

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
July 2, 2026

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL

5:30 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 8:00 PM.

I. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM & CALL TO ORDER – PRESIDENT MATTHEW

Meeting began at 8:23 pm after the reorganization meeting.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 10, 2026

President Matthew Motions to Approve Minutes. 1st- President Matthew. 2nd- Vice President Darby.

Motion unanimously carries 7-0.

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– DISTRICT CLERK

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DR. UNAL KARAKAS

- *Dr. Karakas shared that July 3rd, the district is closed in honor of Independence Day. Summer school starts July 6th until July 30th.*

The extended school year program runs until August 14th. Superintendent's Conference Days are August 31st and September 1st, which is professional learning for staff. Looking forward to welcome students and families back to school on September 2, 2026. Wishes all families a restful and wonderful summer ahead.

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: Vice President Darby, Trustee Maier, and Trustee Wilson.

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 DOWLING

No report at this time.

VIII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. PERSONNEL – TRUSTEE WILSON

Motion to move items 1-12 as listed. 1st- Trustee Wilson. 2nd- Trustee Clark.

Motion unanimously carries 7-0.

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Wage and Benefits Agreement between the District and Angela Liatto, effective July 1, 2026, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Wage and Benefits Agreement between the District and Karolyn Currie, effective July 1, 2026, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Wage and Benefits Agreement between the District and Cathy Cancro, effective July 1, 2026, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Wage and Benefits Agreement between the District and Saundra Hernandez, effective July 1, 2026, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Wage and Benefits Agreement between the District and Christopher Keogh, effective July 1, 2026, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Victoria Galante, who possesses a School District Business Leadership Certificate, to serve as the Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business. This appointment will be on a per diem basis, concluding no later than June 30, 2027, in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the employment agreement dated July 1, 2026.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the assignment of Jacqueline Roth to serve as an Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Teacher, effective August 31, 2026, while retaining and continuing to accrue tenure and seniority in the elementary classroom teacher tenure area, in accordance with the provisions of the current collective bargaining agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following to work as Aides/Monitors – Summer Assistance for updating records for incoming 3rd and 5th grade students for the 2026/2027 school year, at the appropriate rate of pay, as per the agreement between the Valley Stream School District 24 and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU):

William L. Buck School

- E'Naijza Gillespie
- Gina Marie Tomaszewski

Robert W. Carbonaro School

- Erica Posligua
- Francine Casey

Brooklyn Avenue School

- Kathleen Neske
- Sultana Baloch

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following teacher mentors for the 2026- 2027 School Year:

- Pamela Fowler
- Deborah Adler
- Suzanne Daly
- Jessica Wolfsdorf
- Marissa Campo

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following named persons to serve on interview committees for the 2026-2027 school year. Compensation is in accordance with the appropriate hourly rate of pay as per the current Valley Stream Teachers' Association contract:

- Janet Marrero
- Krista Kinirons
- Suzanne Daly
- Elizabeth Moriarity
- Jacqueline Roth
- Vanessa O'Shea
- Deborah Adler
- Chelsea Cittadino

- Kaitlyn Gillespie
- Kelly Martin
- Jessica Wolfsdorf
- Samantha Joltin
- Lisa Bernstein

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints the following teacher liaisons for clubs/departments for the 2026-2027 school year at the appropriate Club Extra Pay Amount per the VSTA contract as follows:

Teacher Liaisons

ENL	Kathleen Murray
Nurse	Estelle Dempsey
Science (WLB)	Christine Brenneis
Science (RWC)	James Fischman

Brooklyn Avenue School Clubs

Student Council	Samantha Ponzio Byrams and Jo-Anne Casucci
Robotics	Cheryl Calamiong
Art Club	Nicole Barci

Robert W. Carbonaro Elementary School Clubs

Student Council	Cathy Haufler and Pamela Fowler
Robotics	Amanda Plutner
Book Club	Chelsea Cittadino
School News	Deborah Adler and Paige Brickman

William L. Buck Elementary School Clubs

Student Council	Marissa Campo and Christine Iadevaio
Robotics	Samantha Ponzo Byrams
Art Club	Leighanne Jaronczyk
School News	Naomi Rashad and Grace Riordan

Districtwide Clubs

Drama (Major Musical Director)	Breana Martinez
Senior Orchestra Club (B-Club)	Gary Garzetta
Senior Band Club (B-Club)	Nicholas Shmorhun
District Instrumental Music (C-Club)	Nicholas Shmorhun

12. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Number 24/72820 hereby establishes the following standard

work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System based on their record of activities:

Title- District Treasurer

Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)- 7.0

Name- Brian Cleary

Social Security Number (last 4 digits)- xxxx

NYSLRS- xxxxxxxx

Current Term Begin and End Date- July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Record of Activities Result 1.84

Not submitted: (Check only if official did not submit Record of Activities) N/A

B. EDUCATION – PRESIDENT MATTHEW

***President Matthew Motions to Move Items 1 and 2. 1st President Matthew.
2nd Vice President Darby.***

Motion unanimously carries 7-0.

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 06/08/2026, 05/21/2026, 05/26/2026, 01/28/2026, 06/12/2026, 06/12/2026, 05/21/2026, 04/17/2026, 04/13/2026, 05/05/2026, 06/10/2026, 06/10/2026, 05/26/2026 and 6/18/2026 for the 2026/2027 School Year, 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 05/21/2026, 05/28/2026, 06/09/2026, 06/09/2026, 05/28/2026, 05/14/2026, 06/01/2026, 04/14/2026, 04/28/2026, 06/02/2026, 06/02/2026, 04/14/2026, 06/01/2026, 04/17/2026, 04/15/2026, 05/28/2026, 06/09/2026, 05/14/2026, 04/29/2026, 05/29/2026, 05/26/2026, 05/28/2026, 06/17/2026, 05/13/2026, 05/14/2026, 04/23/2026, 05/13/2026, 05/06/2026, 05/26/2026,

04/17/2026, 06/10/2026, 06/12/2026, 04/29/2026, 05/13/2026, 06/01/2026, 04/23/2026, 06/10/2026, 04/14/2026, 04/20/2026, 04/20/2026, 05/26/2026, 05/14/2026, 04/29/2026, 04/24/2026, and 05/26/2026 for the 2026/2027 School Year, 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 QUADER

Trustee Quader Motions to Move Item 1 in Finance. 1st Trustee Quader. 2nd- Trustee Maier.

Motion unanimously carries 7-0.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby accepts the Treasurer’s Report, Collateral Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance, and Claims Auditor Report for May 2026.

D. POLICY - TRUSTEE DOWLING

No report at this time.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY:

X. NEW BUSINESS:

President Matthew Motions to Move Items 1 through 10 as listed. 1st- President Matthew. 2nd- Vice President Darby.

Motion unanimously carries 7-0.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby sets the Tax Levy for 2026-2027 school year at the

amount of \$50,083,560. \$26,114,007 of this amount is levied upon the Valley Stream High School District.

2. **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 MLT Speech Services PLLC for Special Education related services for the 2026-2027 school year and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding with Hofstra University regarding the placement of student teachers for the 2026-2027 school year, and authorizes the Board President to execute same.
4. **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 Our Kids Place Country Day, Inc. for the provision of Universal Pre-Kindergarten Services for the 2026-2027 school year, subject to and conditioned upon the District's receipt of the State's Universal Pre-Kindergarten allocation, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said agreement between the District and Our Kids Place Country Day, Inc. on behalf of the Board of Education.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby suspends the insurance requirements for the use of facilities in Policy 1108 and waives such requirements for Mr. Softee and Dave's Bounce & Play, the vendors for the WLB PTA Barbecue, retroactive to June 18, 2026.
6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education hereby awards a contract effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, to Accurate Investigative Services Inc. for Residency Investigative Services on an occasional basis at an all-inclusive rate of \$359.00 per onsite surveillance inclusive of travel time, mileage, video, and report preparation. (RFP#26/27-A02)

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the District received notification of the settlement of a class action lawsuit, City of Laurel, Mississippi et al. v. Cintas Corporation No. 2 and has received payments in the amount of \$1,509.24; and it is further

RESOLVED, the District was not a party to the lawsuit, as such the settlement will be treated as a gift pursuant to Policy 1313 and the Board of Education hereby accepts the settlement checks and authorizes same to be deposited into the general fund.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four hereby declares the NYSESLAT review books and Stanford Diagnostic Test materials obsolete and no longer needed for District use; and be it further resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools or their designee is authorized to dispose of said materials in accordance with District policy and applicable law.
9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Budget Transfers for the 2025-2026 School Year.

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL on 7/2/26 For June 30, 2026			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$75,000.00	
A2250.400-3	Special Ed Related Services Kidz Educational Services		\$75,000.00
A1621.450-1	Materials & Supplies-BAS	\$9,317.91	
A1621.407-3	Sitework Vision 2030 - BAS Asbestos Removal		\$9,317.91
	Cullen & Danowski		
	TOTALS	\$84,317.91	\$84,317.91

10. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Summer 2026 Transportation Anticipated Cost as set forth in Schedule below:

**SUMMER 2026 TRANSPORTATION ANTICIPATED COST @
5.1% CPI**

BUS COMPANY	SCHOOL	# OF STUDENTS	COST PER PUPIL/VAN PER DAY	MATRON COST PER DAY	TOTAL SUMMER COST
FIRST STUDENT	Hagedorn Little Village	0	\$282.50 + \$14.41 CPI = \$269.91 pppd x 0 days	\$199.77 + \$10.18 =\$209.95 pd x 0 days	\$1.00
	Variety Children's Learning Center	2	\$215.12 + \$10.97 CPI = \$226.09 pppd (1st and add'l) x 2 x 30 days = \$13,565.40	\$199.76 + \$10.19 CPI = \$209.95 pd x 30 days = \$6,298.50	\$19,863.90
	Cherry Lane School	0	\$155.67 + \$7.94 CPI = \$163.61 pppd x 0 days	\$194.59 + \$9.92 CPI = \$204.51 pd x 0 days	\$1.00
	Clearstream Avenue School	0	\$239.07 + \$12.19 CPI = \$251.26 pppd x 0 days	\$194.59 + \$9.92 CPI = \$204.51 pd x 0 days	\$1.00
	Martin Avenue School	0	\$155.67 + \$7.94 CPI = \$163.61 pppd x 0 days	\$194.59 + \$9.92 CPI = \$204.51 pd x 0 days	\$1.00
	John H. West School	0	\$155.67 + \$7.94 CPI = \$163.61 pppd x 0 days	\$194.59 + \$9.92 CPI = \$204.51 pd x 0 days	\$1.00
	Carle Place Middle School	1	\$180.95 + \$9.23 CPI = \$190.18 pppd (1st student) x 30 days = \$5,705.40 (Each add'l) \$124.08 + \$6.33 CPI =\$130.41 pppd x 0 days	\$206.80 + \$10.55 CPI = \$217.35 pd x 30 days = \$6,520.50	\$12,225.90
	Martin de Porres School	0	\$194.39 + \$9.91 CPI = \$204.30 pppd x 0 days	\$206.80 + \$10.55 CPI = \$217.35 pd x 0 days	\$1.00
				First Student Total	\$32,095.80
INDEPENDENT	Waverly Park	0	\$214.87 + \$10.96 = \$225.83 pppd x 0 days	\$118.18 + \$6.03 CPI = \$124.21 pd x 0 days	\$1.00
New Bid June 3, 2026	Rhame Avenue Elementary	1	\$229.00 pppd x 1 x 30 days = \$6,870.00	\$175.00 pd x 30 days = \$5,250.00	\$12,120.00

				Independent Total	\$13,120.00
STORK BUSSING					
Emergency Bid June 22, 2026	Developmental Disabilities Institute	1	\$385 vpd x 30 days = \$11,550.00	\$175 pd x 30 days = \$5,250.00	\$16,800.00
New Bid June 3, 2026	Lexington School for the Deaf	1	\$365.00 vpd x 30 days = \$10,950.00	\$170.00 pd x 30 days = \$5,100.05	\$16,050.00
New Bid June 3, 2026	Just Kids Millburn School	0	\$365.00 vpd x 0 days	\$175.00 pd x 0 days	\$1.00
New Bid June 3, 2026	Searingtown Elementary School Herricks	1	\$365.00 vpd x 30 days = \$10,950.00	\$175.00 pd x 30 days = \$5,100.05	\$16,050.00
New Bid June 3, 2026	Tiegerman School	1	\$365.00 vpd x 30 days = \$10,950.00	\$175.00 pd x 30 days = \$5,100.05	\$16,050.00
New Bid June 3, 2026	William L. Buck McKinney Vento	0	\$385 vpd x 0 days	\$190.00 pd x 0 days	\$1.00
				Stork Total	\$64,952.00
SUBURBAN BUS COMPANY	Children's Learning Center UCPA	2	\$268.30 + \$13.68 CPI = \$281.98 pppd (1st and add'l) x 2 x 30 days = \$16,918.80	\$189.12 + \$9.65 CPI = \$198.77 pd x 30 days = \$5,963.10	\$22,881.90
	Harold D. Fayette	2	\$392.92 + \$20.04 CPI = \$412.96 pppd (1st student) + \$10.34 + .53 CPI = \$10.87 pppd (add'l student) x 30 days = \$12,714.90	\$174.75 + \$8.91 = \$183.66 pd x 30 days = \$5,509.80	\$18,224.70
Emergency Bid June 24, 2026	William L. Buck School	7	\$409.00 vpd x 30 days = \$12,270.00	\$209.00 x 30 days = \$6,270.00	\$18,540.00
				Suburban Total	\$59,646.60
WE TRANSPORT	Henry Viscardi	0	\$267.03 + \$13.62 CPI = \$280.15 pppd x 0 days	\$200.93 + \$10.25 CPI = \$211.86 pd x 0 days	\$1.00

	Mill Neck Manor for the Deaf	0	$\$424.36 + \$21.64 = \$446.27$ pppd x 0 days	$\$214.87 + \10.96 CPI $= \$225.83 \text{ pd x 0 days}$	\$1.00
				WE Total	\$2.00
BOCES	SCHOOL	# OF STUDENTS	SUMMER COST FOR PROGRAM/STUDENT	MATRON COST PER PROGRAM	TOTAL SUMMER COST
	The Bridge Learning Center Hicksville	4	$4 \times \$1,682.00 = \$6,728.00$	$2 \times \$7,120.00 = \$14,240.00$	\$20,968.00
	Carmen Road	3	$3 \times \$3,548.00 = \$10,644.00$	$1 \times \$7,120.00$	\$17,764.00
	Children's Readiness Center	7	$7 \times \$1,682.00 = \$11,774.00$	$2 \times \$7,120.00 = \$14,240.00$	\$26,014.00
	Children's Readiness Center (ENDO)	0	\$1,682.00	\$7,120.00	\$0.00
	The Rise School Massapequa	3	$3 \times \$1,682.00 = \$5,046.00$	$1 \times \$7,120.00$	\$12,166.00
	Robert Williams School	1	$1 \times 1,682.00$	$1 \times \$7,120.00$	\$8,802.00
	Rosemary Kennedy School	1	$1 \times \$1,682.00$	$1 \times \$7,120.00$	\$8,802.00
				TOTAL BOCES	\$94,516.00
PARENT MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACTS	SCHOOL	# OF STUDENTS	COST PER DAY	N/A	TOTAL SUMMER COST
	Children's Readiness Center	1	$\$.725 \times 40.4 \text{ miles/day} =$ $\$29.29/\text{day} \times 30 \text{ days}$		\$878.70
	The Bridge Learning Center Hicksville	1	$\$.725 \times 66 \text{ miles/day} =$ $\$47.85/\text{day} \times 30 \text{ days}$		\$1,435.50

				TOTAL PARENT CONTRACTS	\$2,314.20
				TOTAL SUMMER TRANSPORTATION	\$266,646.60

XI. DISCUSSION

-Public Hearing of District Safety Plan

No comments regarding the plan. President Matthew shared that this will be on the district website for 30 days.

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to go back into executive session at 8:29 pm.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.**