

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM	VIRTUAL MEETING WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL NOVEMBER 18, 2020
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Members Present: Vice-President Pellicane, Trustees Hernandez, Herrera, LaRocco, Maier and Shipley.

Others Present: School District Attorney

Absent With Prior Notice: President Wheeler

The Business Meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by Vice-President Pellicane.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:50 PM was made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to discuss Personnel and Contractual obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made to Adjourn Executive Session at 7:29 PM by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee LaRocco. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the minutes of October 21, 2020, October 27, 2020 and November 4, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Correspondence Report from the District Clerk: No Report

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. Dr. Sturz gave an overview of some of the new initiatives through a partnership with Nassau BOCES and a large number of college teaching programs.

Dr. Sturz also addressed the Fiscal and State Aid cuts, and with the Budget process coming up it is a high concern of his. Dr. Sturz is looking at every aspect as we go through the process.

Dr. Sturz concluded that Valley Stream School District 24 continues to remain having a successful re-opening. 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. His priority is always and will remain safety first for all students and staff.

Vice-President Pellicane made recognition of Past Board Presidents: Armando Hernandez and Donna LaRocco.

I. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. PERSONNEL –MS. LISA PELLICANE

Motion made by Vice-President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Maier to move items A.1 – A.5 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following as per diem substitutes for 2020-2021 School Year:

Teacher:

Tenesha Johnson

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Sigma Shakeel, as School Monitor Part-Time, effective November 6, 2020.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Alida Pesola, as a permanent Substitute Teacher, effective November 19, 2020, for the 2020-2021 school year.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education appoint Marian Khachatorian, as a School Monitor Part-time, pending Civil Service clearance, effective November 23, 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, WHEREAS, Charles Brocher is currently employed by the District in the position of Supervisor of School Facilities and Operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education intends to abolish the Supervisor of School Facilities and Operations upon the permanent appointment of Charles Brocher to the newly created position of NYS Director of Facilities III.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby creates the position of NYS Director of Facilities III; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Charles Brocher, is hereby appointed to the position NYS Director of Facilities III effective November 19, 2020, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service, under Exam No.26-536, List established May 15, 2019. This will be a 26-week probationary appointment, said probation to expire on May 19, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Wage and Benefit Agreement between the Board of Education and Charles Brocher for the newly created position of NYS Director of Facilities III in the form attached hereto, which includes the same annual salary he received in the position of Supervisor of School Facilities and Operations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Wage and Benefit Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

B. EDUCATION – MRS. DONNA LAROCCO

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 10/14/2020, 10/21/2020 and 10/28/2020, 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 10/13/2020, 10/15/2020, 10/16/2020, 10/22/2020 and 10/26/2020, 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 September, 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. Maier, Mrs. Pellicane and Mr. Shipley.

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 there was a COVID-19 case in North School today.

B. LEGAL REPORT – Representative from the law firm, Ingerman Smith, LLP – No Report

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

D. POLICY COMMITTEE – MRS. DONNA LAROCCO

Motion made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to adopt and abolish the following Policies listed in D.1 - D.2. 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 0110 PROHIBITION AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT
Policy 1313 GIFTS

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education abolishes the following policies:

- Policy 4132 TRAINING OF CSE/CPSE AND SPECIAL EDUCATION PERSONNEL
- Policy 4144.2A VOLUNTEER LOG SHEET
- Policy 5124 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
- Policy 5125 CONFIDENTIALITY AND ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS, INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION SERVICES PROGRAMS AND SERVICE PLANS
- Policy 5131.2 STUDENT HARRASSMENT AND BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION
- Policy 6111 POLICY ON SCHOOL CALENDAR
- Policy 6173.2 HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee LaRocco to move items 1-3 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. 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 the Floral Park-Bellerose Union Free School District for health services for the 2019-2020 school year and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

2. 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:

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL			
DATE: November 18, 2020			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 25,000.00	
A2815.4	Health Services Expenses		\$ 25,000.00
	For Health Services		

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:

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL			
DATE: November 18, 2020			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A2250.160-2	CSE Classroom Aides-RWC	\$ 63,541.35	
A2250.161-2	Inclusion Aides Salaries-RWC		\$ 63,541.38
A2250.160-3	CSE Classroom Aides-WLB	\$ 111,333.01	
A2250.161-3	Inclusion Aides Salaries-WLB		\$ 111,333.01
A2110.121	Kindergarten Teachers Salaries	\$ 84,744.63	
A2250.16	CSE Office Salaries		\$ 84,744.63
	Correction of Recoding for Building Spending		
A2110.12	Teachers 1-6 Salaries	\$ 25,685.47	
A1620.16	Custodial Salaries		\$ 25,685.47
	Added Part-Time Custodial Staff for COVID-19 Cleaning		
A2110.12	Teachers 1-6 Salaries	\$ 5,625.00	
A1240.15	Central Admin Salary		\$ 5,625.00
	Vacation Day Pay-Out		
A9010.8	Employee Retirement	\$ 24,994.00	
A1310.49	BOCES Services		\$ 24,994.00
	Consulting for State Reporting		

X. DISCUSSION

XI. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Vice-President Pellicane and Dr. Sturz read and answered questions that were submitted from Valley Stream School District 24 residents regarding Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Education.

In addition, Trustee LaRocco shared information from a Work Shop she attended recently that discussed Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Education.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Shipley to adjourn the Business meeting at 8:05 P.M. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Biscardi

Jennifer Biscardi
District Clerk