

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL
APRIL 26, 2022

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

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Don Sturz, Assistant Superintendents Dr. Jack Mitchell, Dr. Lisa Conte, Principals Johanne Gaddy, Rosario Iacono and Dr. Scott Comis. School District Attorney Florence Frazer. Director of Pupil Services Dr. Robert Mueller and Director of Technology Mark Onorato. Also present were two Valley Stream residents.

Absent With Prior Notice: Vice-President Maier

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Pellicane.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:15 PM was made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, to discuss Personnel and Contractual obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:14 PM was made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Wheeler. Motion unanimously carried.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 8:17 PM, at the William L. Buck School by President Pellicane.

II. – VI. 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 March 23, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

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

March 22, 2022 – I received a resignation letter from Ms. Caitlyn Kempsey

April 14, 2022 – I received a FOIL request from Zach Baum at NYSUT regarding voter registration and a FOIL response was sent.

April 19, 2022 – I received an email from Ms. Arroyo regarding budget information and a response was sent.

April 22, 2022 – I received an additional email from Ms. Arroyo regarding budget information and a response was sent.

April 24, 2022 – I received an email from Oceania Diodato regarding a FOIL Request

April 25, 2022 – I received an email from Ms. Arroyo regarding the school calendar.

Superintendents Report: Dr. Sturz opened the meeting by thanking all who came tonight and for their continuous support. Dr. Sturz talked about all the great things that are coming up which is the Poetry Contest, the first spring concert and the outdoor education trip for the 6th graders. Dr. Sturz closed the meeting by reminding that the Budget Vote is May 17, 2022 and to please get out there and vote.

VII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. PERSONNEL – MARKUS WILSON

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Wheeler, to move item A.1 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Janet Marrero, effective August 31, 2022, as an Elementary Spanish Teacher, pending certification, for a 4-year probationary period. Her probation expiration will be August 30, 2026*. Compensation will be at Step 1 MA in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education.

*To be eligible to receive tenure, the probationer must receive composite or overall APPR ratings of either effective or highly effective in at least three of the four preceding years, and if the probationer receives an ineffective composite or overall APPR rating in the final year of the probationary period she will not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to move item A.2 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Caitlyn Kempsey, an Elementary Classroom Teacher, effective June 30, 2022.

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Wheeler, to move item A.3 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

3. 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:

TEACHER:

Nathlye Naggie

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to move item A.4 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

4. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 24 approves an employment agreement dated April 26, 2022 between the Board and Dr. Donald Sturz as Superintendent of Schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board authorizes the President of the Board to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to move item A.5 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following persons to serve as election inspectors for the Annual Budget Vote Meeting on May 17, 2022, compensation at the rate of \$160.00 for the day:

Brooklyn Avenue School

John Schraft and Norma E Singh

William L. Buck School

Marie Alcindor, Benny Bejarano, and Candida Y. Molina

S. Corona Avenue Firehouse

Charles Beglan

Robert W. Carbonaro School

Janie Carter, Devora Thomas and Maria F Gemma Sy

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, to move item A.6 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following persons to serve as chief election inspectors for the Annual Budget Vote Meeting on May 17, 2022, compensation at the rate of \$185.00 for the day:

Nadege De Tassegalles, Ronald Garofalo, Ramsey Jenkins and Mary E Hansen Sterger

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 2/1/22, 2/11/22, 2/11/22, 2/15/22, 2/15/22, 2/16/22, 2/16/22, 2/16/22, 3/1/22, 3/3/22, 3/3/22, 3/3/22, 3/3/22, 3/3/22, 3/4/22, 3/4/22, 3/7/22, 3/7/22, 3/7/22, 3/8/22, 3/8/22, 3/8/22, 3/8/22, 3/10/22, 3/10/22, 3/10/22, 3/10/22, 3/10/22, 3/11/22, 3/11/22, 3/11/22, 3/11/22, 3/14/22, 3/14/22, 3/14/22, 3/14/22, 3/14/22, 3/14/22, 3/15/22, 3/16/22, 3/17/22, 3/17/22, 3/17/22, 3/17/22, 3/18/22, 3/18/22, 3/18/22, 3/18/22, 3/18/22, 3/18/22, 3/21/22, 3/21/22, 3/22/22, 3/22/22, 3/22/22, 3/22/22, 3/22/22, 3/23/22, 3/23/22, 3/24/22, 3/25/22, 3/25/22, 3/25/22, 3/28/22, 3/28/22, 3/28/22, 3/28/22, 3/28/22, 3/30/22 3/30/22, 4/5/22 and 4/5/22, 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 on 3/1/22, 3/1/22, 3/3/22, 3/7/22, 3/11/22, 3/11/22, 3/15/22, 3/15/22, 3/15/22, 3/17/22, 3/21/22, 3/21/22, 3/21/22, 3/23/22, 3/23/22, 3/25/22, 3/25/22, 3/29/22, 3/30/22, 3/31/22, 3/31/22, 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. ARMANDO HERNANDEZ

Motion made by Trustee Hernandez, 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 February 2022.

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 – No Report

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 – No Report

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY: - None

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to move items # 1 - # 4 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Agreement between the District and the Freeport UFSD School District for student health and welfare services for 2021-2022.

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, April 6, 2022, regarding a unit member's sick leave bank. The terms of this agreement will be retroactive to April 7, 2022.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Textbook Central for centralized textbook distribution services and textbook information and management services for the 2022-2023 school year at the rate set forth in the Agreement and further authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

4. 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: April 26, 2022			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A2250.2	Special Education Equipment General	\$ 1,000.00	
A2250.237	CID Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	
A2250.451	Office Paper-CSE	\$ 500.00	
A2250.453-41	Speech Supplies-BAS	\$ 125.25	
A2250.453-42	Speech Supplies-RWC	\$ 104.88	
A2250.453-43	Speech Supplies-WLB	\$ 151.47	
A2250.453-5	Special Ed-Speech K	\$ 138.58	
A2250.453-61	Resource Room-BAS	\$ 304.08	
A2250.453-62	Resource Room-RWC	\$ 274.55	
A2250.453-63	Resource Room-WLB	\$ 88.52	
A2250.453-72	CID Supplies-RWC	\$ 191.24	
A2250.453-73	CID Supplies-WLB	\$ 385.07	
A2820.400-1	Psych Expenses-BAS	\$ 250.00	
A2820.400-2	Psych Expenses-RWC	\$ 300.00	
A2820.400-3	Psych Expenses-WLB	\$ 300.00	
A2820.451-71	Psych Supplies-BAS	\$ 300.00	
A2820.451-72	Psych Supplies-RWC	\$ 144.45	
A2820.451-73	Psych Supplies-WLB	\$ 3.80	
A2825.400-1	Social Worker Expenses - BAS	\$ 154.09	
A2825.45	Social Worker Supplies	\$ 158.55	
A2825.450-2	Social Worker Supplies-RWC	\$ 131.76	
A2250.477	Special Ed -Tuition	\$ 2,000.00	
A2250.4	Special Ed Expenses		\$ 8,006.29
	Related Services Expenses		
A5540.4	Transportation Expenses	\$ 23,000.00	
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 70,000.00	
A5581.49	BOCES Transportation		\$ 93,000.00
	BOCES Transportation		
A1621.407-3	Site Work	\$ 29,600.00	
A2815.49	BOCES-Health Serv		\$ 6,100.00
A2110.400-73	Copier Leases-RWC		\$ 3,500.00
A1420.4	Attorney Fees		\$ 20,000.00
	May/June Invoices		
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 16,500.00	
A2815.4	Health Services Expenses		\$ 16,500.00
	Substitute Nurse-BAS		
	TOTALS	\$ 147,106.29	\$ 147,106.29

XI. DISCUSSION

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

There was one digital card submitted by Simona Simone regarding giving out awards to individuals during the sixth grade graduation.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting at 8:28 PM was made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee LaRocco. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Biscardi

Jennifer Biscardi
District Clerk