

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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BUSINESS MEETING  
March 29, 2023

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL

6:45 PM It is anticipated that the Board of Education will immediately consider a motion to enter executive session for purposes of discussing a personnel matter and contract matters and reconvene the public portion of the Business Meeting at 7:30 PM.

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**Members Present:** President Maier, Vice-President LaRocco, Trustees Nunez, Herrera and Wilson.

**Others Present:** Superintendent Dr. Sturz, Dr. Jack Mitchell, School District Attorney

**Absent With Prior Notice:** Trustees Wheeler and Hernandez

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

Having a quorum, the Business Meeting was called to order at 6:47 pm by President Maier at the William L. Buck School. A motion to enter Executive Session at 6:47 p.m. was made by Vice President LaRocco and seconded by Trustee Wilson to discuss Personnel and Contractual Obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Executive Session concluded at 7:28 pm by Vice President LaRocco and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 7:30 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Maier.

## **II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**III. MINUTES:** February 8, 2022, February 13, 2023, March 1, 2023, March 9, 2023 and March 11, 2023. Motion to move the minutes was made by Vice President LaRocco and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

**IV. WELCOME TO VISITORS:** President Maier welcomed all in attendance to the Business Meeting and further specified conditions of public comments/ questions.

Presentation: Mr. Schmorhun and Mr. Garzetta presented three very talented students with a certificate from the Nassau Music Educators Association.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT** – Correspondence from Christina Arroyo regarding election.

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** - Dr. Sturz spoke about Family Forum and the exciting and engaging family activities for those evenings. Brooklyn Ave 4/25 @6:30, RWC 4/25 @7:00 and WLB 4/26 @6:30. We will also acknowledge students getting music awards.

## **VII. 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: President Maier, Trustee Herrera, and Trustee Hernandez.

#### **Residency Hotlines:**

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

**Trustee Melissa Herrera** – District music festival was this past Friday with an amazing concert by the high school districts orchestra, chorus and band. Recreation program at all 3 high schools is currently taking place for dates and times please visit the VSCHSD.ORG. Future teachers club is also flourishing thanks to Mr. Iacono and the RWC staff for the partnership and support of the program.

**B. LEGAL REPORT:** Representative from the law firm, Guercio & Guercio, LLP: nothing to report.

**C. LEGISLATION REPORT: Trustee Hernandez** – No report

**VIII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

**A. PERSONNEL – Trustee Wilson** -- Motion made by Trustee Wilson to move items A1 through A10 and seconded by Vice President LaRocco. Motion unanimously carried.

**1. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Kristen Seiger as a co-teacher liaison for Student Council for the William L Buck School, replacing Marissa Campo, for the 2022-2023 school year retroactive to March 16, 2023, at the appropriate Club Rate per the VSTA contract.

**2. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Lisa Davis, as Secretary to the Superintendent, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Exam 66-648, established 1/27/2023. This appointment will be effective retroactive to March 27, 2023. The appointment is for a 26 week probationary period, said probation set to expire on September 25, 2023.

**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 2022-2023 school year:

**SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST:**

Kristin Puk (retroactive to March 13, 2023)

**TEACHER:**

Sophia Anuth (retroactive to March 2, 2023)

**TEACHER AIDE PART-TIME SUBSTITUTE**

Rebecca Albahae (Pending Civil Service Clearance)

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Lourdes Onesto, as District Clerk, effective retroactive to March 16, 2023, pending Civil Service clearance. Compensation for this appointment will be at \$15,500 annually.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Abraham Cubas as a School Monitor Part-time, retroactive effective March 10, 2023. Compensation for this appointment will be a 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 hereby appoints Kayla Gonsalves as a Probationary Teaching Assistant, holding Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) certificates, effective March 30, 2023. The probationary period expires on March 29, 2027. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the Valley Stream Central High School District and the VSTA Teaching Assistants Unit.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Saba Khan, School Monitor Part-time, effective February 17, 2023.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Elizabeth Fleurimond, District Clerk, effective March 15, 2023.

9. **WHEREAS**, Dr. Donald Sturz, Superintendent of the Valley Stream UFSD 24, has announced his intention to retire after 5 years of service with the district, effective July 1, 2023.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education for Valley Stream UFSD 24 accepts the resignation of Dr. Donald Sturz for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2023.

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board accepts the retirement letter from Francisco Bohorquez, a Cleaner in the District, for the purposes of retirement, effective close of business on June 30, 2023.

**B. EDUCATION – Trustee Herrera** - Motion made by Trustee Herrera to move items B1 and B2 and seconded by Vice President LaRocco 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 3/13/2023, 2/10/2023, 2/8/2023, 2/2/2023, 2/14/2023, 2/6/2023, 2/27/2023, 2/27/2023, 3/9/2023, 2/10/2023, 3/1/2023, 1/25/2023, 2/2/2023, 2/6/2023, 2/8/2023, 3/7/2023, 1/27/2023, 2/27/2023, 3/3/2023, 3/15/2023, 2/10/2023, 2/13/2023, 2/13/2023, 2/13/2023, 2/28/2023, 2/28/2023, 2/2/2023, 2/3/2023, 2/17/2023, 2/17/2023, 3/10/2023, 3/13/2023, 3/13/2023, 3/6/2023, 3/6/2023, 3/6/2023, 3/7/2023, 3/8/2023, 3/10/2023, 3/8/2023, and 2/3/2023, 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 2/9/2023, 1/5/2023, 2/3/2023, 2/7/2023, 2/1/2023, 2/9/2023, 2/13/2023, 2/10/2023, 2/9/2023, 1/26/2023, 3/2/2023, 3/2/2023, 3/6/2023, 3/6/2023, 3/6/2023, 2/7/2023, 2/10/2023, and 2/1/2023, 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 – Vice President LaRocco** - Motion made by Vice President LaRocco to move item C1 and seconded by Trustee Wilson. 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 January 2023.

**D. POLICY: Trustee Wheeler** - Motion made by Trustee Nunez to move item A1 and seconded by Vice President LaRocco. Motion unanimously carried.

**1. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education reviews and adopts the following revised policies:

- Policy 1104 – Visitors to School
- Policy 5400 - Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA of New York Education Law Article 89
- Policy 6151 – Class Size
- Policy 6200 – Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting
- Policy 7100 - Buildings and Grounds Maintenance & Inspection
- Policy 7200 - Pesticides and Pest Management
- Policy 7300 - Reporting of Hazards
- Policy 7400 - Idling of School District Buses and Private Vehicles, et. Al
- Policy 7500 - Use of Surveillance Cameras on School District Property
- Policy 7600 - Gender Neutral Bathrooms

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY:**

**X. NEW BUSINESS:** - Motion made by Vice President LaRocco to move items 1 through 16 and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

**1. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of the following items:

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Make/ Model:</b>	<b>Machinery/ Device:</b>
1.	BETCO XT 21	Power Buffer/ Floor Buffing Machine
2.	BETCO XT 21	Power Buffer/ Floor Buffing Machine

**2. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of the following obsolete equipment;

<b>ID #</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
001881	Smartboard
57E1119	Smartboard
57C0796	Smartboard
57C0787	Smartboard
001840	Smartboard
002433	iMac
002432	iMac
002278	iMac

**3. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board adopts the Superintendent’s Proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$37,019,209, to be presented to the qualified voters of the District at the Annual Meeting on May 16, 2023.

**4. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Agreement between the District and the Rockville Centre Union Free School District for student health and welfare services for 2022-2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** upon the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

**5. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Agreement between the District and the Malverne Union Free School District for student health and welfare services for 2022-2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** upon the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

**6. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the Property Tax Report Card for the 2023-2024 school year and authorizes submission to the State Education Department and publication of the 2023-2024 Property Tax Report Card.



**7. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the placement of the following voter proposition at the annual budget vote & election on May 16, 2023 and directs the District Clerk to place said proposition in the annual notice of said vote & election.

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to appropriate and expend the maximum amount of four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$425,000) from the capital reserve fund for the purpose of completing capital improvements as follows:

1. Roofing at William L. Buck and Robert W. Carbonaro Schools
2. Flooring at Brooklyn Avenue School

**8. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the School Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

**9. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement with Nassau BOCES for the purpose of the participation in the Nassau BOCES Regional Summer School Program from July 5 to July 28, 2023.

**10. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and NYSARC, Inc. NYC Chapter d/b/a AHRC New York City (tuition for new entrant) for the 2022-2023 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

**11. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Sensational Development Occupational Therapy, PLLC (Related Services and Evaluations) for the 2022-2023 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

**12. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Psychological Diagnostic Evaluations of New York, P.C. (Professional Development) for the 2022-2023 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.



**13. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, the Board of Education authorizes the use of the EBALR Reserve for the 2022-2023 accumulated sick leave payouts \$28,632.36.

**14. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve and sign the License Agreement and Rider between the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four and SCOPE Education Services for the 2023-2024 After School Child Care Program and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

**15. BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby ratifies a Memorandum of Agreement between Valley Stream UFSD 24 and the United Public Services Employees Union for a collective bargaining agreement for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute such collective bargaining agreement.

**16. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Budget Transfer for the 2022-2023 School year:

<b>BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL</b>			
<b>DATE: March 29, 2023</b>			
<b>CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
A2815.450-1	Health Service Supplies-BAS	\$ 510.00	
A2815.450-2	Health Service Supplies-RWC	\$ 1,000.00	
A2815.450-2	Health Service Supplies-WLB	\$ 1,400.00	
A2815.4	Health Services Expenses		\$ 2,910.00
	<b>Substitute Nursing Services</b>		
A2330.49	BOCES Summer School	\$ 4,555.92	
A2630.49	BOCES e-Rate Services		\$ 4,555.92
	<b>Uninterruptable Power Supply</b>		
A2110.47	Tuition	\$ 10,026.00	
A2330.49	BOCES Summer School	\$ 22,704.08	
A9901.95	Transfer to Special Aid	\$ 22,000.00	
A2630.49	BOCES e-Rate Services		\$ 54,730.08
	<b>Additional Tech Programs</b>		
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 114,520.00	
A5540.4	Transportation Expenses		\$ 114,520.00
	<b>Transportation</b>		
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 81,400.00	
A2250.477	Special Ed-Tuition		\$ 81,400.00
	<b>New Entrants</b>		
A2010.16	Curriculum Salaries	\$ 5,300.00	
A2110.400-73	Copier Leases-RWC		\$ 5,300.00
	<b>Canon Lease-RWC</b>		
A9060.85	Dental Insurance	\$ 10,000.00	
A1620.406-13	Gas/Electric-WLB	\$ 12,000.00	
A1620.406-11	Gas/Electric-BAS		\$ 11,000.00
A1620.406-12	Gas/Electric-RWC		\$ 11,000.00
	<b>PSEGLI &amp; National Grid Invoices</b>		
A5581.491	Summer Special Ed. Transportation	\$ 12,000.00	
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 6,300.00	
A2110.492-9	ESL		\$ 18,300.00
	<b>English as a New Language Services</b>		
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 20,000.00	
A1060.4	Contractual Expense		\$ 20,000.00
	<b>Legal Ads for Budget Vote</b>		
A2630.45	Computer Supplies	\$ 2,250.63	
A2630.46	Computer Software	\$ 322.31	
A2630.49	BOCES e-Rate Services		\$ 2,572.94
	<b>Charging Carts &amp; PebbleGo Gold Upgrade</b>		
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 3,619.44	
A1310.49	BOCES Services		\$ 3,619.44
	<b>Debtbook</b>		
A2110.494-5	Outdoor Education	\$ 19,800.00	
A5540.405	Transport/School Trip		\$ 19,800.00
	<b>Ashokan Transportation</b>		
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 349,708.38</b>	<b>\$ 349,708.38</b>

**XI. DISCUSSION**

**XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. made by Vice President LaRocco and seconded by Trustee Wilson to discuss certain Personnel and Contractual Obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:02 pm made by Trustee Nunez and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

       Motion to adjourn the Business meeting at 10:03p.m. by Vice President LaRocco and seconded by Trustee Nunez. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lourdes Onesto*

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District Clerk