

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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BUSINESS MEETING  
September 20, 2023

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL

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

**Others Present:** Superintendent Karakas, Dr. Jack Mitchell, Dr. Lisa Conte and School District Attorney

**Absent With Prior Notice:** N/A

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Having a quorum, the Business Meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by President LaRocco at the William L. Buck School. Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. made by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Wilson to discuss Personnel and Contractual Obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:40 pm by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Wilson.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 7:45 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President LaRocco.

### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

**III. MINUTES:** August 23, 2023 and August 30, 2023. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

**IV. WELCOME TO VISITORS:** At this time the Board of Education welcomes questions or comments relative to the items on tonight's agenda.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT – No Report**

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MR. UNAL KARAKAS**

Mr. Karakas introduced the new Staff. School has started and all going well. I attended WLB and BAS PTA Meetings. Will be attending the RWC PTA Meeting on 10/4.

After hearing some requests, Coffee Hour with the Superintendent will now be in the evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the library. We will rotate between the three schools.

This past Saturday I was able to attend the Brooklyn Avenue 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Car Wash – they were able to raise \$1,200. Thank you to Dr. Comis for being there this weekend. This coming weekend will be the Carbonaro 6<sup>th</sup> Graders. Hope to see others there to show support.

I attended the 9/11 Memorial at Hendrickson Park, was wonderful to see so many students and families.

Meet the Teacher was last night was great to see teachers and parents interacting. Wonderful time to be back without restrictions. Families “Made the Connection” with their children and teachers. Was so good to see everyone able to connect and collaborate, actively working to be supportive of our children. Was an incredible job – thank you to everyone.

Mr. Iacono introduced two of the three Media Specialists and provided the Media Center Presentation.

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

#### **Residency Hotlines:**

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

Trustee Herrera indicated that the Central High School District welcomed two new principals, Mr. Matt Swinson and Mrs. Candice Hughee. Looking forward to a successful school year.

### **B. LEGISLATION REPORT: TRUSTEE NUÑEZ:**

On September 5, 2023, Chamise Desire, Resolutions Committee chair of NYSSBA shared the proposed Resolutions recommended for adoption. There are 56 Proposed Resolutions that can be found on New York States School Board Associations' web page.

New York State School Board Annual Business meeting will be held on October 16, 2023 at 4:00 pm

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

### **A. PERSONNEL – VICE PRESIDENT HERNANDEZ**

#### **Vice President Hernandez 1<sup>st</sup>, to move A1-A5, Trustee Wheeler 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-0-0**

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 2023-2024 School Year:

#### **SUBSTITUTE PART TIME TEACHER AIDE:**

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2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following teacher mentors for the 2023-2024 School Year:

TEACHER MENTORS

Kathleen Carter  
Daniel Scigliabaglio

3. **BE IT RESOLVED, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the permanent appointment of Lisa Davis, as Secretary to the Superintendent, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Exam No. 66-648 established 1/27/23, effective September 25, 2023.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Aisha Ashraf as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective September 21, 2023 (pending fingerprint and Civil Service clearance). 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).

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of William Surowiec, Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective September 12, 2023.

**Vice President Hernandez 1<sup>st</sup>, to move A6, Trustee Maier 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-0-0**

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Grace Riordan, as a Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective September 21, 2023, for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Vice President Hernandez 1<sup>st</sup>, to move A7, Trustee Wheeler 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-0-0**

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Agenda of September 20, 2023, is amended to include an additional Resolution as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jennie Padilla, as District Clerk, effective September 21, 2023 (pending fingerprint and Civil Service Clearance). Compensation for this appointment will be at \$15,500 annually, pro-rated.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves the Wage Agreement between the District and Jennie Padilla, District Clerk, for the 2023-2024 school year (pending fingerprint and Civil Service clearance), and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate same subject to review by counsel.

**B. EDUCATION – TRUSTEE WILSON**

**Trustee Wilson 1<sup>st</sup>, to move B1-B2, Trustee Maier 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-0-0**

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 09/07/2023, 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 Special Education previously approved by the Committee on Special Education on 09/06/2023, 08/01/2023, 08/03/2023, 08/03/2023, 08/28/2023, 08/03/2023, 08/28/2023, 08/30/2023, 08/30/2023, 08/08/2023, 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 – TRUSTEE MAIER**

**Trustee Maier 1<sup>st</sup>, to move C1, Trustee Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-0-0**

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 July 31, 2023.

**D. POLICY: TRUSTEE WHEELER**

**Trustee Wheeler 1<sup>st</sup>, to move D1, Trustee Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-0-0**

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

- Policy 3450 – Retention of District Owned Records & Materials Regulation
- Policy 6117 – Display of the Flag
- Policy 6121 – Curriculum Management
- Policy 6155 – English Language Learners Instruction
- Policy 6173 – Alternative Instruction

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

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Trustee Maier 1<sup>st</sup>, to move X1-X6, Trustee Wheeler 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-0-0**

1. **WHEREAS**, equipment has been determined to be broken, surplus and/or obsolete, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the School District to dispose of such broken, surplus and/or obsolete equipment, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that such broken, surplus and/or obsolete equipment will be disposed of in a manner that services the best interest of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee is hereby authorized to proceed with the disposal of the following items:

Barcode	Description
00 2334	old macbook
00 2337	old macbook

00 2157	old macbook
00 2346	old macbook
00 2341	old macbook
00 2342	old macbook
00 1866	old switch
00 2456	old switch
00 2457	old switch
00 2455	old switch
00 2543	old switch
00 2554	old switch
00 2271	old macbook
00 2084	old macbook
00 2263	old macbook
00 2111	old macbook
00 2240	old macbook
00 2267	old macbook
00 2264	old macbook
00 2063	old macbook
00 2066	old macbook
00 2265	old macbook
00 2077	old macbook
00 2122	old macbook
002235	old macbook
002123	old macbook
002114	old macbook
002093	old macbook
002041	old macbook
002473	Old Cart

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Successful Practices Network for consultant services for the 2023-2024 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.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the proposal and grants the contract from ZE Creative Communications to provide translation services to the District for newsletters and other publications in the 2023-2024 school year.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Settlement Agreement in the matter listed in Confidential Schedule “A” and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Settlement Agreement in relation thereto.

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







Motion made by Trustee Wheeler to amend the Agenda of September 20, 2023, to include additional Resolutions as follows:

**Trustee Wheeler 1<sup>st</sup>, to move X7, Trustee Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-0-0**

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby amends resolution #23 of July 6, 2023, appointing Angela Liatto, to change her title to the District's Records Management Officer, to serve without compensation.

**Trustee Wheeler 1<sup>st</sup>, to move X8, Trustee Maier 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-0-0**

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby amends resolution #32 of July 6, 2023, to read as follows: **RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to appoint an official delegate to the New York State School Boards Association's annual meeting

Motion to re-enter Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. made by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Wilson to discuss certain Personnel and Contractual Obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to exit the Executive Session at 9:19 pm made by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to adjourn the Business meeting at 9:19 p.m. by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dr. Jack Mitchell*

Dr. Jack Mitchell

Acting District Clerk