

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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BUSINESS MEETING

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL  
May 25, 2022

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Members Present: President Pellicane, Vice-President Maier, Trustees Hernandez, Herrera, LaRocco, Wheeler and Wilson.

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Don Sturz, Assistant Superintendents Dr. Jack Mitchell, Dr. Lisa Conte, Principals Johanne Gaddy, Rosario Iacono and Dr. Scott Comis. School District Attorney Joe Lilly. Director of Pupil Services Dr. Robert Mueller and Director of Technology Mark Onorato. Also present were several Teachers, Staff, Retirees and their families and students from the William L. Buck, Robert Carbonaro and Brooklyn Avenue Schools. Presenters of the night were Board President of Friends of Bridge, Mary Ann Norton and also presenting were Brian Stecker and Anitra Butler from Elks.

Absent With Prior Notice: None

### **I CALL TO ORDER**

The Business Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Pellicane.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:45 PM was made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco to discuss Personnel and Contractual obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 7:30 PM was made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Vice-President Maier. Motion unanimously carried.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 7:30 PM, at the William L. Buck School by President Pellicane.

## **II. – VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

Welcome to Visitors: President Pellicane welcomed all in attendance to the Business Meeting and further specified conditions of public comment/questions within Policy 9400.

Motion made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Vice-President Maier, to approve the Minutes of April 26 Special Meeting, April 26, May 4, 2022 and Special Meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Special Meetings Budget Vote May 17, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence Report from the District Clerk: The District Clerk received the following correspondences –

April 26, 2022 – I received an email from Ms. Arroyo regarding School Board Elections and a response was sent.

April 27, 2022 – I received an additional email from Mrs. Simone regarding graduation.

April 27, 2022 – I received an email from Mr. and Mrs. Cohen in regard to their son and a response was sent.

April 28, 2022 – I received an email from Ms. Arroyo regarding Candidate Expenditure Instructions and a response was sent.

May 4, 2022 – I received an email from Ms. Arroyo regarding DEI.

May 9, 2022 – I received a FOIL request from Mr. Herbsman regarding ZE Creative and a response was sent

May 17, 2022 – I received an email from Ms. Arroyo regarding the Budget Vote and Election and a response was sent

May 20, 2022 – I received a FOIL request from Mrs. Simone regarding ESSER/EAN

May 20, 2022 – I received a FOIL request from Ms. Demartino regarding clerical employees

Superintendents Report: Dr. Sturz opened the meeting sending our thoughts, prayers and condolences to the Uvalde, Texas community and the families of the innocent lives that were senselessly and so violently taken. The district's foremost priority is the safety, security and wellbeing of our students, staff, and community. Dr Sturz closed his report with an acknowledgment of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade outdoor education trip, thanking administration and teachers for supporting our students. A special thank you was extended to Dr. Comis for all his effort organizing the trip for all three buildings.

**PROGRAM:**

- RECOGNITION OF RETIREES
- RECOGNITION OF FRIENDS OF BRIDGE CONTEST WINNERS
- RECOGNITION OF ELKS CONTEST WINNERS

Dr. Sturz welcomed teachers

Dr. Sturz welcomed Principal, Dr. Comis who recognized retiree Marie Malkiewicz

Dr. Sturz welcomed Principal, Joanne Gaddy who recognized retiree Dave LaWinter

Dr. Sturz welcomed Dr. Lisa Conte who presented to Our Friends of Bridge winners with Maryann Norton who gave out awards.

Dr. Sturz welcomed Dr. Comis who presented to the Elks, Brian Steckler and Anitra Butler who gave out awards.

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

**A. PERSONNEL – MARKUS WILSON**

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Vice-President Maier, to move item A.1 as listed, Motion unanimously carried.

**1. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Tara Brady, a probationary Elementary Classroom Teacher in this District, in compliance with the provisions of Education Law Section #3012 and Part 30-1 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, having been appointed to such position by resolution of this Board effective September 1, 2018, be appointed on tenure to the Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), and Elementary Classroom Teacher (Childhood Education Grades 1-6) and, it having been shown that she holds a valid New York State Public School Teacher Certificate in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), and permitting service as indicated in the public schools of the State of New York, and it further having been shown that her probationary service, which will expire on August 31, 2022 was competent, efficient and satisfactory, the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-four does hereby grant and appoint Tara Brady to tenure, effective September 1, 2022, as an Elementary Classroom Teacher in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grades 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to move item A.2 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

**2. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Jessica Wolfsdorf, a probationary Elementary Classroom Teacher in this District, in compliance with the provisions of Education Law Section #3012 and Part 30-1 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, having been appointed to such position by resolution of this Board effective September 1, 2018, be appointed on tenure to the Elementary Classroom Teacher Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) and (Childhood Education Grades 1-6), it having been shown that she holds a valid New York State Public School Teacher Certificate in Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2) and in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), permitting service as indicated in the public schools of the State of New York, and it further having been shown that her probationary service, which will expire on August 31, 2022 was competent, efficient and satisfactory, the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-four does hereby grant and appoint Jessica Wolfsdorf to tenure, effective September 1, 2022, as an Elementary Classroom

Teacher in Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Herrera, to table items A.3 and A.4. Motion unanimously carried.

**3. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Ashleigh Jones, effective August 31, 2022, as an Elementary Classroom Teacher holding a Certificate for Early Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), and Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) for a 4-year probationary period. Her probation expiration will be August 30, 2026\*. Compensation will be at Step 1 MA+30 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.

**4. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Brooke Martins, effective August 31, 2022, as an Elementary Classroom Teacher holding a Certificate for Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) for a 4-year probationary period. Her probation expiration will be August 30, 2026\*. 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.

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Wheeler, to move item A.5 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

**5. 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 2021-2022 School Year:

**TEACHER:**

- Taylor Froelich
- Kayla Giarriputo
- Kayla Gonsalves
- Tenesha Johnson
- Janet Marrero
- Marisa Pollock (Retroactive to May 16, 2022)
- Victoria Scelzo

**B. EDUCATION – MELISSA HERRERA**

Motion made by Trustee Herrera, seconded by Vice-President Maier, to move items B.1 and B.2 as listed. 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 3/23/22, 4/1/22, 4/1/22, 4/1/22, 4/4/22, 4/5/22, 4/5/22, 4/5/22, 4/6/22, 4/6/22, 4/6/22, 4/7/22, 4/7/22, 4/7/22, 4/8/22, 4/8/22, 4/11/22, 4/11/22, 4/11/22, 4/11/22, 4/11/22, 4/11/22, 4/11/22, 4/11/22, 4/12/22, 4/12/22, 4/12/22, 4/13/22, 4/14/22, 4/14/22, 4/14/22, 4/14/22, 4/25/22, 4/27/22, 4/28/22, 4/28/22, 4/28/22, 4/29/22, 4/29/22, 4/29/22, 4/29/22, 4/29/22, 4/29/22, 5/6/22, 5/9/22 and 5/12/22, 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 3/29/22, 4/6/22, 4/6/22, 4/6/22, 4/8/22, 4/8/22, 4/14/22, 4/14/22, 4/26/22, 4/28/22, 4/28/22, 4/28/22, 5/5/22 and 5/5/22, 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 – MR. JOHN MAIER**

Motion made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to move item C.1 as listed. 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 2022.

### **VIII. 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, Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Maier, and Mr. Wilson.

Central High School District – Next meeting will be held on June 7, 2022 and the next business meeting will be on June 14, 2022.

#### **Residency Hotlines:**

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

**B. LEGAL REPORT** – Representative from the law firm, Frazer & Feldman, LLP – No Report

**C. LEGISLATION REPORT – MR. ARMANDO HERNANDEZ** – No Report

**D. POLICY COMMITTEE – MRS. KIMBERLY WHEELER** – No Report

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY:** - None

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, to move items # 1 - # 8 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

**1. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Agreement between the District and the Floral Park-Bellerose Union Free School District for student health and welfare services for 2021-2022,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

**2. WHEREAS**, the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 intends to participate in the Town of Hempstead School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program (hereinafter the “Stop Arm Program”).

**WHEREAS**, the Stop Arm Program is authorized under New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §1174-a;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to NYS VTL §1174-a, in order to participate in the Program, the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 must enter into an agreement with the Town.

**WHEREAS**, the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 intends to execute the School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program Opt-In Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and enroll in the Stop Arm Program.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby approves the School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program Opt-In Agreement made between the Town of Hempstead, School District and Bus Patrol America LLC, and agrees to be bound by its terms, and authorizes the Board of Education President to execute same.

**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 Marion K. Salomon and Associates (MKSA) – related services and evaluations 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.



**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 Trusting Hands Homecare Agency 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.

**5. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendation from the Cooperative Pest Control Bid 2022-23, awarding said bid to Yankee Exterminating.

**6. 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 2022-23, awarding said bid to Master Carrier Window/Acme Window Treatments.

**7. IT IS HEREBY AGREED** that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 ("Board") retains the firm Guercio & Guercio, LLP as its attorneys for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, subject to annual renewals by the Board. The annual retainer, hourly rates, and monthly installments for each of the five years of this agreement are listed within the Retainer Agreement.

**8. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Budget Transfer for the 2021-2022 School year:

<b>BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL</b>				
<b>DATE: May 25, 2022</b>				
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO	
A9030.8	Social Security	\$	80,000.00	
A9060.85	Dental Insurance	\$	50,000.00	
A2110.120-3	Teachers 1-6 Salaries-WLB	\$	37,444.54	
A2110.124-3	Support Services Salaries-WLB	\$	15,174.00	
A2815.160-1	School Nurses Salaries-BAS	\$	15,000.00	
A2110.121-1	Kindergarten Teachers Salaries-BAS	\$	11,000.00	
A2250.150-1	RR/SPEECH/CID Salaries-BAS	\$	10,800.00	
A2110.456	District Workbooks	\$	7,000.00	
A2110.473	Charter School Tuition	\$	6,700.00	
A1620.161-3	Custodial Overtime-WLB	\$	5,700.00	
A2815.160-2	School Nurses Salaries-RWC	\$	5,000.00	
A2815.160-3	School Nurses Salaries-WLB	\$	5,000.00	
A1620.406-23	Water Expenses-WLB	\$	2,598.02	
A1620.160-3	Custodial Salaries-WLB	\$	2,200.00	
A2110.120-1	Teachers 1-6 Salaries-BAS	\$	1,700.00	
A1240.16	Central Office Salaries		\$	5,890.50
A1310.16	Business Office Salaries		\$	13,703.37
A1620.160-1	Custodial Salaries-BAS		\$	9,700.00
A 1620.160-2	Custodial Salaries-RWC		\$	5,400.00
A1620.162-1	Security Aide Salary-BAS		\$	5,800.00
A1620.162-2	Security Aide Salary-RWC		\$	3,400.00
A1620.162-3	Security Aide Salary-WLB		\$	2,700.00
A1621.161	Maintenance Overtime Salaries		\$	1,400.00
A2020.160-1	Buildg Office Salaries-BAS		\$	1,794.42
A2020.160-2	Buildg Office Salaries-RWC		\$	1,536.51
A2020.160-3	Buildg Office Salaries-WLB		\$	1,143.73
A2110.120-2	Teachers 1-6 Salaries-RWC		\$	3,086.43
A2110.123	After School Programs		\$	1,000.00
A2110.123-3	After School Programs-WLB		\$	1,000.00
A2110.129-2	Extra Duties/Services-RWC		\$	2,000.00
A2110.140-1	SUB Teachers Salaries-BAS		\$	30,000.00
A2110.140-2	SUB Teachers Salaries-RWC		\$	11,000.00
A2110.160-1	LCH/CRM/CPY Aides-BAS		\$	47,000.00
A2110.455-01	BAS-Supplemental		\$	0.03
A2110.492-9	ESL		\$	14,600.00
A2250.161-3	Inclusion Aides Salaries-WLB		\$	9,398.17
A2630.49	BOCES E-RATE Services		\$	69,000.00
A2815.16	School Nurses Salaries		\$	14,763.40
<b>Transfers needed to reconcile Negative Balances for the 2021-22 School Year.</b>				
A2250.151-1	Inclusion Teachers Salaries-BAS	\$	227,000.00	
A2250.151-2	Inclusion Teachers Salaries-RWC	\$	87,000.00	
A2110.16	LCH/CRM/CPY Aides	\$	75,000.00	
A2110.124-3	Support Services Salaries-WLB	\$	57,826.00	
A2250.49	BOCES Services		\$	446,826.00
<b>Special Education Expenses</b>				
A2110.120-3	Teachers 1-6 Salaries-WLB	\$	27,555.46	
A1680.490-1	BOCES Data Warehousing		\$	13,300.00
A2330.49	BOCES Summer School		\$	13,455.46
A2815.49	BOCES-Health Serv		\$	800.00
<b>BOCES Expenses</b>				
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>729,698.02</b>	<b>\$ 729,698.02</b>

**XI. DISCUSSION**

**XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting at 8:05 PM was made by Vice-President Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jennifer Biscardi*

Jennifer Biscardi  
District Clerk