

**VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION and the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

August 23, 2017

The Work Session was called to order at the William L. Buck School by President Maier at 6:30 PM.

Members Present: President Maier, Vice President Iadevaio, Trustees DePace, Hernandez, Pellicane, and Wheeler.

Members Absent with prior notice: Trustee LaRocco

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Attorney Zuckerman,

Motion: by Vice President Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Pellicane, to direct the Superintendent to bring the administrative evaluations to Executive Session pursuant to NYCRR Part 84 and to go into Executive Session for the purpose of addressing specific teacher and student class assignments at 6:35 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

At 7:15 PM, Mr. Jack Mitchell, Dr. Lisa Conte and Ms. Laura Peterson entered into Executive Session.

Motion: by Vice President Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Pellicane, to come out of Executive Session and return to Work Session at 7:30 PM.

Dr. Conte showed the Board a presentation on the CDEP and Scores for the District.

Court Case: Mr. Mitchell explained to the Board and provided them with the Comptroller's Requirement for Standard Work Day for the District Clerk and the Treasurer. Any appointed Official must keep a record of their activities and the Reporting Resolution (RS 2417-A) must be posted for 30 days on the website.

Attorney Zuckerman stated that we must adopt a resolution, stating the posting

requirement and certify time, and make it retroactive to July 1, 2017

The escrow account required for the PILOT lawsuit with the High School District has been opened at Flushing Bank. This account can be viewed on the banks website by both Mr. Jack Mitchell and Dr. Wayne Loper at the Valley Stream Central High School District.

Retiree repayment paperwork has been received by the attorney.

Transportation: There is a growing problem draining our transportation budget. There is a large amount of new residents coming into the district that require transportation that is within the maximum of the 15 mile radius.

Towing: Towing companies were researched for our school parking lots. The two companies that were considered were;

- 1) a company that the district would call when there was a car to be towed, or
- 2) a company that would do random drive-bys

It was mutually decided that the company who would do the drive-bys was better suited for the district and would start the drive-bys from 11:00 PM till 6:00 AM. The attorney will draft a contract.

Motion by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee DePace, to adjourn the Work Session at 8:30 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

The Regular Meeting was called to order at the William L. Buck School by President Maier at 8:35 PM.

Members Present: President Maier, Vice President Iadevaio, Trustees DePace, Hernandez, Pellicane, and Wheeler.

Members Absent with prior notice: Trustee LaRocco

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Attorney Zuckerman,

Motion by Vice President Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to approve the Minutes of July 6, 2017, and August 2, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence Report:

District Clerk stated that the Board received a Thank-you Letter.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Edward Fale welcomed all visitors and thanked all parents and staff that support the children within the district.

- Dr. Fale stated that there were 188 students that attended Summer School.
- Dr. Fale stated that all buildings are ready to open for the school year.
- Dr. Fale stated that the District was able to work on some of the capital project over the summer at the Brooklyn Avenue School.
- Dr. Fale stated that this is the first time that faculty is returning before September 1st.

President Maier welcomed visitors to the meeting. He stated that the Scope Program lowered their fees for the morning program to the same price that the JCC Program was charging last year. Anyone who already paid Scope, they will adjust the payment to the next month. He wanted to express that the Board heard the parents concerns in regards to Scope Program pricing and took the responsibility to rectify. In the future, please contact Dr. Fale with any concerns as soon as they arise and Dr. Fale will contact the Board of Education so that these concerns can be addressed in a timely fashion.

President Maier reiterated that the Board does not contract with vendors they interview who they feel would provide a good service. The change from JCC Program to Scope Program was done because parents were not happy with the JCC program.

PERSONNEL

1. Motion by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Pellicane, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of **Jennifer Suppa (Legal name Jennifer Smith)** as Senior Typist Clerk, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service, Exam 6002, established September 15, 2016, effective retroactively August 1, 2017, Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the Valley Stream School District 24 and the Valley Stream Association of Educational Office Personnel of the Valley Stream Teachers Association Local 163. This appointment is for a 26-week probationary period, said probation said to expire on February 28, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

2. Motion by Trustee DePace, seconded by Vice President Iadevaio, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Leigh Nahman** effective August 31, 2017 as an Elementary Classroom Teacher, holding a Certificate for Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), for a 4 year probationary period. Her probation expiration will be August 30, 2021*. Compensation will be at Step 1a 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 she will not be eligible for tenure at that time. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Motion by Trustee DePace, seconded by Vice President Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Joanna Gallo** effective August 31, 2017 as an Elementary Classroom Teacher, holding a Certificate for Elementary Classroom Teacher (Grades 1-6), for a 4 year probationary period. Her probation expiration will be August 30, 2021*. Compensation will be at Step 1a 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 she will not be eligible for tenure at that time. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to move the entire agenda (Personnel # 4-11, Education #1-2, Finance #1, Unfinished Business # 1-2 below) by consent, by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Wheeler. Motion unanimously carried.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Nicole Barci**, effective August 31, 2017 as a part-time (.6) Art Teacher, holding a Certificate for Visual Arts (Grades 1-6). Compensation will be at Step 1 BA in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between

the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education. Motion unanimously carried.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Carole Meaney**, effective August 31, 2017, as a School Nurse-RN for a 26-week probationary appointment, said probation to expire on February 28, 2018. Compensation for this appointment will be in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Teachers Association-Registered Nurses Unit. Motion unanimously carried.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that one (1) Teaching Assistant position be abolished, effective at the close of business on August 23, 2017, in accordance with NYS Education Law Section 2510. This action is due to financial and budgetary reasons based on projections for the 2017-2018 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that due to this abolition of position, the employment of the following person be terminated effective the close of business on August 23, 2017: **Victoria Lorig**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the District will carry out the excessing of Teaching Assistants by seniority within the tenure area in accordance with the New York State Education Law and hereby establishes preferred eligibility lists for a period of seven (7) years, as required by law, effective August 24, 2017 as follows:

Victoria Lorig

Probationary Teacher Assistant

Total Service to District 1 year

Original Appointment Date: September 6, 2016

Motion unanimously carried.

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves **Danielle Angone** as a Teacher Aide, 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). Motion unanimously carried.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation letter of **Gerard Middleton**, as District Messenger in the District, effective July 17, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves **Tamarah Louis-Johnson**, effective retroactively to July 25, 2017 as District Messenger. This is an hourly appointment in accordance with the salary per hour determined between the District and the Board of Education at their annual Reorganization Meeting. There is no probationary period on this position. Motion unanimously carried.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following salary changes, effective September 1, 2017:

Denise Andersen	Step 3.5	MA+60
Krista Kinirons	Step 13	MA+30
Jessica Rosenthal	Step 3.5	MA+60
Joseph Schumpf	Step 8.5	MA+45
Phil Testa	Step 5.5	MA+60
Richard Roth	Step 11.5	MA+60

Motion unanimously carried.

11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following additions to the per diem substitute list for the 2017-2018 School Year: **Anna Jean Amiel, Lawrence Brenner, Shari Collins, Marlene Coyle, Daniel DiBlasi, Susan Faber (Nurse), Stephen Franzino, Susana Gomez, Marie Gonzalez, Ellen Gutwein, Shirley Hanein-Lane, Catherine Hicks (Nurse), Janaya Hunt, Teresa Iadevaio, Nicole Infantino, Ann Jeffrey-Wilensky, Tara Kubat, Francesca Leo, Victoria Lorig, Angela Moreno (Nurse), Howard Nash, Alyssa Orgera, Karen Pagnotta, Alida Pesola, Maud Pierre, Richard Pittelli, Maria Pulella, Darren Sardelli, Danielle Shaista Jabeen, Leslie Sherman, Aram Suhail, Sarajeon Sheinin (Nurse).** Motion unanimously carried.

EDUCATION

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education, pertaining to students being considered for pre-school special education

services and the Board approves and ratifies the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education presented for child #: 442301920; 442302072; 442302253; 442302254; 442302402; 442302382; and 442302393. Motion unanimously carried.

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, pertaining to students being considered for special education services and the Board approves and ratifies the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education presented for child #: 442302055; 442302087; 442300969; 442301198; and 442301396. Motion unanimously carried.

FINANCE

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board shall accept the Treasurer's Report, Interest Report, Collateral Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance Report and Claims Auditor Report and Cash Flow Report for June, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. That the Board of Education authorizes the allocation of funds to the Unassigned Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,106,132.64, 4% of the 2017-18 budget, which was tabled at the July 6, 2017 Reorganization Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.
2. The President of the Board of Education will appoint the following chairpersons for the following board committees, which was tabled at the July 6, 2017 Reorganization Meeting:

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| a) Education | - | Anthony Iadevaio |
| b) Finance | - | Armando Hernandez |
| c) Policy | - | Donna LaRocco (Chairperson)
Anthony Iadevaio
Kimberly Wheeler |
| d) Buildings & Grounds | - | Donna LaRocco |
| e) Legislation | - | Armando Hernandez |
| f) Public Relations | - | Kimberly Wheeler |
| g) Personnel | - | Paul DePace |

Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, that Dr. Edward Fale, Dr. Lisa Conte and Ms. Laura Peterson are hereby certified as Qualified Lead Evaluators of Valley Stream UFSD #24 (classroom teachers/building principals) having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR Sec 30-2.9(b):
 - a) The New York State Teaching Standards, and their related elements and performance indicators/the Leadership Standards and their related functions;
 - b) Evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research;
 - c) Application and use of the student growth percentile model and the value-added growth model as defined in 8 NYCRR Sec 30-2.2;
 - d) Application and use of the State approved rubrics selected by the Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four for use in the evaluation of classroom teachers/building principals, including training on the effective application of such rubric to observe classroom teacher's building principal's practice;
 - e) Application and use of the assessment tools that the Valley Stream UFSD and BOCES utilizes to evaluate its classroom teacher/building principals, including but not limited to structured portfolio reviews; student, parent, teacher, community feedback/ professional growth goals*; school improvement goals, etc.;
 - f) Application and use of the State approved locally selected measures of student achievement used by the Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four to evaluate its classroom teachers/principals;
 - g) The scoring methodology utilized by the Department and the Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four to evaluate a classroom teacher/building principal under 8NYCRR Sec 30-2, including:
 1. How scores are generated for each subcomponent and the composite effectiveness score of classroom teachers/building principals, and
 2. Application and use of the scoring ranges prescribed by the Commissioner for the designated rating categories used for
 3. The overall rating of classroom teachers/principals and their subcomponent ratings; and Specific considerations in evaluating classroom teachers/building principals of English language learners and students with disabilities.

- h) Training on the use of the Statewide Instructional Reporting System, also required by 8NYCRR Sec 30-2.9 (b), will be provided once the NYS Education Department makes available the information required for such training.

This certification has been issued in accordance with the process for certifying lead evaluators described in the Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four's annual professional performance review plan.

**Professional growth goals constitute one of the assessment tools available for the evaluation of classroom teachers under the "other measures of effectiveness" subcomponent of annual professional performance reviews conducted during the 2017-2018 school year only.*

Motion unanimously carried.

2. Motion by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Wheeler, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the President to approve and sign the contract for services from Zycron Industries, for the 2017-2018 school year, as needed in accordance with their agreement. Motion unanimously carried.
3. Motion by Vice President Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the President to approve and sign the contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for Nursing Services to replace Home Care for Children for the 2017-2018 school year, as needed in accordance with their agreement. The rates are, \$55.00 for RN services, \$50.00 for LPN services. Motion unanimously carried.
4. Motion by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Vice President Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the contract between the District and the Martin de Porres School for one student for the 2017-2018 school year, at the tuition rate of \$34,569 per student, established by the Commissioner of Education for the State of New York. Motion unanimously carried.
5. Motion by Trustee Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Wheeler, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the contract between the District and the Henry Viscardi School for one student for the 2017-2018 school year, in accordance with the rates established by

NYSED, established by the Commissioner of Education for the State of New York. Motion unanimously carried.

6. Motion by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make all required transfers in the 2016-2017 Budget in order to reconcile the General Fund (and to reallocate accumulative leave to the proper code) for the 2016-2017 year. (A copy of said Budget Transfers is attached to this Agenda). Motion unanimously carried.
7. Motion by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Vice President Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following Transportation Contracts for the 2017-2018 school year: (See attached). Motion unanimously carried.
8. Motion by Vice President Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following Investigative Services Cooperative Bid, with Summit Securities and TruView Investigations, for the 2017-2018 school year with the Hewlett-Woodmere Public School. Motion unanimously carried.
9. Motion by Vice President Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to amend the July 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes Page 2, Paragraph 4 to change September 1 to August 31, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

A parent voiced her concerns about the fifth grade classes at Robert W. Carbonaro School being condensed to two classes instead of three classes for the 2017-2018 school year. The concern was the number of students in each classroom, the mixture of kids being together, and the fact that one of the sections was an inclusion class which would not give the children space to break out into groups and receive their proper IEP accommodations.

Dr. Fale responded that there are a total of 52 students registered in the 5th grade, and that we are well within our Board Policy, which allows us to have 30 students per classroom in grades 4, 5, and 6. He also stated that if this were a primary grade we would not have made this decision. If once schools starts there is a problem inside the classroom he will not be opposed to adding a Teacher Assistant to the classroom to add additional support.

A parent asked a question regarding the Re-Registration packet, she does not feel that we should be asking Nationality, or that each year we should be asked to provide a copy of the deed.

Richard Zuckerman, Attorney will look over the packet and respond back with the answer. He states that the Law requires the same information regardless of how many times paperwork was filled out.

Dr. Fale stated that we will take suggestions and start a committee to review the Re-Registration process.

On the motion of Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Vice President Iadevaio and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lana Plinto

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