

AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
May 14, 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 PM.

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

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 23, 2025 and April 30, 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

PRESENTATIONS:

Friends of Bridge Award Winners Recognition
Presidential Awards
SAAWA Math Award Winners Recognition
Olympics of the Visual Arts Awards
Art Awards – Legislative Exhibit, Art in Heart Show

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 Hernandez, Vice President Herrera, 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 HERRERA

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Dr. Christopher Keogh, effective July 1, 2025, as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, holding a Professional Certificate as a School District Leader, pursuant to the terms of the Wage and Benefits Agreement between the Board of Education and Dr. Christopher Keogh, which includes the compensation and probationary term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029 as set forth therein and 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**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following additions to the per diem substitute list for the 2024-2025 School Year:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Azaria Khan (effective May 15, 2025)

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE

Gina Tomaszewski (pending civil service clearance)

SUBSTITUTE PART-TIME MONITOR

Justin Lucifero (pending civil service clearance)

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an extension of a leave of absence for FMLA paternity leave for Phillip Testa, Physical Education Teacher, until on or around May 19, 2025.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the permanent appointment of Kenneth Martinez, as an Assistant Head Custodian, subject to the rules of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission. This permanent appointment will be effective June 1, 2025.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following person to serve as an assistant election inspector for the Annual Budget Vote Meeting on May 20, 2025, with compensation at the rate of \$235 for the day:
 - Edward Sciacca
6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Amanda Plutner, effective August 29, 2025, as an Enrichment for All and Challenge Teacher, holding a Certificate in Childhood Education (1-6), for a 4-year probationary period. Their probation expiration will be August 28, 2029*. Compensation will be at Step 1 MA in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education.

*To be eligible to receive tenure, the probationer must receive composite or overall APPR ratings of either effective or highly effective in at least three of the four preceding years, and if the probationer receives an ineffective composite or overall APPR rating in the final year of the probationary period they will not be eligible for tenure at that time.

B. EDUCATION – TRUSTEE MAIER

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 03/28/2025, 03/26/2025, 02/26/2025, 03/28/2025, 04/08/2025, 04/23/2025, 04/10/2025, 04/23/2025, 04/29/2025,

04/10/2025, 04/25/2025, 04/25/2025, 04/25/2025, 04/23/2025, 04/04/2025, 05/02/2025, 02/24/2025, 04/04/2025, 02/24/2025, 04/04/2025 for the 2024/2025 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 04/09/2025, 03/17/2025, 03/17/2025, 02/28/2025, 04/22/2025, 03/21/2025, 04/08/2025, 04/03/2025, 04/11/2025, 04/03/2025, 03/12/2025, 04/03/2025, 03/25/2025, 02/24/2025, 03/17/2025, 03/28/2025, 03/27/2025, 04/04/2025, 04/02, 2025, 04/02/2025, 03/24/2025, 04/02/2025, 04/02/2025, 04/03/2025 for the 2024/2025 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 WILSON

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 March 2025 and the Claims Auditor's Report for April 2025.

D. POLICY - TRUSTEE WHEELER

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education reviews the following policies for first reading:

Policy 6170 - Artificial Intelligence
Policy 6300 - Extreme Heat

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

Policy 1108 - Use of School Facilities
Policy 1313 - Donations

Policy 2001 - Superintendent of Schools
Policy 5110 - School Admissions/Residency Requirements
Policy 5130 - Access to Student Records
Policy 5144 - Student Wellness
Policy 5500 - Student Transportation Services

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY:

X. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendation from the Nassau County Cooperative of Superintendents for Buildings & Grounds, for the Blinds, Shades, Motorized Drapes Restoration of Stage Curtains Bid 2024-25, exercising the first one-year period renewal option of three additional one-year periods in said bid to Master Carrier Window/Acme Window Treatments.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and West Hempstead UFSD for student health and welfare services for the 2024-2025 school year and further authorizes the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement 9.
3. **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 Kids Learning Loft Applied Behavior Analysis Services, PLLC for consultant 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.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendation from H2M Architects for the award of bid SED No. 28-02-24-02-0-001-027, for Contract G1 for EPDM roofing at the William L. Buck School, to More Roofing Inc., Yaphank, New York for the total amount of \$272,000.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendation from H2M Architects for the award of bid SED Nos. 28-02-24-02-0-001-027, 28-02-24-02-0-004-030, 28-02-24-02-0-002-029, for Contracts E1, E2, E3, for District-Wide Door Hold Opens Installation at the William L. Buck School, Robert W. Carbonaro

School, Brooklyn Avenue School, to NCD Communications, Islandia, New York for the total amount of \$608,264.29.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Budget Transfers for the 2024-2025 School Year.

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL				
DATE: May 14, 2025				
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM		TO
A2610.405	Audio Visual Expenses	\$	5,650.00	
A2110.400-71	Copier Leases-BAS			\$ 2,195.00
A2110.400-72	Copier Leases-WLB			\$ 975.00
A2110.400-73	Copier Leases-RWC			\$ 2,480.00
	Canon Copiers - Extra Copies PO# 43515			
A2630.46	Computer Software	\$	7,000.00	
A2630.49	BOCES E-Rate Services			\$ 7,000.00
	Curriculum & Instruction Software - IXL			
A9050.8	Unemployment Insurance	\$	8,388.00	
A1621.406-81	Heating/Cooling Expense-BAS			\$ 2,796.00
A1621.406-82	Heating/Cooling Expense-RWC			\$ 2,796.00
A1621.406-83	Heating/Cooling Expense-WLB			\$ 2,796.00
	Honeywell - Energy Performance			
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$	42,986.00	
A2110.473	Charter School Tuition			\$ 42,986.00
	The Academy Charter School - Uniondale Campus			
A2610.405	Audio Visual Expenses	\$	14,942.00	
A1620.406-11	Gas/Electric BAS			\$ 2,400.00
A1620.406-13	Gas/Electric WLB			\$ 12,542.00
	Higher energy cost and usage			
TOTALS		\$	78,966.00	\$ 78,966.00

XI. DISCUSSION

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT