

# AGENDA

## BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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BUSINESS MEETING  
September 17, 2025

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL

6:45 PM- It is anticipated that the Board of Education will immediately consider a motion to enter executive session for purposes of discussing personnel and contractual matters and reconvene the public portion of the Business Meeting at 7:30.

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### **I. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM & CALL TO ORDER – PRESIDENT HERRERA**

### **II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 1, 2025 and August 16, 2025**

### **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– MS. JENNIE PADILLA, DISTRICT CLERK**

### **VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DR. UNAL KARAKAS**

- Present New Staff

### **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: President Herrera, Vice President Wilson, and

Trustee Maier.

**Residency Hotlines:**

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

**B. LEGISLATION REPORT - TRUSTEE NUÑEZ**

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

**A. PERSONNEL – VICE PRESIDENT WILSON**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Wage & Benefits Agreement between the District and Saundra Hernandez, Confidential Principal Account Clerk, for the 2025-2026 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate same subject to review by counsel.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Wage & Benefits Agreement between the District and Cathy Cancro, Confidential Senior Account Clerk, for the 2025-2026 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate same subject to review by counsel.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following Salary Changes, effective September 1, 2025:

Grace Riordan

Step 1

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4. **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,

pending successful completion of the onboarding process, for the 2025-2026 School Year:

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:**

Gabriella Esposito  
Fatima Latif

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE:**

Aisha Shahid

**SUBSTITUTE PART-TIME MONITORS:**

Samantha Sensale

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Rakhi Ghosh, as a Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective September 18, 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following teacher mentors for the 2025- 2026 School Year:

- Kathleen Carter
- Pamela Fowler
- Marissa Campo
- Suzanne Daly
- Traci Ritterband
- Kaitlyn Gillespie

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Vincent D'Arco, as Custodian, effective October 7, 2025, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service List 40272024, established February 04, 2025. The appointment is for a 26-week probationary period, said probation set to expire on April 7, 2026. Compensation is in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement with Local 74, United Service Workers Union.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,

the Board of Education hereby approves the permanent appointment of Jennifer Smith as a Principal Typist Clerk, effective September 18, 2025, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service List 71710010B(S263) established September 11, 2025.

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Samantha Sensale, School Monitor Part-Time, effective August 26, 2025.

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Linda Bonacasa, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective September 18, 2025, pending Civil Service clearance. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Mariana Saif, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective September 18, 2025, pending Civil Service clearance and successful completion of the onboarding process. Compensation for this appointment will be 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, the Board of Education hereby appoints Denise Garcia, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective September 18, 2025, pending Civil Service clearance and successful completion of the onboarding process. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

## **B. EDUCATION – TRUSTEE NUÑEZ**

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 the dates listed below, 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.

Dates:

08/20/2025  
08/20/2025  
08/29/2025  
09/03/2025  
08/25/2025  
08/25/2025

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 the dates listed below, 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.

Dates:

08/15/2025 08/27/2025 08/01/2025 08/26/2025 08/26/2025  
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#### **C. FINANCE – TRUSTEE MATTHEW**

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 2025 and the Claims Auditor's Report for August 2025.

#### **D. POLICY - TRUSTEE CLARK**

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

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. WHEREAS, Councilwoman Melissa Miller from the Town of Hempstead has offered to donate 15 backpacks containing school supplies and 14 drawstring backpacks for distribution to students, now therefore it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, pursuant to District Policy 1313, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the District hereby accepts, with gratitude, the donation by Councilwoman Melissa Miller, and authorizes the backpacks to be distributed to students as determined by the Superintendent or his designee.

2. WHEREAS, Northwell Health has offered to donate school supplies for distribution to students, now therefore it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, pursuant to District Policy 1313, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the District hereby accepts, with gratitude, the donation by Northwell Health, and authorizes the school supplies to be distributed to students as determined by the Superintendent or his designee.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the attached memorandum of agreement between the Valley Stream Association of Educational Office Personnel of the Valley Stream Teachers' Association, Local 163 for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the transfer of funds, \$78,233.03 from the Unassigned Fund Balance of the Cafeteria Fund.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the placement of an amount up to \$471,938.26 of unassigned fund balance from the 2024/2025 budget into the Capital Reserve established on May 21, 2024.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the use of the EBALR Reserve for the 2024-2025 accumulated sick leave payouts of \$156,854.34.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the allocation of funds to the Unassigned Fund Balance in an amount that is \$1,648,499, 4% of the 2025-2026 Budget.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education adopts the Annual District Goals received from the Superintendent of Schools for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

- By June 2026, the District will maintain consistent and transparent communication with the Board of Education to ensure all members are informed, prepared, and engaged in effective governance.
- By June 2026, the District will design and implement a comprehensive, districtwide professional development (PD) plan that supports academic excellence for all students by ensuring curriculum is aligned to the state's Next Generation Learning Standards, strengthening administrator and teacher capacity in data analysis, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), Social Emotional Learning (SEL), literacy, language acquisition for multilingual learners, innovation aligned with Vision 2030, inclusive practices, and adherence to district and state requirements.
- By June 2026, the District will foster a culture of instructional excellence and inclusivity revolving around a student achievement focused vision by mentoring new teachers, providing administrator professional learning to staff aligned to data, innovation, and Vision 2030, strengthening early hiring practices to reduce potential bias, staffing with best qualified candidates, honoring student diversity through cultural celebrations, and implementing accountability systems that recognize excellence and support areas in need of growth.
- By June 2026, the District will maintain its fiscal health by effectively allocating resources to support educational initiatives aligned with district goals, monitor facilities needs aligned to goals, and ensure ongoing fiscal and facilities alignment with both short- and long-term district priorities.
- By June 2026, the District will promote a strong and positive image while fostering meaningful connections with students and the community, and will launch ParentSquare as a unified communication platform to standardize how parents interact with our schools and district.

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards the Emergency Transportation Contracts beginning on September 3, 2025, through October 3, 2025, and authorizes the Board of Education President and Superintendent of Schools to execute the contracts, as set forth in the September 17, 2025, BOE Business Meeting Schedule below:

Schedule for 31 Day Emergency Bid Contracts School Year 2025-2026

Bus Company	School	# of Students	Monthly	Student/	Matron Cost	Total Annual Cost
Stork Bussing	Developmental Disabilities Institute			1	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00
Sunbright Transportation, LLC	Rhame Avenue Elementary School			1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD for nursing services commencing September 18, 2025 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year and further authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with Developmental Disabilities Institute (DDI) for Special Education services for the 2025 – 2026 school year and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

**XI. DISCUSSION**

**XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**