

AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
February 25, 2026

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.

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

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 28, 2026 and February 11, 2026

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

- WLB Black History Month Student Presentation

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 Wilson, Trustee Hernandez, 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 - PRESIDENT HERRERA

VII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. PERSONNEL – VICE PRESIDENT WILSON

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Theresa Raimondo, School Monitor Part-Time, effective December 3, 2025.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Deborah Zagorski, School Monitor Part-Time, effective February 25, 2026.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a leave of absence for medical purposes for Jo-Anne Casucci, School Social Worker, effective on or around March 6, 2026, until on or around May 11, 2026.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby amends the probationary period of Amanda Plutner, to end on August 28, 2028 based upon the teacher's demonstration that they received tenure in another school district within the state and received an annual professional performance review rating in their final year of service in such other district as required under Education Law 3012(1)(a).

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following Salary Changes, effective February 1, 2026:

Breana Martinez Step 1 MA+15

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Joanne Leibling, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective March 16, 2026, 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).

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Maiya Grappie, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective March 9, 2026, 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).

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 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: 1/28/2026, 2/02/2026, 1/28/2026, 1/28/2026

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: 12/12/2025, 1/12/2026, 1/14/2026, 1/15/2026, 1/16/2026, 1/20/2026, 1/23/2026, 1/27/2026, 2/03/2026

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 December 2025 and the Claims Auditor’s Report for January 2026.

D. POLICY - TRUSTEE CLARK

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY:

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the proposal and grants the contract from ZE Creative Communications to provide translation services to the District for newsletters and other publications in the 2025-2026 school year, and further authorizes the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents to effectuate same.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby amends the calendar of business meetings to change the April 21, 2026 business meeting to April 28, 2026.

3. **WHEREAS**, the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four ("District") has engaged More Roofing for general construction work on EPDM Roofing Replacements at William L. Buck & Robert W. Carbonaro elementary schools (Projects # 280-224 -020-001-027 & 280-224 -020-004-029); and

WHEREAS, the District's Engineer, H2M, recommends modification to the existing contracts for a change order in the amount of a \$253,000 increase for the addition of a second alternate contract (G2) for an expansion of the scope of work to include an additional roof with the materials and labor required to be performed to the work set forth in the More Roofing agreement with the District.

WHEREAS, the District's Engineer, H2M, recommends modification to the existing contracts for a change order in the amount of a credit of \$20,000 for unused allowances less the amount to be paid for with allowances included in the More Roofing agreement for materials and labor required to be performed in addition to the work set forth in the More Roofing agreement with the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts Change Orders # G1 - 1 & G1 - 2, to the contract with More Roofing for work on EPDM Roofing Replacements at William L. Buck & Robert W. Carbonaro elementary schools (Projects # 280-224 -020-001-027 & 280-224 -020-004-029), and to increase the overall agreement in the amount of \$233,000.

4. **WHEREAS**, New York Elks Lodge #1 has offered to donate 142 dictionaries for distribution to third grade 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 New York Elks Lodge #1, and authorizes the dictionaries to be distributed to third grade students as determined by the Superintendent or his designee.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards the Emergency Transportation Contract beginning on February 2, 2026, through March 4, 2026 and authorizes the Board of Education President and Superintendent of Schools to execute the contracts, as set forth in the February 25, 2026, BOE Business Meeting Schedule below:

**Schedule for 31 Day Emergency Bid to Lexington School for the Deaf
 Anticipated Cost**

Bus Company	School	# of Students	Month Per Pupil	Month per Matron	Month Total Cost
Sunbright LLC	Lexington School for the Deaf	1	\$11,070	\$3,600.00	\$14,670.00

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 2025-2026 School Year.

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL			
DATE: February 25, 2026			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A2250.140	CSE Chairperson Per Diem	\$30,000.00	
A2250.150-1	RR/SPEECH/CID Salaries-BAS	\$15,000.00	
A2815.49	BOCES-Health Serv		\$45,000.00
	BOCES Health Services		
A1621.45	Materials & Supplies	\$2,112.00	
A1910.4	Unallocated Ins		\$2,112.00
	Wright National Flood Insurance		
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$22,000.00	
A2815.4	Health Services Expenses		\$22,000.00
	Substitute Nurses		
	TOTALS	\$69,112.00	\$69,112.00

X. DISCUSSION

XI. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XII. ADJOURNMENT