

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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BUSINESS MEETING  
May 24, 2023

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 a personnel matter and contract matters and reconvene the public portion of the Business Meeting at 7:30 PM.

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**Members Present:** President Maier, Vice-President LaRocco, Trustees Hernandez, Herrera, Nunez and Wilson.

**Others Present:** Superintendent Dr. Sturz, Dr. Jack Mitchell, School District Attorney

**Absent With Prior Notice:** Trustee Wheeler

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

Having a quorum, the Business Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Maier at the William L. Buck School. A motion to enter Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. was made by Trustee Hernandez and seconded by Trustee Wilson to discuss Personnel and Contractual Obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Executive Session concluded at 7:29 pm by Trustee Hernandez and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 7:33 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Maier.

## **II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**III. MINUTES:** April 18, 2023, May 3, 2023, and May 16, 2023. Motion to move the minutes was made by Trustee Hernandez and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

**IV. WELCOME TO VISITORS:** President Maier welcomed all in attendance to the Business Meeting and further specified conditions of public comments/ questions.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT** – Lourdes Onesto, District Clerk – We received emails from Rachel Figuerasmith on 4/22/2023, 4/26/2023, 5/16/2023, 5/17/2023, 5/23/2023, and a FOIL request on 5/8/2023. We received emails from Cristina Arroyo on 4/24/2023, 4/27/2023, 5/12/2023, 5/16/2023, 5/18/2023, and a FOIL request on 5/18/2023. We received an email from Michael Ebert on 4/24/2023. We received emails from Juan Lasso on 4/28/2023 and 5/17/2023. We received an email from Alicia John on 5/4/2023. We received an email from Cat Chenkus on 5/11/2023.

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Sturz**

Dr. Sturz announced the success of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual district outdoor concert events. He expressed his thanks on behalf of the BOE to the district music teachers, Mr. Shmorhun, Mr. Garzetta, Mrs. Wilkey, and Ms. Milanese, and to the Administrative Liaison Mr. Iacono. He announced that there will be upcoming events in June. He gave his thanks on behalf of the BOE to the PTA and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Organizations for the fun events coming up in June, culminating in the graduation ceremony and annual barbecue and everything that is being done for the children.

## **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 Maier, Trustee Herrera, and Trustee Hernandez.

#### **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 Hernandez** – Nothing to report.

**VIII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

**A. PERSONNEL – Trustee Wilson** - Motion made by Trustee Wilson to move items A1 through A3 and seconded by Vice President LaRocco. Motion unanimously carried.

**1. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Debra Schaefer, School Monitor Part-Time, effective April 26, 2023.

**2. 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 2022-2023 School Year:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER:

Eddie Guzman

**3. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby terminates the employment of the employee identified on confidential schedule “A” effective May 24, 2023.

**B. EDUCATION – Trustee Herrera** - Motion made by Trustee Herrera to move items B1 through B2 and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

**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 Special Education previously approved by the Committee on Special Education on 4/26/23, 2/10/23, 2/10/23, 3/30/23, 4/27/23, 4/24/23, 3/27/23, 3/15/23, 4/21/23, 2/10/23, 4/4/23, 3/15/23, 4/21/23, 3/15/23, 4/24/23, 4/19/23, 2/10/23, 2/10/23, 3/16/23, 3/20/23, 2/8/23, 2/8/23, 2/7/23, 2/7/23, 2/15/23, 2/15/23, 2/10/23, 5/03/2023, 4/27/2023, 3/27/2023, 4/25/2023, 4/21/2023, 3/10/2023, 2/15/2023, 5/10/2023, 3/30/2023, 4/04/2023, 4/05/2023, 4/27/2023, 4/17/2023, 5/10/2023, 5/03/2023, 3/22/2023, 3/23/2023, 3/22/2023, 3/22/2023 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 Pre-School Special Education previously approved by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education on 3/17/23, 5/10/23, 4/28/23, 4/21/23, 4/24/23, 3/22/23, 3/24/23, 4/20/23, 4/20/23, 4/26/23, 4/26/23, 3/28/23, 3/2/23, 3/2/23, 3/14/23, 4/18/23, 5/8/23, 5/8/23, 4/28/23, 4/24/23, 5/10/23, 4/5/23, 3/30/23, 3/28/23, 3/28/23, 3/28/23, 3/6/23, 3/6/23, 3/6/23, 4/21/23, 4/20/23, 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.

**C. FINANCE – Vice President LaRocco -** Motion made by Vice President LaRocco to move item C1 and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

**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 March 31, 2023.

**D. POLICY: Trustee Wheeler –** Nothing to report.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY:** Nothing to report.

**X. NEW BUSINESS: -** Motion made by Vice President LaRocco to move items X1 through X19 and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

**1. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendation from the Cooperative Pest Control Bid 2023-2024, awarding said bid to Yankee Exterminating.

**2. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, The Board of Education accepts the recommendation from the Cooperative Blinds, Shades, Motorized Drapes Restoration of Stage Curtains Bid 2023-2024, awarding said bid to Master Carrier Window/Acme Window Treatments.

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 2023-2024 school, 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 authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with Access 7 for related services for the 2023-2024 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

5. **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 Kidz Educational Services for related services for the 2023-2024 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

6. **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 Nicole Guttman, M.A., SLP for related services for the 2023-2024 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

7. **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 New York Therapy Placement Services for related services for the 2023-2024 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

8. **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 Variety Child Learning Center for related services for the 2023-2024 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Martin De Porres School for Exceptional Children (Tuition) for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Variety Child Learning Center (Tuition) for the 2023-2024 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and the West Hempstead Union Free School District for student health and welfare services for the 2022-2023 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

12. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and the Garden City Union Free School District for student health and welfare services for the 2022-2023 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

13. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and the Hempstead Union Free School District for student health and welfare services for the 2022-2023 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

14. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards the transportation consultant contract in cooperation with the Nassau County Southwest Transportation Consortium, to JN Business Services for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$2,250.00, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate same.

15. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards the Transportation Contract beginning on May 22, 2023 through June 23, 2023, set forth in the Schedule attached hereto;

BUS COMPANY	SCHOOL	# OF STUDENTS	MONTHLY COST PPPM	MONTHLY COST PER VAN	MONTHLY MATRON COST
WE Transport, Inc.	Martin de Porres School	1	\$1,594.50		\$3,295.30

16. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts a donation of a memorial park bench to the Robert W. Carbonaro School from Peggy Friel, in memory of James Friel, a former teacher at Robert W. Carbonaro School.

17. **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:

Building	ID#	Item
BAS	2302	Charging cart
BAS	2467	Charging cart
RWC	2356	Charging cart
RWC	2027	Charging cart

18. **RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby appoints the National Arbitration and Mediation to serve as the mediation company in John Diorio v. Valley Stream Union Free School District, et al. Index No.: 900004/2021 and authorizes the

payment of the mediation fees associated with same.

19. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Budget Transfer for the 2022-2023 School year:



<b>BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL</b>			
<b>DATE: May 24, 2023</b>			
<b>CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
A2110.120-1	Teachers 1-6 Salaries-BAS	\$ 38,424.55	
A2110.473	Charter School Tuition		\$ 38,424.55
	<b>Charter School Tuition for 2 Extra Students</b>		
H1622.400-24-442	Exterior Doors Replacement-Districtwide-DASNY	\$ 123.48	
H4010.202-22-3	Capital Bond Project		\$ 123.48
	<b>Capital Bond Project - Architect Fees</b>		
A2815.473	Speech Services	\$ 1,500.00	
A2815.452-53	Diagnostic Screen Supplies-WLB	\$ 1,625.00	
A2815.4	Health Services Expenses		\$ 3,125.00
	<b>Substitute Nursing Services</b>		
A2820.155	Early ID Teachers Salaries	\$ 1,069.00	
A2820.400-3	Psych Expenses - WLB		\$ 1,069.00
	<b>Psych Eval</b>		
A2110.485	Science Textbooks	\$ 4,307.16	
A2110.48	Textbooks		\$ 4,307.16
	<b>Tel/Logic - Textbooks for Non-Public School Students</b>		
A9050.8	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 15,000.00	
A5540.405	Transport/School Trip		\$ 15,000.00
	<b>Ashokan Trip</b>		
A2630.2	Computer Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	
A2630.49	BOCES E-Rate Services		\$ 5,000.00
	<b>Macbooks and Google Workspace Software</b>		
A1621.407-3	Sitework	\$ 13,487.74	
A1621.450-2	Materials & Supplies-RWC		\$ 13,487.74
	<b>Sherman Williams - Ceiling Tiles &amp; Supplies</b>		
A2020.15	Building Principals Salaries	\$ 1,794.00	
A2020.451-10	Office Paper-BAS		\$ 1,794.00
	<b>Worldwide Paper</b>		
A2250.16	CSE Office Salaries	\$ 3,000.00	
A1310.2	Business Office Equipment	\$ 700.00	
A1310.4	Business Office Expenses		\$ 3,700.00
	<b>Kelly Services, Record Retention/Shredding, &amp; Expense Reimbursements</b>		
A2110.121	Kindergarten Salaries	\$ 13,000.00	
A1620.406-11	Gas/Electric-BAS		\$ 9,900.00
A1620.406-12	Gas/Electric-RWC		\$ 3,100.00
	<b>PSEGLI &amp; National Grid</b>		
A2020.4	Supervision Expenses	\$ 200.00	
A2020.402-97	Supervision-P/C-WLB		\$ 200.00
	<b>WLB Petty Cash</b>		
A1420.400-2	Negotiations Attorney	\$ 8,000.00	
A1480.4	Public Info Expenses		\$ 8,000.00
	<b>PolicyFind</b>		
A2250.151-2	Inclusion Teacher Salaries-RWC	\$ 14,500.00	
A2815.49	BOCES-Health Serv		\$ 14,500.00
	<b>BOCES Provided Health Services</b>		
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 121,730.93</b>	<b>\$ 121,730.93</b>

## **XI. DISCUSSION**

Trustee Nunez inquired when the students at Robert W. Carbonaro would be able to utilize the grass fields. President Maier directed the question to Superintendent Dr. Sturz. Dr. Sturz announced that he has spoken with Mr. Broucher concerning the fields that were redone at Carbonaro. Dr. Sturz expressed his appreciation for the grants awarded by Assemblywoman Solages, which facilitated the beginning of the renovation. Dr. Sturz expressed that although it has been a long process, the second seeding was recently completed, and the final weeding treatments should be completed soon, with the expectation that the fields will be reopened by mid-June.

## **XII. PRESENTATION**

### **RECOGNITION OF FRIENDS OF BRIDGE CONTEST WINNERS**

Friends of Bridge Contest Recognizes the following students as the winners of the essay contest: Julissa Vitalgum from Brooklyn Avenue, Eva Weiner from William L. Buck, and Jaiden Ortiz from Robert W. Carbonaro.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. made by Trustee Hernandez and seconded by Trustee Wilson to discuss certain Personnel and Contractual Obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:41 made by Trustee Hernandez and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to adjourn the Business meeting at 9:43 p.m. by Trustee Hernandez and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lourdes Onesto*

Lourdes Onesto  
District Clerk