

# AGENDA

## BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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BUSINESS MEETING  
October 16, 2024

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 HERNANDEZ**

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

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 25, 2024 and October 9, 2024

### **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:**

Board Appreciation Presentation (Student Council Students)  
Staff Recognition

### **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 Rakhi Ghosh as a Full-Time Teacher Aide, effective October 17, 2024, pending civil service clearance. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Donna Bailey as a Full-Time Teacher Aide, effective October 22, 2024, pending civil service clearance. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 2 in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Latoya Jackson, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective October 17, 2024, pending fingerprint and 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).

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Wage & Benefits Agreement between the District and Lisa Davis, Secretary to the

Superintendent, for the 2024-2025 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.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Wage & Benefits Agreement between the District and Saundra Hernandez, Principal Account Clerk, for the 2024-2025 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.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Wage & Benefits Agreement between the District and Catherine Cancro, Senior Account Clerk, for the 2024-2025 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.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an intermittent leave of absence for medical reasons (pending documentation and review) for Marie Walsh, School Nurse, effective September 30, 2024, through no later than June 27, 2025.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the leave of absence without pay for maternity/childcare purposes (pending documentation and review) for Michelle Schaake, Part-Time Speech Teacher, on or around November 15, 2024, until on or around February 6, 2025.

9. **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 2024-2025 school year at the appropriate Club Extra Pay Amount per the VSTA contract as follows:

**Teacher Liaisons for Departments:**

ENL	Kathleen Murray
Nurses	Estelle Dempsey

**Science:**

WLB	Christine Brenneis
RWC	Shannon Quinn
BAS	Kathleen Carter

**William L. Buck School - Clubs:**

Student Council	Marissa Campo/Christine Iadevaio
Robotics	Samantha Ponzo Byrams
Vocabulary/Scrabble Club	Ashleigh Jones-Harrison
Chess Club	Chris Chroma

**Brooklyn Avenue School - Clubs:**

Student Council	Jo-Anne Casucci/Samantha Ponzo Byrams
Robotics	Cheryl Calamiong
Art/STEAM	Nicole Barci
Sports	Ashley Goldman

**Robert W. Carbonaro School - Clubs:**

Student Council	Cathy Haufler/Pam Fowler
Robotics	Ariana Arnone
Book Club	Chelsea Cittadino
School News Club	Deborah Adler

**District: Instrumental Music:**

Senior Orchestra Club - B Club	Gary Garzetta
Senior Band Club - B Club	Nick Shmorhun
District Instrumental Music- C Club	Nick Shmorhun

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following staff to teach the Learning Lab Program for ELA and/or MATH for the 2024-2025 school year. Compensation is in accordance with the appropriate hourly rate of pay as per the current Valley Stream Teachers' Association contract:

**BROOKLYN AVENUE SCHOOL:**

Kathleen Carter  
Anastasia Cutolo  
Kaitlyn Gillespie  
Ashley Goldman  
Jennifer Joyce  
Kara Kinkela

Vinny Milano  
Samantha Ponzio Byrams  
Grace Riordan

**WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL:**

Nicolette Hernandez  
Lisette Lucifero  
Adianna Ortiz-Ulino  
Donna Ruggiero  
Katarina Sloboda  
Amy Tappeto

**ROBERT W. CARBONARO SCHOOL:**

Ariana Arnone  
Chelsea Cittadino  
James Fischman  
Drew Jakubowski  
Jennifer Mechetti  
Laura O'Callaghan  
Jean Oestreich  
Stephanie Shapiro  
Alexis Thomas  
Kathleen Murray  
Shannon Weber

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an extension of the leave of absence for medical reasons for Samia Kamran, Full-Time Aide, through no later than January 2, 2025.

12. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Ammara Haroon, Full-Time Teacher Aide, effective October 22, 2024.

13. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Brenda King, Full-Time Teacher Aide, effective October 10, 2024.

14. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Maria Paz, School Monitor Part-Time, effective September 30, 2024.

15. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Donna Bailey, School Monitor Part-Time, effective October 21, 2024.

16. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the appointment of Michael D. Winkowski as a as a Full-Time Teacher Aide as listed in the resolution of September 25, 2024.

17. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the appointment of Brandon Ocasio as a School Monitor Part-Time as listed in the resolution of September 25, 2024.

## **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 09/20/2024, 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 09/24/2024, 09/23/2024, 09/24/2024, 09/24/2024, 09/11/2024, 08/28/2024, 09/12/2024, 09/04/2024 and 09/16/2024, 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 August 2024.

**D. POLICY - TRUSTEE WHEELER**

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

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Rohan Murphy (Consultant/Speaker) for the 2024-2025 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.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an updated agreement with White Glove Community Care, Inc. for healthcare services for the 2024-2025 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**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into a Service Agreement with The Omni Group ("OMNI") for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, at a fee not to exceed \$1,788.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education enters into an agreement with a parent to transport one student to Crescent School from October 17, 2024 to June 30, 2025 at a reimbursement rate of \$0.67 per mile, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said agreement.

5. **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 RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee is hereby authorized to proceed with the disposal and sale of the following items:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Make/Model/Serial</u>	<u>Machinery/Device</u>
1	Toro 72202 250000119	Lawn Tractor
2	Agri-Fab 45-0326-200	Lawn Sweeper

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that funds received from the professional auctioneer through the sale will be recorded in A2670 *Sale of Property*.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves the charges for the following established Board Committees: Audit, DEI, Education, Finance, Legislation, Personnel and Policy.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the revision to the Agreement between the District and Lawrence Public Schools for student health and welfare services, to reflect the 2023-2024 school year.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of forty (40) backpacks with supplies included from United Way and Green Acres.

## **XI. DISCUSSION**

## **XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**