunity for public comment regarding the District's Licensed Security Services Contract with Wisdom Protective Services, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and Wisdom Protective Services to provide licensed security services during the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020;

That the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute such agreement on behalf of the Board; and

That the Superintendent of Schools and his designee is directed to incorporate the Licensed Security Services Contract into the District-wide School Safety Plan; and file said plan with New York State by the October 1, 2020 deadline.

11. That the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2019-2020 District-Wide Safety Plan;

That the Superintendent of Schools is directed to file said District-Wide Safety Plan with New York State by October 1, 2020 pursuant to Education Law Section 2801-a.

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Vice President Wheeler to adjourn the Business meeting at 7:49 P.M. Motion unanimously carried.