

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

### VIRTUAL MEETING

BUSINESS MEETING  
7:30 PM

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL  
DECEMBER 15, 2020

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

Others Present: School District Attorney Steve Goodstadt

Absent With Prior Notice: Trustee Herrera

The Business Meeting was called to order at 6:46 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Wheeler.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:46 PM was made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to discuss Personnel and Contractual obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made to Adjourn Executive Session at 7:44 PM by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco. Motion unanimously carried.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 7:46 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Wheeler.

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Maier to approve the minutes of November 18, 2020 and December 8, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Welcome to Visitors: President Wheeler welcomed all in attendance to the Business Meeting and further specified conditions of public comment/questions within Policy 9400. President Wheeler also addressed the resignation of Trustee Shipley and wished him and his family all the best.

Correspondence Report from the District Clerk: We received a resignation letter from Trustee Shipley. We also received a thank you note in response to condolences from a staff member and finally, the Board was copied on a correspondence by Thomas Walsh, addressed to the Central High School District regarding the payment of part time employees during COVID.

Superintendents Report: Welcomed all in attendance.

Dr. Sturz addressed the topic of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The District is expanding its effort in this area continuously. Dr. Sturz gave an overview of some of the new DEI initiatives that he and Dr. Conte are working on together. The Equity 4 LI Youth invited us to speak at one of their forums and we are continuing to work with Nassau BOCES, colleges and teaching programs to promote diversity in our staffing.

Dr. Sturz concluded that Valley Stream School District 24 continues to have a successful re-opening. School right now is the safest public space to be and we want it to remain that way. We must continue to do our part with wearing masks, washing hands and social distancing especially now with the Holidays coming next week. We need everyone to do their job at school and at home. Dr. Sturz priority is always and will remain safety first for all students and staff.

## **I. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

### **A. PERSONNEL –MS. LISA PELLICANE**

Motion made by Vice-President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to move items A.1 – A.12 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

**1. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Risa Miller as Challenge Club liaison, effective retroactive to November 30, 2020. Compensation will be in accordance with the appropriate rate per the VSTA contract.

**2. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Aneela Khan as a School Monitor Part-time, effective December 17, 2020. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

**3. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Ellen Galluzzo as a School Monitor Part-time, effective December 17, 2020. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

**4. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Octavia James as a School Monitor Part-time, effective December 17, 2020. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

**5. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Jonobria Farley-Hayes as a School Monitor Part-time, effective December 17, 2020, pending Civil Service clearance. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the Agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

**6. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints the following Cleaner Part-time Substitutes, retroactive to December 7, 2020, for the 2020-2021 school year: Victor Velez and Shane Byfield. Compensation will be in accordance with the minimum hourly wage set by Nassau County.

**7. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Yazmin Rosario as School Monitor Part-time, effective November 24, 2020.

**8. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Carissa Cutrone as a Full Time Aide, effective December 18, 2020.

**9. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Nina Persaud as a School Monitor Part-time, effective December 18, 2020.

**10. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following as a per diem substitute for the 2020-2021 school year:

Teacher:  
Kerry Ann Flanagan-Kelly

**11. WHEREAS**, the Board of Education previously appointed Catherine Cancro, Nancy Jakobsen and Saundra Hernandez to the Civil Service position of Account Clerk;

**WHEREAS**, Catherine Cancro, Nancy Jakobsen, and Saundra Hernandez were appointed as provisional Senior Account Clerks via Board resolution on September 25, 2019 pending passage of the promotional exam to be offered by Civil Service;

**WHEREAS**, Catherine Cancro, Nancy Jakobsen, and Saundra Hernandez are reachable on the Senior Account Clerks Civil Service list subsequent to the Civil Service promotional exam;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Catherine Cancro, Nancy Jakobsen, and Saundra Hernandez to the Civil Service position of Senior Account Clerk.

**12. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Marisa Silvio as a Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective January 4, 2021, pending fingerprint clearance, for the 2020-2021 school year.

**B. EDUCATION – MRS. DONNA LA ROCCO**

Motion made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to move items B.1 – 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 Pre-School Special Education previously approved by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education on 10/29/20, 11/4/20, 11/4/20, 11/5/20, 11/9/20, 11/13/20, 11/18/20, 11/20/20, 11/25/20, 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 Special Education previously approved by the Committee on Special Education on 11/12/20, 11/13/20, 11/16/20, 11/16/20, 11/18/20, 11/18/20, 11/18/20, 11/20/20, 11/23/20, 11/30/20, 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.

**C. FINANCE – MR. JOHN MAIER**

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to move items 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 October, 2020.

## **II. 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 Mrs. Pellicane.

#### **Residency Hotlines:**

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

Trustee Maier reported that the Building tour will be held at North School on January 9, 2020 and the next meeting will be on January 12, 2020.

**B. LEGAL REPORT** – Representative from the law firm, Ingerman Smith, LLP

**C. LEGISLATION REPORT - MR. ARMANDO HERNANDEZ**

**D. POLICY COMMITTEE – MRS. DONNA LAROCCO**

Motion made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Maier to adopt and abolish the following Policies listed in D.1 - D.3. Motion unanimously carried.

**1. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education reviews and adopts the following Policies:

Policy 1108	COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT
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Policy 9400	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS
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**2. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education abolishes the following policies:

Policy 8251	CONFLICT OF INTEREST
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**3. WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2019, the Board of Education adopted Policy 9300 (Board Officers and Committees); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has an existing policy, Policy 9300 (Board of Education Membership); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to differentiate between the two policies by number, the Board of Education wishes to re-number Policy 9300 (Board Officers and Committees).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby re-numbers Policy 9300 (Board Officers and Committees) as Policy 9350 (Board Officers and Committees).

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco to move items 1- 4 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

**1. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Kelly Services for Temporary Personnel Services for the 2020-2021 school year as per attached. Request for proposals were sent to ten (10) separate firms by the Valley Stream Central High School District. Sealed proposals were received by the Valley Stream Central High School District from all firms.

**2. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves an agreement with ATC Testing and Screening Services LLC and the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24t related to COVID-19 testing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (or his designee) to execute said agreement on its behalf.

**3. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Budget Transfer for the 2020-2021 School year:

<b>BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL</b>			
<b>DATE: December 16, 2020</b>			
<b>CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 25,000.00	
A9050.8	Unemployment Insurance <b>3rd Qtr Unemployment Billing</b>		\$ 25,000.00
A1620.162	Security Aide Salary	\$ 5,396.41	
A1620.162-1	Security Aide Salary-BAS		\$ 1,348.14
A1620.162-2	Security Aide Salary-RWC		\$ 2,030.05
A1620.162-3	CSE Office Salaries-WLB		\$ 2,018.22
A2250.161	Inclusion Aides Salaries	\$ 35,452.61	
A2250.161-1	Inclusion Aides Salaries-BAS		\$ 16,595.21
A2250.161-2	Inclusion Aides Salaries-RWC		\$ 18,857.40
	<b>Recoding for Building Spending</b>		
H0902.3	Dist Wide Handicap Upgrades Prop #VSSD	\$ 12,423.85	
H1904	2019-20 - District-Wide Flooring Replacement - H2M		\$ 4,000.00
H1903	2019-20 - Fire Sprinkler Upgrades - H2M		\$ 8,423.85
	<b>Completion of Projects</b>		
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 78,272.87</b>	<b>\$ 78,272.87</b>

**4. BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 24, that the *Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1)*, issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Article 57-A: (a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in *Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1)*, after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein; and, (b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.



Motion made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Maier to move item 5 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

**5. WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 currently has a vacancy due to the resignation of a trustee; and,

**WHEREAS**, Board Policy 9300 permits the Board of Education to fill a vacancy in the Board of Education up and until the next Annual Election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest to fill such vacancy in accordance with Board Policy 9300;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 appoints Markus Wilson to serve as Board of Education Trustee, effective immediately until and through the 2021 Annual Election in accordance with Board Policy 9300.

## **X. DISCUSSION**

Trustee LaRocco shared information from a workshop she attended recently by the New York State School Boards Association that discussed institutional racism and discussed the district starting a DEI committee.

## **XI. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

Dr. Sturz read and answered a question that was submitted from a Valley Stream School District 24 resident regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Vice-President Pellicane to enter back into Executive Session at 8:02 PM to discuss personnel and contractual obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to come out of Executive Session concluded at 8:15 PM. Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Vice-President Pellicane. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting at 8:15 PM was made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Maier. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jennifer Biscardi*

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District Clerk