

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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BUSINESS MEETING

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL  
JANUARY 26, 2022

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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 Florence Frazer. Director of Pupil Services Dr. Robert Mueller. Also in attendance were several District 24 teachers, students and parents.

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 LaRocco, to discuss Personnel and Contractual obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made to adjourn Executive Session at 7:30 PM was made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco. Motion unanimously carried.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 7:33 PM, at the William L. Buck School by President Pellicane.

## **PROGRAM:**

WLB Student Presentation

## **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 Trusee LaRocco, seconded by Vice-President Maier, to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2021, and January 5, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

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

December 27, 2021 – Received a mailed FOIL Request from CSEA in regard to Employees and job titles and a response was sent

January 3, 2022 – Received an email from Ms. Arroyo in regard to Covid-in-person vs remote and a response was sent

January 5, 2022 – Received an email from Mr. Romano in regard to an incident in another school district.

January 8, 2022 – Received an email from Ms. Arroyo in regard to Blakemans Executive Order and a response was sent.

January 24, 2022 – Received an email from Ms. Arroyo in regard to the mask mandate and a response has been sent.

January 26, 2022 – Received an email from Ms. Arroyo in regard to board elections.

### **Superintendents Report:**

Dr. Sturz welcomed all in attendance; staff, teachers, parents and student guests.. Dr. Sturz spoke about participating in Scripts National Spelling Bee and how everyone did an amazing job. Dr. Sturz also spoke about the PARP events which have begun. Dr. Sturz thanked the PTA for all they do. The second Parent Academy featuring Reading and Math strategies for parents took place and was well attended. Finally, Dr. Sturz spoke about the mask mandate. The appeal is scheduled to take place January 28. Once a decision is delivered the district will receive legal guidance and will update everyone.

Dr. Sturz welcomed Principal Gaddy, who spoke about student wellness and welcomed Psychologists Kerriann Pieper and Traci Ritterband who then welcomed students Maja Papandrea and Caleb Rosado to present their presentation.

Dr. Sturz thanked all the teachers, staff and children for their great presentation and hard work.

## **VII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

### **A. PERSONNEL – MARKUS WILSON**

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, to move items A 1. – A. 3. as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

**1. 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:**

Julieanna Ianiro  
Melanie Ingber - (Retroactive to January 4, 2022)

#### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDES/MONITOR PART-TIME:**

Hadeequa Pasha

**2. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following Salary Changes, effective February 1, 2022: pending receipt of documents of completion.

Ariana Arnone - Step 2 MA+30

Allison Smithwick - Step 5 MA +30

**3. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Catherine Salem as a permanent substitute, effective February 4, 2022.

## **B. EDUCATION – MELISSA HERRERA**

Motion made by Trustee Herrera, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, 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 11/18/21, 11/18/21, 11/22/21, 11/29/21, 11/29/21, 11/29/21, 12/2/21, 12/7/21, 12/8/21, 12/14/21, 12/16/21, 12/16/21, 12/16/21, 12/16/21, 12/17/21, 12/17/21 and 12/23/21, 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 on 11/23/21, 12/1/21, 12/3/21, 12/3/21, 12/9/21, 12/10/21 and 12/17/21, 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 November 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 the building tour was held on January 8, 2022 and the next meeting will be on February 1, 2022.

**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 – reported that the next mandate decision will be on Friday, January 28, 2022.

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

**D. POLICY COMMITTEE – MRS. DONNA LAROCCO** – No Report

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY:** - None

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Vice-President Maier, to move items # 1 - # 6 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 Uniondale Union Free School District for student health and welfare services for 2021-2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that 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.

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that 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.

**3. BE IT RESOLVED**, that 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 2021-2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that 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.

**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 Unit Leader and Members of the Executive Board for the Valley Stream Teachers' Association Educational Office Personnel Unit for a contract covering the period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024.

**5. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the Board of Education to enter into an agreement with Nassau BOCES for the purpose of contracting with Bold Systems for election management services, from January 20, 2022, to June 30, 2022.

**6. 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:

<b>BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL</b>			
<b>DATE: January 26, 2022</b>			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A2020.150-3	Building Principals Salaries-WLB	\$ 1,669.30	
A2010.16	Curriculum Salaries	\$ 885.00	
A2110.450-2	WLB-General Instr Supplies <b>Previous Year Grant Funds</b>		\$ 2,554.30
A2010.4	Curriculum Devel Expense	\$ 1,000.00	
A2815.4	Health Services Expenses <b>Freeport Health Services</b>		\$ 1,000.00
A2110.120-2	Teachers 1-6 Salaries-RWC	\$ 5,000.00	
A2110.450-3	RWC-General Instr Supplies <b>RWC - Bulletin Boards</b>		\$ 5,000.00
A2110.140-3	Sub Teachers Salaries-WLB	\$ 48,000.00	
A2110.140-1	Sub Teachers Salaries-BAS		\$ 17,000.00
A2110.140-2	Sub Teachers Salaries-RWC <b>Reallocate for Building Spending</b>		\$ 31,000.00
A2110.400-72	Copier Leases-WLB	\$ 680.00	
A2110.400-73	Copier Leases-RWC <b>Extra Copies</b>		\$ 680.00
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 19,330.00	
A1621.406-82	Heating/Cooling Expense-RWC <b>RWC Water Heater</b>		\$ 19,330.00
A2110.123-1	After School Programs-BAS	\$ 5,000.00	
A2110.400-71	Copier Leases-BAS <b>Extra Copies</b>		\$ 5,000.00
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 20,742.00	
A2110.473	Charter School Tuition <b>Charter School Tuition</b>		\$ 20,742.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 102,306.30</b>	<b>\$ 102,306.30</b>

## **XI. DISCUSSION**

There was a digital comment/question submitted by Valley Stream 24 resident, Ms. Cristina Arroyo in regard to Board of Education term limits, combining the Valley Stream school districts, and remote learning.

## **XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

Motion to go back into executive session at 7:47 PM, made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco. Motion unanimously carried.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the executive session at 9:32 PM was made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting at 9:32 PM was made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jennifer Biscardi*

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District Clerk