

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

January 24, 2018

The Work Session was called to order at the William L. Buck School by President Maier at 7:30 PM.

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

Members Absent with prior notice: None

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Attorney Harvey, Director of Finance and Operations Mr. Mitchell, and Director of Technology Mr. Onorato.

1. Budget / Distribution of Budget Binders: Mr. Mitchell discussed the preliminary budget numbers and answered questions from Board Members.
2. Tech Department: Mr. Onorato discussed various options for the re-staffing of the Tech Department.

President Maier, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 8:33 PM.

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

Members Absent with prior notice: None

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Attorney Harvey, Director of Finance and Operations Mr. Mitchell, Director of Technology Mr. Onorato, and Director of Special Education Ms. Peterson.

President Maier welcomed visitors.

Motion was made by Vice President Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to approve the minutes of December 13, 2017, January 8, 2018 and January 10, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence Report

None

President Maier introduced District Wise Search Consultants who explained how the company looks for candidates when conducting superintendent searches.

President Maier then apologized to the community about his behavior at the last meeting.

Trustee LaRocco read a statement regarding inappropriate comments that have been made via social media about board members and their families. She stated that each Board member and the Superintendent listen to the public when making decisions.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Fale stated that Valley Stream was ranked the number one place to live by Money Magazine.

Dr Fale reminded everyone that the district hockey tournament is January 25th at 4:00 PM and the building tour is January 27th. All are welcome to attend.

Curriculum update: Dr Fale explained NYS Learning Standards have changed; and the common core instruction is no longer part of the NYS curriculum. The District is currently transitioning to the Next Gen Standards, which are more learner friendly and age appropriate.

He also announced that the district will be looking for a new science program for next year.

PERSONNEL

1. A motion was made by Trustee DePace, seconded by Vice President Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the permanent appointment of Jennifer Suppa (also known as Jennifer Smith), as a Senior Typist Clerk, a competitive Civil Service appointment,

effective, February 1, 2018. Ms. Suppa was on a 26 week probationary appointment (commencing on August 1, 2017) which will expire on January 31, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

2. A motion was made by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following salary changes effective February 1, 2018:

Jacqueline Roth – Step 4a MA+60

Motion unanimously carried.

3. A motion was made by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Wheeler, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Allison Smithwick, for a particular for Home Instruction (5 Hours per week) starting January 25, 2018. Compensation in accordance with the hourly rate as per the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association. Motion unanimously carried.
4. A motion was made by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mellissa Ritty a Part-time School Monitor, effective January 25, 2018. Compensation will be in accordance with the agreement between the Valley Stream School District 24 and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU). Motion unanimously carried.
5. A motion was made by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Wheeler, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Susie Wong, a Teaching Assistant of this District, has submitted her written letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective close of business January 19, 2018.

BE IT RESOLVED, that such letter of resignation is for purposes of retirement and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to calculate the number of days of accumulated sick days Mrs. Wong's is eligible to in

accordance with past practice in the District, and the Board of Education authorizes the payment of such accumulated sick days to Ms. Wong.

Motion unanimously carried.

EDUCATION

1. A motion was made by Vice President Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Wheeler, 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 children #: 442302072; 442302225; 442302229; 442302393; 442302403; 442302483; 442302485; 442302489. Motion unanimously carried.
2. A motion was made by Vice President Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee DePace, 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 children #:442302503; 442302147; 442302488; 442302482; 442300842; 442300855; 442301198; 442301643; 442301028; 442301778. Motion unanimously carried.

FINANCE

1. A motion was made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Wheeler, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board shall accept the Treasurer's Report, Interest Report, Collateral Report, Claims Auditor's Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, and Trial Balance Report for November, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Trustee Pellicane reported that there were building tours on January 6, 2018.

Residency Hotlines:

Valley Stream School District	516-872-5677
Village of Valley Stream	516-592-5140
Town of Hempstead	516-584-5000

LEGAL REPORT

Attorney Harvey advised that there were recent amendments to Civil Service Law regarding leaves of absence for prostate and breast cancer screenings.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Wheeler read the report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

LEGISLATION REPORT

Trustee Hernandez read the report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Trustee LaRocco read the report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

POLICY COMMITTEE-None**NEW BUSINESS**

1. A motion was made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts NYS' determination of Estimated Non Resident Tuition for District #24 for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:

Regular Education K-6:	14,611
Special Education K-6:	62,366

The Board also accepts the NYS' determination of the Actual Non Resident Tuition for District #24 for the 2016-2017 school year as follows:

Regular Education K-6:	13,890
Special Education K-6:	48,978

Motion unanimously carried.

A member of the audience handed the District Clerk a letter.

ADJOURN

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Pellicane at 9:35 PM, for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular teacher assistants. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion to exit Executive Session was made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Wheeler at 10:30 PM.

On the motion of Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee DePace, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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