

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
7:30 PM

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL
AUGUST 21, 2019

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Hernandez.

Members Present: Vice-President Kimberly Wheeler, Trustees DePace, LaRocco, Maier, Pellicane, and Shipley.

Absent With Prior Notice: None.

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Vice-President Wheeler to approve the minutes of July 8, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence Report: None.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Sturz expressed excitement for the upcoming school year. Dr. Sturz praised the custodial and maintenance departments for their constant diligence in preparing the buildings for the start of the year.

The 1:1 Initiative has been completed and all students have tablets for the start of school.

VII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION

Motion made by Trustee Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Maier to move items A1 through A18 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

A. PERSONNEL – Ms. Lisa Pellicane

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Frank Storelli, as a Cleaner, effective retroactively July 29, 2019, at Step 1. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Education and Local 74 United Service Workers' Union (USWU). This will be a 26 week probationary appointment, said probationary period to expire on January 30, 2020.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the permanent appointment of Jonathan Melendez, as Cleaner, effective August 22, 2019.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Brenda Paneto, as Part-time School Monitor, effective July 10, 2019.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Annmarie Thomson, as Part-time School Monitor, effective August 1, 2019.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Debbie Kulda as Full-time Aide (Cafeteria), effective August 2, 2019.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Katherine Giannone, as part time School Monitor (Cafeteria) effective September 2, 2019.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Katherine Giannone, as Full-time Aide (Cafeteria) effective September 3, 2019. Compensation for this position will be at Step 4 in accordance with the agreement between the Valley Stream School District 24 and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoint Altagracia Concha as Part-Time School Monitor, effective September 4, 2019. Compensation at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the Valley Stream School District 24 and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the permanent appointment of Lori Banilover, as Part-time Typist Clerk, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Exam 6037D, effective September 16, 2019.

11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Robert DiGiovanna, as Full time Account Clerk, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Exam 8012D, established March 27, 2019. This appointment will be effective August 26, 2019. 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. The appointment is for a 26 week probationary period, said probation set to expire on February 24, 2020.

12. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Megan Cahill as a full time Teacher Aide, effective August 5, 2019.

13. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Naimah Atif, as a part time School Monitor effective September 4, 2019. Compensation at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the Valley Stream School District 24 and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

14. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation letter from Stephanie Cuzzo, Library Media Specialist, effective August 31, 2019.

15. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Jacqueline Ryf**, effective September 1, 2019 as School Media Specialist, holding a Certificate for Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), and a Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), and Library Media Specialist, for a 4 year probationary period. Her probation expiration will be August 31, 2023*. 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 she will not be eligible for tenure at that time.

16. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby appoints **Meghan Kaminski** as School Media Specialist, effective September 1, 2019, with certifications in General Education (K-6), Special Education (K-6) and Educational Technology. Her probation expiration will be August 31, 2023*. 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 she will not be eligible for tenure at that time.

17. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the tenure of Bibi Razack, as a Certified Teaching Assistant, effective October 8, 2019. Her four year probationary appointment was dated October 8, 2015 through October 7, 2019.

15. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the following Salary Changes, effective September 1, 2019:

Kaitlyn Gillespie - Step 3 MA +45
Sophia Oliva - Step 5 MA + 45

18. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following additions to the per diem substitute list for the 2019-2020 School Year:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:

Anna Jean Amiel
Ariana Arnone
Karen Carrella
Marlene Coyle
Yvette Diaz-Scannapieco
Stephen Franzino
Marie Gonzalez
Ellen Gutwein
Shirley Hanein
Sara Marie Iacovelli
Shaista Jabeen
Mindy Kaiser
Taylor Lodespoto
Tenesha Lynch
Nicole Massop
Sara Merkle
Alida Pesola
Maud Pierre
Richard Pittelli
Maria Pulella
Leslie Sherman
Katarina Sloboda
Erika Teich
Naomi Yochai

SUBSTITUTE LUNCH MONITORS:

Barbara Casey
Donna Cunningham
Atifah Subzwar

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDES:

Maryum Masood

Saira Butt

SUBSTITUTE NURSES:

Catherine Hicks

SaraJean Sheinin

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Vice-President Wheeler to move items B1 and B2 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

B. EDUCATION – MR. JOHN MAIER

1. 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 06/17/2019, 06/19/2019, 07/10/2019, 07/12/2019, 07/24/2019, 07/29/2019, 07/31/2019, 08/01/2019, 08/08/2019, 08/14/2019, and 08/15/2019 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. 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 07/10/2019, 07/17/2019, 07/19/2019, and 07/22/2019 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.

Motion made by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Maier to move item C1 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

C. FINANCE – MR. PAUL DEPACE

1. 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 June, 2019.

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, Mr. Maier, Mrs. Pellicane and Mr. Hernandez.

- Brookville Center for Children's Services
- Hebrew Academy for Special Children (HASC)
- Henry Viscardi School
- Interdisciplinary Center for Child Development
- Kids First Evaluation & Adv. Ctr
- Kidz Therapy Services, LLC
- Metro Therapy, Inc.
- Mid Island Therapy Associates, LLC d/b/a/ All About Kids
- Nassau BOCES
- New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc.
- The Hagedorn Little Village School
- United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County, Inc.
- The Children's Learning Center
- Variety Child Learning Center
- Tiegerman School

WHEREAS, each above listed ASEP is currently providing a program of educational instruction pursuant to the laws of the State of New York and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to resident school-aged children placed therein by the District for the provision of special education services pursuant to an Individual Education Plan consistent with the IDEA.

That the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 hereby approves the Agreements between the District and the listed programs above to facilitate the sub-allocation of federal IDEA flow-through funds in connection with the IDEA Part B, Section 611 and Section 619 for the 2019-2020 program year in the form of agreements attached hereto;

That the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreements with each of the above listed entities/programs on behalf of the Board of Education.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with Oyster Bay - East Norwich Central School District for the 2019-2020 school year, subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement to be reviewed by District counsel.

Motion made by Trustee Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Maier to move items 6 through 11 under New Business as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves participation in the litigation entitled 99 Lakeville Road v. Jefferson, et.al., Supreme Court, Nassau County, Index No. 000145-2019 and authorizes Ingerman Smith, LLP to appear on its behalf.

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves and signs the 2019-2020 contract with Alphabet City Tutors to provide Classroom Educator Level Orton-Gillingham coursework at the rate of \$1500 per day, for five days of training for teachers, plus \$1625 for the cost of materials.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with Michael J. Cunningham, Speech Language Pathologist, for the 2019-2020 school year, subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement to be reviewed by District counsel.

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with Zycron Industries for the 2019-2020 school year, subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement to be reviewed by District counsel.

10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with Bayada Home Health Care for the 2019-2020 school year, subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement to be reviewed by District counsel.

11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with Management Advisory Group Special Services, Inc. for the 2019-2020 school year, subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement to be reviewed by District counsel.

Motion made by Vice-President Wheeler, seconded by Trustee Maier to move items 12a through 15 under New Business as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

12.a Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Disclosure and Consent Agreement in the form attached hereto; and that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said Disclosure and Consent Agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

12.b That the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 24 and the Board of Education of the Bay Shore Union Free School District in connection with General Building Maintenance Involving New Construction, Reconstruction and Demolition Services pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Agreement attached hereto; that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Inter-Municipal Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education

13. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with United Cerebral Palsy of Nassau County for the 2019-2020 school year, subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement to be reviewed by District counsel.

14. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the disposal of the following obsolete computer devices:

Macbook Pro mid 2012 Item 002067
Macbook Pro mid 2012 Item 002258
Macbook Pro mid 2012 Item 002155
Macbook Pro mid 2012 Item 001953
Macbook Pro mid 2010 Item 001938
Macbook Pro mid 2012 Item 002069
iMac 2008 Item 001803
iMac 2008 Item 001802
Laptop (2009) Item 001789
Laptop (2009) Item 001736
Laptop (2009) Item 001890
Laptop (2009) Item 001895
Laptop (2009) Item 002254

15. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 desires to embark upon various capital improvement projects at the William L. Buck, Robert W. Carbonaro, and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools; including District-wide Flooring Replacement, ventilation upgrades at Robert W. Carbonaro, and fire sprinkler & insulation upgrades at Brooklyn Avenue; and

WHEREAS, said capital improvement projects at the William L. Buck, Robert W. Carbonaro, and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, routine activities such as maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility; and replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.5 of this part; and

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that said capital improvement projects for the District-wide Flooring Replacement at the William L. Buck, Robert W. Carbonaro, and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools, ventilation upgrades at Robert W. Carbonaro, and fire sprinkler & insulation upgrades at Brooklyn Avenue are classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5 (2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and
that the Board of Education hereby declares that the capital improvement projects for the District-wide Flooring Replacement at the William L. Buck, Robert W. Carbonaro, and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools, ventilation upgrades at Robert W. Carbonaro, and fire sprinkler & insulation upgrades at Brooklyn Avenue are a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the

correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed projects from the New York State Education Department.

Motion made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee DePace to move items 16 through 19 under New Business as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

16. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the extension of the Transportation Contracts for the 2019-2020 school year as set forth in the Schedule attached hereto;

that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the 2019-2020 school year Transportation Contracts set forth in the attached Schedule on behalf of the Board of Education.

17. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards the Transportation Contracts for the 2019-2020 school year as set forth in the Schedule attached hereto;

that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the 2019-2020 school year Transportation Contracts set forth in the attached Schedule on behalf of the Board of Education.

18. WHEREAS, the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019 labor agreement between the Board of Education of Valley Stream #24 and Local 74, United Service Workers Union expired on June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the respective parties have engaged in negotiations for a successor agreement to the expired labor agreement; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the District and the Union reached an agreement for a successor agreement that has been memorialized in a Memorandum of Agreement dated July 17, 2019, which Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the membership of Local 74, United Service Workers Union has ratified said Memorandum of Agreement;
that the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement hereinabove referenced.

19. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the disposal and sale of two (2) upright pianos; that funds received from professional auctioneer through the sale will be recorded in A2670 **Sale of Property.**

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Pellicane to adjourn the Business meeting at 7:44 P.M. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and contractual issues at 7:45 P.M. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Vice-President Wheeler to end executive session and adjourn the meeting at 9:54 P.M. Motion unanimously carried.