

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
7:30 PM

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL
September 23, 2020

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

Others Present: Principal of R. W. Carbonaro School, Mr. Iacono, Principal of Brooklyn Avenue School, Dr. Comis, Principal of William Buck School, Mrs. Leggett, Dr. Conte, Dr. Maureen Martin and District Attorney.

Absent With Prior Notice: Trustee Shipley

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

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco to enter into executive session related to matters of personnel at 6:45 PM.
Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Vice President Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Maier to adjourn executive session at 7:30 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

The Business Meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM, at the William L. Buck School.

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco to approve the minutes August 18, August 20, August 26, August 31 and September 9, 2020.
Motion unanimously carried.

Welcome to Visitors: President Wheeler welcomed all in attendance to the first Business Meeting of the new school year and wished everyone good health during these times. President Wheeler further welcomed comments from any visitors and asked if the audience if anyone had any questions or comments relative to any items on the agenda. No questions or comments were received or made.

Correspondence Report from the District Clerk: No correspondence received.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Sturz welcomed all in attendance.

Dr. Sturz welcomed and praised the faculty and administration for the start of the new school year under these unusual times. He also thanked the Board of Education for their continuous support. He acknowledged that we are now in our 3rd week of school and all is going very well and that VS24 should be very proud. VS24 is continuously evaluating and watching the COVID situation. every single day. The Geothermal Project at William L. Buck is ahead of schedule and doing great and is expected to be finished by the end of October.

VII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. PERSONNEL –MS. LISA PELLICANE

Motion made by Vice President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Maier to move items A.1-A.7 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following Salary changes, effective September 1, 2020.

Kathleen Carter	-	Step 4.5	MA+15
Kaitlyn Gillespie	-	Step 4	MA+60
Allison Smithwick	-	Step 4	MA+15
Julia Sollin	-	Step 2	BA+15

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jennifer Lee Levitt, as a Permanent Substitute, effective September 24, 2020, for the 2020-2021 school year.

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education appoint Yazmin Rosario, as a School Monitor Part-Time, pending Civil Service and fingerprint clearance, effective September 24, 2020. Compensation for this position will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

4. Upon that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jessica Mazzola, as a Permanent Substitute, effective close of business September 17, 2020.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Stephany Munoz, a School Monitor Part-time, effective September 25, 2020.

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Evelyn Lines, a Teacher Aide, effective September 22, 2020.

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education appoint the following to the per diem substitute list for the 2020-2021 school year:

Substitute Nurse:

Sarajea Sheinin

Teacher Aide Part-Time Substitute:

Leon Leyesa (Pending Civil Service and Fingerprint clearance).

School Monitor Part-Time Substitute:

Aneela Hami Khan (Pending Civil Service and Fingerprint clearance)

B. EDUCATION – MRS. DONNA LA ROCCO

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

1. 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 8/12/20, 8/13/20, 8/17/20, 8/19/20 and 8/20/20, 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 Special Education previously approved by the Committee on Special Education on 7/27/20, 8/13/20, 8/28/20 and 8/31/20, pertaining to students being considered for 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 Special Education

C. FINANCE – MR. JOHN MAIER

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco to move items C.1 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

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, 2020.

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. Shipley.

Residency Hotlines:

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

Trustee Maier advised that the next Work Session Meeting will be held on October 7, 2020.

B. LEGAL REPORT – Representative from the law firm, Ingerman Smith, LLP – No Report.

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

D. POLICY COMMITTEE- MRS. KIMBERLY WHEELER – No Report.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY - None

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco to move items 1-8 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. Upon that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make the required transfers in the 2020-2021 Budget as indicated below:

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL			
DATE: September 23, 2020			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A9060.85	Dental Insurance	\$ 40,000.00	
A7310	Youth Program		\$ 40,000.00
SCOPE - Emergency Child Care Program 2020-21			
TOTALS		\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education accepts a donation from Lions Club International and their Lions Lend an Ear Foundation, of face masks with clear front panels for each of the Speech Language Pathologists in our District.

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with Dr. Caryl Oris for related services for the 2020 - 2021 school year and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

4. **WHEREAS**, the District embarked upon a District-Wide Energy Project (“Energy Project”) in or about May 2, 2016 when the District issued a Request for Proposals for the Energy Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Engineer of Record for the Energy Project is ECG Engineering, P.C. (“ECG”); and,

WHEREAS, under Section 179D of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”), eligible businesses entitled to tax benefits under Section 179D include **engineers** that have performed energy-efficient work on new government buildings or renovations/retrofits of existing government buildings; and,

WHEREAS, ECG may be eligible for tax benefits that may arise from the Energy Project pursuant to Section 179D of the IRC; and,

WHEREAS, ECG has presented the School District with the Government Building Primary Designer Acknowledgement (“Acknowledgement”) in the form attached hereto and has informed the District that ECG is seeking the 179D deduction for the Energy Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Acknowledgement was reviewed by the Assistant Superintendent for Business and based upon said review, the District Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize the execution of said Acknowledgment; and,

WHEREAS, said Acknowledgement requires the signature of an authorized representative of the Owner of the school buildings referenced therein;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, based upon the review and recommendation as set forth hereinabove, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business to execute the Government Building Primary Designer Acknowledgement on behalf of the Board of Education

5. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TWENTY-FOUR, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four, in the County of Nassau, New York (herein called "District"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$4,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law").

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes levied or to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.

(b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.

(c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.

(d) The total amount of any Notes so issued shall not be in excess of the total amount of such taxes remaining uncollected on the date of any such issuance.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute tax certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with The 13th Child Autism & Behavioral Coaching, Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with All About Kids SLP, OT, PT, LMSW, Psychology, PLLC (Academic Tutoring) for the 2020-2021 school year and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with All About Kids, SLP, OT, PT, LMSW, Psychology, PLLC (Related Services) for the 2020-2021 school year and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreements.

X. DISCUSSION – no items of discussion were raised.

XI. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

President Wheeler asked if there were any members of the audience who wished to make any comments. No comments were received or made.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:42 PM by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Maier.

Executive Session concluded at 8:40 PM by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Hernandez. The Business Meeting reconvened at 8:40 PM, by President Wheeler.

Motion made by Vice President Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Maier to adjourn the Business Meeting at 8:40 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Biscardi

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District Clerk