

AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
February 26, 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.

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

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 22, 2025 and February 5, 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:

William L. Buck Student Presentation - Black History Month Celebration

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 approves the permanent appointment of Jonathan Melendez as a Custodian, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Exam No. 41282024(S263) established February 4, 2025, effective February 27, 2025.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the permanent appointment of Khasharr Mitchell, as a Cleaner, effective February 27, 2025. The appointment is for an 8-week probationary period, said probation set to expire on April 24, 2025. Compensation for this appointment will be in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Education and Local 74 United Service Workers Union (USWU).

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves to appoint Meghan K. Galgano, holding a Certificate in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), as a Temporary Substitute which may turn into a Leave Replacement for Stephanie Shapiro, to be effective on or around April 20, 2025. The duration of this appointment will extend until the return of Stephanie Shapiro, but no later than June 27, 2025, or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education. Compensation will be at the daily substitute rate of pay until Ms. Shapiro has exhausted all of her allowable time and then will be at Step 1 MA, consistent with the provisions outlined in the Valley Stream Teachers Association (VSTA) Contract.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves to appoint Ronni A. Schweitzer, holding Certificates in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), as a Temporary Substitute which may turn into a Leave Replacement for Ariana Arnone, to be effective on or around April 8, 2025. The duration of this appointment will extend until the return of Ariana Arnone, but no later than June 27, 2025, or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education. Compensation will be at the daily substitute rate of pay until Ms. Arnone has exhausted all of her allowable time and then will be at Step 1 MA, consistent with the provisions outlined in the Valley Stream Teachers Association (VSTA) Contract.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following Salary Changes, effective February 1, 2025:

Paige Brickman	Step 1	MA + 15
Katarina Sloboda	Step 5	MA+15

6. **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 TEACHER

Meghan K. Galgano (effective February 27, 2025)
Michael Gerardi (effective February 27, 2025)
Naomi Candelario (effective February 27, 2025)

SUBSTITUTE PART-TIME MONITOR

J’Niya Smith (pending civil service clearance)

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves an increase of the salary of the Board of Registry Election Inspectors to \$235 per day for the 2024-2025 School Year.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a leave of absence for medical purposes for Linda Baxter, School Nurse, on or around March 28, 2025, until on or around June 27, 2025.

9. **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 purposes for Denise Andersen, Elementary Classroom Teacher, through no later than March 31, 2025.

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Juanita Walters, Director of Pupil Services, effective close of business June 30, 2025.

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Rakhi Ghosh, Full-Time Aide, effective close of business January 31, 2025.

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 2/5/2025, 1/27/2025, 1/14/2025, 1/27/2025, 1/30/2025, 1/27/2025, 1/28/2025 and 2/5/2025, 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 1/15/2025, 1/9/2025, 1/16/2025, 12/9/2024, 1/15/2025, 1/9/2025, 1/28/2025, 1/22/2025, 12/16/2024, 1/6/2025, 1/23/2025, 1/15/2024, 1/24/2025 and 12/4/2024, 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,

Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance for December 2024 and the Claims Auditor's Report for January 2025.

D. POLICY - TRUSTEE WHEELER

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY:

X. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the bargaining agreement between the District and the Directors of Valley Stream School District Twenty-Four for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 and hereby authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to execute same.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Lynbrook UFSD for student health and welfare services for the 2024-2025 school year and further authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools 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 an agreement with Our Kids Place Country Day, Inc. for the provision of Universal Pre-Kindergarten Services for the 2025-2026 school year, subject to and conditioned upon the District's receipt of the State's allocation, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said contract between the District and Our Kids Place Country Day, Inc. on behalf of the Board of Education.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Hempstead for student health and welfare services for the 2023-2024 school year and further authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement with Nassau BOCES for the purpose of the participation in the 2025 Nassau BOCES Regional

Summer School Program and further authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

6. **WHEREAS**, Valley Stream Union Free School District 24, the Town of Hempstead, and Bus Patrol America, LLC entered into an Opt-In Agreement dated May 26, 2022 (the “Opt-in Agreement”) under Town of Hempstead, New York/BusPatrol School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program, as authorized by New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law (NYS VTL) §1174-a;

WHEREAS, upon its original enactment, NYS VTL §1174-a was set to expire on December 1, 2024, however, the statute was amended on April 20, 2024, to sunset on December 1, 2029;

WHEREAS, Valley Stream Union Free School District 24, the Town of Hempstead, and Bus Patrol America, LLC desire to amend the term of the Opt-in Agreement to reflect this legislative update.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the amended term of the Opt-in Agreement in the School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program made between the Town of Hempstead, School District and Bus Patrol America, LLC, and agrees to be bound by its terms, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate same, subject to review by counsel.

7. **WHEREAS**, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the “ROC”);

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream 24 School District, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC to enter into Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, “Ed Law 2d”) related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;

WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Board of Education of the Valley Stream 24 School District authorizes the attorneys designated by the ROC to negotiate and approve of DPAs for software and/or technology resources; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Valley Stream 24 School District Board of Education grants the ROC and its designated attorneys the authority to negotiate the terms and conditions of DPAs and take such actions so as to effectuate the purposes and intent of this resolution.

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

<u>Barcode</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Building</u>
2475	Broken Cart (Lab Cabby)	BAS

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 2024-2025 School Year.

VALLEY STREAM UFSD #24

TRANSFER BUDGET CODES OVER \$ 10,000

	BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL		
	DATE: February 26, 2025		
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 6,000.00	
A2815.4	Health Services Expenses Substitute Nursing Services		\$ 6,000.00
A2250.477	Special Ed-Tuition	\$ 50,000.00	
A2250.400-3	Special Ed Related Services Related Services - White Glove		\$ 50,000.00
A9060.85	Dental Insurance	\$ 20,000.00	
A2250.140	CSE Chairperson Per Diem Per Diem CSE Chairperson		\$ 20,000.00
A2610.405	Audio Visual Expenses	\$ 8,500.00	
A2250.4	Special Ed Expenses Kelly Services - Special Ed Clerical		\$ 8,500.00
	TOTALS	\$ 84,500.00	\$ 84,500.00

XI. DISCUSSION

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT