

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 16, 2022

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 Joe Lilly. Director of Pupil Services Dr. Robert Mueller. Director of Technology Mark Onorato.

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 Hernandez, 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 Hernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

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

PROGRAM:

Enrichment For All Presentation

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 Vice President Maier, to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

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

January 26, 2022 – I received a follow up email question from Ms. Arroyo regarding the Board Elections and a response was sent.

January 28, 2022 – I received an email from Ms. Arroyo regarding Health and Sex Ed and a response was sent.

January 29, 2022 – I received an email from Mrs. Kim regarding “Lights on for Education” and a response was sent.

January 31, 2022 – I received an email from Ms. Arroyo regarding an art lesson and a response was sent.

February 2, 2022 – I received an email from Ms. Arroyo regarding concern over teacher inclusivity and a response was sent.

February 3, 2022 – I received a follow up email from Mrs. Kim regarding “Lights on for Education” and a response was sent.

February 11, 2022 – I received a FOIL request from Mr. Bonelli regarding a budget committee.

February 15, 2022 – I received a FOIL request from Ms. Catoni regarding vendor activity.

February 15, 2022 – I received a FOIL request from Newsday regarding public relations services.

Superintendents Report:

Dr. Sturz welcomed all in attendance and spoke about the decrease in Covid-19 cases and expressed hope that it remains this way following the upcoming February break. Dr. Sturz also spoke about the 6th grade Outdoor Education trip and indicated that a digital survey will be sent to parents to ascertain interest.

Dr. Sturz welcomed Principal Iacono who then introduced teacher, Risa Miller to present on the Enrichment For All initiative.

Dr. Sturz thanked Risa Miller for her presentation.

VII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. PERSONNEL – MARKUS WILSON

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Vice-President Maier, 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 hereby appoints Janay Contrejas, as a Permanent Substitute teacher, effective February 17, 2022, for the 2021-2022 school year.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Ammara Haroon as a School Monitor Part-time, effective February 16, 2022.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education appoints Ammara Haroon as Teacher Aide effective February 17, 2022. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 4 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

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 1/10/22, 1/11/22, 1/11/22, 1/14/22, 1/18/22, 1/19/22, 1/19/22, 1/21/22, 1/21/22, 1/24/22, 1/27/22, 1/28/22 and 1/28/22, 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 1/6/22, 1/12/22, 1/12/22, 1/12/22, 1/14/22, 1/14/22, 1/25/22, 2/2/22 and 2/2/22, 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. JOHN MAIER

Motion made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, 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 December 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 Superintendent talked about the upcoming Budget. The next meeting will be on March 1, 2022 and possibly adopting the Budget on March 8, 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 – 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 Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, to move items # 1 - # 9 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 Rockville Centre 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 Michele Tritschler, M.S., CCC-SLP for speech therapy 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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorize Valley Stream UFSD #24 to be the lead District in the Nassau County School Facilities Association Purchasing Consortium in assuming the responsibility for advertising of bids, accepting, and opening bids,

tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education, and making recommendations for the 2022-23 school year, regarding pest control services for school buildings.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorize Valley Stream UFSD #24 to be the lead District in the Nassau County School Facilities Association Purchasing Consortium in assuming the responsibility for advertising of bids, accepting, and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education, and making recommendations for the 2022-23 school year, regarding blinds and shades for school buildings.

5. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards the contract for the provision of Universal Pre-Kindergarten Services to Our Kids Place Country Day, Inc. for the 2022-2023 school year at the cost of \$5,400.00 per student in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Services RFP #21-04, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said contract between the District and Our Kids Place Country Day, Inc. on behalf of the Board of Education.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Valley Stream UFSD #24 Board of Education hereby accepts CARES Act – ESSER funds in the amount of \$13,868 and CARES Act – GEER funds in the amount of \$29,789 and increases the 2021-2022 General Fund by those amounts. This CARES Act grant 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 4286 Revenue Code: CARES ACT Education Stabilization Fund - Federal Aid

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the total amount of \$43,657 is appropriated in the following Budget Codes:

Budget Code	Amount	Description
2250.4	\$43,657	Special Ed Expenses

7. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the disposal and sale of two (2) computer workstations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds received from professional auctioneer through the sale will be recorded in A2670 Sale of Property.

8. WHEREAS, Public Contract Code Section 20118 authorizes school districts to utilize other public agency competitively bid contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Huntington and Town of Babylon awarded a competitively bid contract to LandTek at competitive prices; and

WHEREAS, Town of Huntington and Town of Babylon have made their contract available to the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and ordered the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the District to award a contract to Landtek pursuant to the Town of Huntington - General Construction ES 2018-01-E and Town of Babylon - Drainage - 21G18 contracts, valid thru August 2022 and March 2023, respectively, for the procurement of turf and field services as specified under the terms and condition of the contracted awards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the proposal for the Fields Renovation and Turf Field projects, to Landtek, Inc. of Bay Shore, New York, for the total bid amount of \$608,000.

9. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 Board of Education gratefully accepts two grants from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York ("DASNY") in the amount of \$363,000 & \$125,000, awarded to it under a State and Municipal Facilities Program, to be used towards the District's Field Renovation and Turf Field projects ("Projects"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board establishes itself as lead agency for the purposes of State Environment Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") determinations regarding the proposed Project; and that, upon the review and recommendation of the District's Architect, the proposed Projects are hereby determined to be Type II actions, as defined by 6 NYCRR §617.5[c], which will

have no significant impact on the environment, and which do not require any other determination or procedure under SEQRA regulations; and, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the execution of the Grant Disbursement Agreement (“GDA”) between the District and DASNY in connection with said grant and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business to execute said GDA on behalf of the District.

Motion made by President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to move item #10 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

10. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD No. 24 hereby nominates Ronald Ellerbee, B.A. Schoen and Fran N. Langsner for Trustees of the Nassau BOCES Board.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, to move item #11 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

11. 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: February 16, 2022				
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO	
A2110.16	LCH/CRM/CPY Aides	\$ 23,600.00		
A1621.406-81	Heating/Cooling Expense-BAS BAS Cafeteria Steam System Repairs		\$	23,600.00
A1620.406	Fuel/Oil	\$ 2,500.00		
A1621.406-82	Heating/Cooling Expense-RWC A&I Mechanical - Steam Supply Valve		\$	2,500.00
A2110.494-5	Outdoor Education	\$ 25,000.00		
A1620.406-13	Gas/Electric - WLB	\$ 7,000.00		
A1620.406-11	Gas/Electric - BAS		\$	20,000.00
A1620.406-12	Gas/Electric - RWC PSEG and National Grid		\$	12,000.00
	TOTALS	\$ 58,100.00	\$	58,100.00

XI. DISCUSSION

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

There were two Valley Stream residents who submitted cards at tonight's meeting. Mrs. Cheng commented on a desire to have the district create a dual language program. Mrs. Sensale commented on DEI.

There were two digital comments/questions submitted by a Valley Stream 24 resident, Ms. Cristina Arroyo. Those questions were in regard to at-large voting for Board of Education seats and how curriculum is reviewed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting at 8:00 PM was made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Biscardi

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District Clerk