

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL
DECEMBER 15, 2021

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

Others Present: Superintendent Don Sturz, Assistant Superintendent Jack Mitchell, Principals Johanne Gaddy and Dr. Scott Comis, School District Attorney Joe Lilly, Director of Technology Mark Onorato. Also in attendance were several District 24 teachers, students and residents.

Absent With Prior Notice: Trustee Wheeler

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 LaRocco, to discuss Personnel and Contractual obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made to adjourn Executive Session at 7:29 PM was made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 7:29 PM, at the William L. Buck School by President Pellicane.

PROGRAM:

BAS Student Presentation

RWC String Ensemble

Orchestra students, under the direction of Mr. Gary Garzetta, performed holiday songs at the start of the Board meeting.

II. 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 Trustee LaRocco, to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2021 and December 1, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

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

November 22, 2021 – I received an email FOIL Request from Ms. Arroyo in regard to Superintendent Criteria and a response was sent

December 1, 2021 – I received an email from Ms. Arroyo in regard to a School Board Member and a response was sent

December 14, 2021 – I received an email FOIL request from New York League of Conservation Voters regarding the 2021 Lead and water testing report

Superintendents Report:

Dr. Sturz welcomed all in attendance. Dr. Sturz addressed the local rise in Covid-19. He urged all to be mindful of the 3 W's and to be cautious with upcoming holiday travel and gatherings. Dr. Sturz urged parents to keep children home if they present with any symptoms and to get them tested. Dr. Sturz stated that District 24 has done a great job minimizing spread within the school buildings thus far. Finally, Dr. Sturz wished everyone a very happy and safe holiday.

Dr. Sturz welcomed Dr. Comis.

Dr. Comis welcomed all in attendance and welcomed teachers Caitlyn Kempsey and Joanna Walbrecht to present their Kindergarten presentation.

Dr. Sturz thanked all the teachers, staff and children on their great presentation and all their hard work.

VII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. PERSONNEL – MARKUS WILSON

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, 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 approves the following additions to the per diem substitute list for the 2021-2022 School Year:

TEACHER:

Janay Contrejas

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves unpaid sick leave for Keith Goldstein, effective December 6, 2021, until his return.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Sydney Le Clair as a leave replacement for Keith Goldstein effective retroactive to December 6, 2021. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1, MA. This appointment will terminate upon the return of Mr. Goldstein.

B. EDUCATION – MELISSA HERRERA

Motion made by Trustee Herrera, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, 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 10/27/21, 10/29/21, 11/1/21, 11/3/21, 11/3/21, 11/3/21, 11/4/21, 11/5/21, 11/8/21, 11/9/21, 11/9/21, 11/9/21, 11/9/21, 11/15/21, 11/16/21, 11/17/21, 11/18/21, 11/18/21, 11/22/21, 11/23/21 and 11/29/21, 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 Pre-School Special Education previously approved by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education on 11/4/21, 11/10/21 and 11/19/21, 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.

C. FINANCE – MR. JOHN MAIER

Motion made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, 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 October 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 on January 8, 2022 there will be a building tour at the North High School.

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. DONNA LAROCCO – No Report

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY: - None

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Vice-President Maier, to move items # 1 - # 4 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of the following items:

VALLEY STREAM 24 TAG # OR ID/SERIAL NUMBER	MACHINERY/DEVICE
#000749	General Electric Range for BAS Cafeteria
#001538	48" Mower in RWC Garage
#000724	Ariens Snowblower, Model # 924042 Serial # 002459
Helen Products, Harrison, Ohio	3 Horse-Power Compressor

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies an agreement with the VSTA dated, November 30, 2021, regarding a unit member's sick leave bank. The terms of this agreement will be retroactive to November 30, 2021.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendation from H2MArchitects for the award of bid for H2M Project No.: VSSD2102, for Cafeteria Steam System Repairs at Brooklyn Avenue School, to Maccarone Plumbing Inc., Glen Cove, New York for the Base Bid amount of \$8,550 and a bid of \$15,050 for Alternate Bid item #1.

4. 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: December 15, 2021			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A2020.150-3	Building Principals Salaries-WLB	\$ 1,220.00	
A1040.16	District Clerk Salary		\$ 1,220.00
	Non-Affiliated Salary Increase		
A2020.150-3	Building Principals Salaries-WLB	\$ 1,700.75	
A1240.16	Central Office Salaries		\$ 1,700.75
	Non-Affiliated Salary Increase		
A2010.16	Curriculum Salaries	\$ 6,894.13	
A1310.16	Business Office Salaries		\$ 6,894.13
	Adjust Category		
A1620.16	Custodial Salaries	\$ 27,026.87	
A9010.8	Employee Retirement	\$ 15,212.00	
A1620.160-1	Custodial Salaries-BAS		\$ 18,635.91
A1620.160-2	Custodial Salaries-RWC		\$ 23,602.96
A1620.406	Fuel/Oil	\$ 1,000.00	
A1621.161-2	Maintenance Overtime Salaries-RWC	\$ 9,877.00	
A1621.160-2	Maintenance Salaries-RWC	\$ 77,442.00	
A1621.16	Maintenance Salaries		\$ 88,319.00
A2110.120-2	Teachers 1-6 Salaries-RWC	\$ 185,188.22	
A2110.12	Teachers 1-6 Salaries	\$ 363,632.50	
A2110.120-1	Teachers 1-6 Salaries-BAS		\$ 238,189.17
A2110.124-1	Support Services Salaries-BAS		\$ 175,538.05
A2110.124-2	Support Services Salaries-RWC		\$ 88,751.00
A2110.124-3	Support Services Salaries-WLB		\$ 46,342.50
A2250.151-2	Inclusion Teachers Salaries-RWC	\$ 220,568.14	
A2250.151-1	Inclusion Teachers Salaries-BAS	\$ 74,936.07	
A2250.150-2	RR/Speech/CID Salaries-RWC		\$ 220,568.14
A2250.150-3	RR/Speech/CID Salaries-WLB		\$ 74,936.07
A2610.15	Library Salaries	\$ 278,779.50	
A2610.150-1	Library Salaries-BAS		\$ 78,098.00
A2610.150-2	Library Salaries-RWC		\$ 67,240.50
A2610.150-3	Library Salaries-WLB		\$ 133,441.00
A2020.150-3	Building Principals Salaries-WLB	\$ 1,900.00	
A2820.151-7	Instructional Salaries-Psychologist	\$ 78,752.00	
A2820.151-73	Instructional Salaries-Psychologist-WLB		\$ 80,652.00
	Recoding for Building Spending		
A2020.150-3	Building Principals Salaries-WLB	\$ 1,556.32	
A2020.160-2	Buildg Office Salaries-RWC	\$ 47.09	
A2020.160-1	Buildg Office Salaries-BAS		\$ 196.00
A2020.160-3	Buildg Office Salaries-WLB		\$ 1,407.41
	Overtime		
A2110.400-72	Copier Leases-WLB	\$ 198.43	
A2110.400-73	Copier Leases-RWC		\$ 198.43
	Reallocation of Spending		

A2110.121-1	Kindergarten Teachers Salaries-BAS	\$	30,000.00	
A2110.121	Kindergarten Teachers Salaries	\$	92,000.00	
A2110.120-2	Teachers 1-6 Salaries-RWC	\$	136,465.50	
A2250.161-1	Inclusion Aides Salaries-BAS			\$ 49,203.25
A2250.161-2	Inclusion Aides Salaries-RWC			\$ 158,723.03
A2250.161-3	Inclusion Aides Salaries-WLB			\$ 50,539.22
	Shift in Aide Assignments			
A2110.120-3	Teachers 1-6 Salaries-WLB	\$	141,484.50	
A2020.15	Building Principals Salaries	\$	30,000.00	
A2630.12	Computer Salary			\$ 171,484.50
	Technology Teacher Salaries			
A2330.49	BOCES Summer School	\$	48,000.00	
A2110.121-1	Kindergarten Teachers Salaries-BAS	\$	15,000.00	
A2815.16	School Nurses Salaries			\$ 16,500.00
A2815.160-1	School Nurses Salaries-BAS			\$ 20,500.00
A2815.160-2	School Nurses Salaries-RWC			\$ 13,000.00
A2815.160-3	School Nurses Salaries-WLB			\$ 13,000.00
	Settlement for Nurses Unit			
A2330.49	BOCES Summer School	\$	10,790.00	
A1310.49	BOCES Services			\$ 10,790.00
	Long Range Planning & Asset Mgmt and Valuation			
H1803	Asbestos Investigation Svcs-Door & Floor Replacement PROJH2M Proposal #LP181581	\$	7,000.00	
H1903	2019-20 - Fire Sprinkler Upgrades - H2M	\$	33,033.16	
H1802	2018-19 - Backflow Prevention - H2M	\$	21,182.00	
H1902	2019-20 - Ventilation Upgrades - H2M	\$	7,719.59	
H1904	2019-20 - District-Wide Flooring Replacement - H2M	\$	15,118.00	
H1801.201-81-9	2018-19 Interior Doors Capital Project	\$	10,075.00	
H1622.400-24-442	Exterior Doors Replacement - Districtwide - DASNY Project# 24442			\$ 65,365.00
H1621.200-17-052	Field Renovations - RWC/WLB - DASNY Project# 17052			\$ 28,762.75
	Closed Out Capital Projects			
A2330.49	BOCES Summer School	\$	56,000.00	
A1620.407-51	Security-BAS			\$ 15,000.00
A1620.407-52	Security-RWC			\$ 15,000.00
A1620.407-53	Security-WLB			\$ 26,000.00
	Increased Security Contractual Rates			
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$	350,000.00	
A2250.490	BOCES Services			\$ 350,000.00
	Increase in Special Education Enrollment			
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$	200,000.00	
A5540.4	Transportation Expenses			\$ 200,000.00
	Increase in Special Education Enrollment and CPI			
A9010.8	Employee Retirement	\$	2,110.00	
A1920.4	School Assoc Dues	\$	790.00	
A2815.4	Health Services Expenses			\$ 2,900.00
	West Hempstead Health Services			
	TOTALS	\$	2,552,698.77	\$ 2,552,698.77

XI. DISCUSSION

There were several digital comments/questions submitted by Valley Stream 24 resident, Ms. Cristina Arroyo. Those questions were in regard to COVID-19, DEI, Board of Education policies, and a suggestion for a PTA program.

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting at 8:03 PM was made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Biscardi

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District Clerk