

MINUTES

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24**

VIRTUAL MEETING

**BUSINESS MEETING
7:30 PM**

**WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL
MARCH 24, 2021**

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

Others Present: Superintendent Don Sturz, Assistant Superintendent Jack Mitchell, and School District Attorney, Carrie Anne Tondo

Absent With Prior Notice:

The Business Meeting was called to order at 6:48 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Wheeler.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:48 PM was made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to discuss Personnel and Contractual obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made to adjourn Executive Session a 7:32 PM was made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Maier. Motion unanimously carried.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 7:34 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Wheeler.

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome to Visitors: President Wheeler 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 Maier to approve the minutes of February 24, 2021 and March 10, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence Report from the District Clerk: I received a note with Joseph Shipley's new address.

Superintendents Report: Welcomed all in attendance.

Dr. Sturz is welcoming our upcoming Spring Break as we all are. He addressed that COVID-19 is still a risk, to please be mindful of wearing a mask, keeping social distance and to be cautious if traveling.

Dr. Sturz thanked all of the staff for their continued hard work and their constant dedication to teaching and keeping the children safe.

Finally, Dr. Sturz addressed all the teachers that will be retiring this coming year. He named and thanked them for the many years of dedication to Valley Stream School District and he wished them all the best.

VII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. PERSONNEL –MS. LISA PELLICANE

Motion made by Vice-President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to move items A.1 – A. 14 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. WHEREAS, Rich Kerin, an elementary teacher of this District, has submitted his irrevocable written letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective close of business June 30, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts his letter of resignation for retirement purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent of Schools is directed to calculate the number of days of Rich Kerin's eligibility for a leave of absence with pay prior to retirement, at the appropriate time, pursuant to Section 5.9 of the agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education and that the lump sum payment thereof to Rich Kerin shall be in accordance with Section 5.9.5 of the agreement is hereby authorized.

2. WHEREAS, Jamie MacMillan, an elementary teacher of this District, has submitted her irrevocable written letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective close of business June 30, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts her letter of resignation for retirement purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent of Schools is directed to calculate the number of days of Jamie MacMillan's eligibility for a leave of absence with pay prior to retirement, at the appropriate time, pursuant to Section 5.10 of the agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education and that the lump sum payment thereof to Jamie MacMillan shall be in accordance with Section 5.10.5 of the agreement is hereby authorized.

3. WHEREAS, Carol Cannonito, an elementary teacher of this District, has submitted her irrevocable written letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective close of business June 30, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts her letter of resignation for retirement purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent of Schools is directed to calculate the number of days of Carol Cannonito's eligibility for a leave of absence with pay prior to retirement, at the appropriate time, pursuant to Section 5.10 of the agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education and that the lump sum payment thereof to Carol Cannonito shall be in accordance with Section 5.10.5 of the agreement is hereby authorized.

4. WHEREAS, Ana Restrepo, an elementary teacher of this District, has submitted her irrevocable written letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective close of business June 30, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts her letter of resignation for retirement purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent of Schools is directed to calculate the number of days of Ana Restrepo's eligibility for a leave of absence with pay prior to retirement, at the appropriate time, pursuant to Section 5.10 of the agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education and that the lump sum payment thereof to Ana Restrepo shall be in accordance with Section 5.10.5 of the agreement is hereby authorized.

5. WHEREAS, Susan Leggett, a Principal of this District, has submitted her irrevocable written letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective close of business June 30, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts her letter of resignation for retirement purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent of Schools is directed to calculate the number of days of Mrs. Leggett's eligibility for a leave of absence with pay prior to retirement, at the appropriate time, pursuant to Section 5.5 of the agreement between the Valley Stream Principal's Association, SAANYS, and the Board of Education, and that the lump sum payment and/or other non-elective, non-discretionary employer contributions into a 403(b) account and 457 account on behalf of Susan Leggett is hereby authorized.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Dr. Maureen Martin, as Director of Pupil Services, effective June 30, 2021.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Tamarah Louis as District Messenger, effective March 24, 2021.

8. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Tamarah Louis as a School Monitor Part-time, effective March 24, 2021.

9. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Tamarah Louis as a Full Time Teacher Aide, effective March 25, 2021. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 3 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

10. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Karina Lorenzo as a Leave Replacement for Krista Anthony, effective April 6, 2021, until the return of Mrs. Anthony, but no later than June 30, 2021. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1, MA, in accordance with the agreement between the Board and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association (VSTA).

11. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Leon Leyesa as a Full-Time Teacher Aide effective March 25, 2021. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

12. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Lisa Nieves as a School Monitor Part-time, effective March 25, 2021. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

13. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Shanese Orr as School Monitor Part-Time, effective March, 10 2021.

14. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education hereby appoints Stephen McDonnell as District Messenger, effective April 5, 2021. Compensation for this appointment will be at the hourly rate as determined at the Reorganization Meeting for the current school year.

B. EDUCATION – MRS. DONNA LA ROCCO

Motion made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Maier, 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 Pre-School Special Education previously approved by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education on 2/24/21, 2/24/21, 2/25/21 and 3/4/21, 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 Special Education previously approved by the Committee on Special Education on 1/8/21 and 2/24/21, 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 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 January, 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 Mrs. Pellicane.

Residency Hotlines:

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

Trustee Maier reported that there are no reports at this time.

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. DONNA LAROCCO

Motion made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Maier, to adopt the following Policies listed in D.1. Motion unanimously carried.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education reviews for a 1st Reading of the following Policies:

**POLICY – 0105 – DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY IN
EDUCATION**

POLICY – 4700 – FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, to move items #1 through #12 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the Valley Stream School District 24 calendar for the school year 2021-2022.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with Education Law Section 2801-a and its accompanying regulations, after providing the opportunity for public comment at the public hearing on the revised District Wide Safety Plan held on January 27, 2021, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the revised Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 District Wide School Safety Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to file said District Wide Safety Plan with New York State by April 1, 2021, pursuant to Education Law Section 2801-a.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, 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 6 to July 30, 2021.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Agreement between the District and the North Merrick UFSD for student health and welfare services for 2020-2021;

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.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Agreement between the District and the Lynbrook School District for student health and welfare services for 2020-2021;

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.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the transportation consultant contract between the District and JN Business Services for the of period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Agreement between the District and the Floral Park-Bellerose UFSD for student health and welfare services for 2020-2021;

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.

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Health Source Group, Inc. for Related Services and Skilled Nurse Staffing Services for the 2021-2022 School year.

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.

9. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby adopts the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$31,787,655 to be presented to the qualified voters of the District at the Annual Meeting.

10. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Property Tax Report Card for the 2021-2022 school year and authorizes submission to the State Education Department and publication of the 2021-2022 Property Tax Report Card.

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 2020-2021 School year:

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL			
DATE: March 10, 2021			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A9060.8	Hospital & Medical Insurance	\$ 25,000.00	
A1620.406-7	Prof & Tech Expense		\$ 25,000.00
	Professional Services for District Wide Exterior Door Replacement Project		
	TOTALS	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00

12. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Budget Transfer for the 2020-2021 School year:

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL			
DATE: March 10, 2021			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A1420.400-1	Bond Counsel	\$ 3,400.00	
A2010.18	Curriculum Salaries	\$ 12,000.00	
A9089.15	Accum Leave	\$ 7,267.14	
A1420.400-2	Negotiations Attorney		\$ 22,667.14
	Transportation Litigation		
A1620.16	Custodial Salaries	\$ 30,000.00	
A2110.120-1	Teachers 1-6 Salaries-BAS	\$ 31,000.00	
A2630.49	BOCES e-Rate Services		\$ 61,000.00
	Technology Services		
A1310.49	BOCES Services	\$ 35,000.00	
A2630.49	BOCES e-Rate Services		\$ 35,000.00
	Reclass Coser Codes to appropriate expense codes		
A2110.12	Teachers 1-6 Salaries	\$ 50,000.00	
A1620.407-5	Security		\$ 50,000.00
	March-June Invoices		
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 795,000.00	
A2250.490	BOCES Services		\$ 795,000.00
	Special Ed Tuition		
A9060.85	Dental Insurance	\$ 2,000.00	
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 3,000.00	
A2815.4	Health Services Expenses		\$ 5,000.00
	West Hempstead Health & Welfare Services		
A7310	Youth Program	\$ 11,200.00	
A2110.473	Charter School Tuition		\$ 11,200.00
	The Academy Charter School Tuition (half year)		
A7310	Youth Program	\$ 11,756.00	
A1910.4	Unallocated Insurance		\$ 11,756.00
	Increase in Insurance Premiums		
	TOTALS	\$ 991,623.14	\$ 991,623.14

XI. DISCUSSION

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Hernandez to move into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel and contractual issues. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Hernandez to come out of executive session at 9:32 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

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