

# MINUTES

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

---

**BUSINESS MEETING  
7:00 PM**

**WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL  
April 20, 2021**

---

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

Others Present: Superintendent Don Sturz, Assistant Superintendent Jack Mitchell, and School District Attorney, Carrie Anne Tondo

Absent With Prior Notice: None

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Wheeler.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:01 PM was made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, to discuss Personnel and Contractual obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made to adjourn Executive Session a 7:29 PM was made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Vice-President Pellicane. Motion unanimously carried.

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

## **II. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None.**

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome to Visitors: President Wheeler 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 Trustee Maier to approve the minutes of March 24, 2021, March 26, 2021 and April 7, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence Report from the District Clerk: Correspondence was received from Elizabeth Smyth indicating her resignation from the DEI Committee.

Superintendents Report: Welcomed all in attendance.

Dr. Sturz thanked everyone for taking part in the survey sent out to parents of students on full remote instruction regarding plans for the next school year. Dr. Sturz also shared that the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee would be sending surveys to parents, teachers and students in the coming weeks.

## **VII. 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.6 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

**1. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the permanent appointment of Charles Brocher, as a NYS Director of Facilities III, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Exam No. 26-536, effective May 20, 2021, at the expiration of his probationary appointment of May 19, 2021.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board abolishes the position of Supervisor of School Facilities and Operations effective May 20, 2021.

**2. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kenneth Martinez as a Custodian, effective May 3, 2021, in accordance with Nassau County Civil

Service Exam #7010D, established February 6, 2018. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the Valley Stream 24 School District and Local 74, United Service Workers Union. This appointment is for a 26-week probationary period, said probation set to expire on November 1, 2021.

**3. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Saba Khan as a School Monitor Part-time, effective April 21, 2021. Compensation for this appointment will be a Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

**4. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Ashley Greco as Elementary Classroom Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.

**5. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the termination of Anastasia King, a School Monitor Part-time, effective April 21, 2021.

**6. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the termination of Suzanne Sparacio, a Teacher Aide, effective April 23, 2021.

Motion made by Vice-President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Maier, to move items A. 7 as listed. Motion Carried by Vice-President Pellicane, Trustees Hernandez, Herrera, LaRocco, Maier and Wilson. President Wheeler recused herself from the vote.

**7. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following persons to serve as election inspectors for the Annual Budget Vote Meeting on May 18, 2021, compensation at the rate of \$160.00 for the day:

Brooklyn Avenue School

Janet Carter, Michael Cheverino and John Schraft

William L. Buck School

Marie Alcindor, Charles Beglan, Carol Buccino, Nadege de Tassegalles, Linda Greenfield, Candida Y. Molina, Carol Stein and Jacqueline Quallis

S. Corona Avenue Firehouse

Mary E Hansen Sterger

Robert W. Carbonaro School

Janie Carter, Deborah Khublall, Richard Murray, Norma E Singh, Maria F Gemma Sy, Devora Thomas, Colleen Pupke and Karen Pupke

Motion made by Vice-President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to move items A.8 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

**8. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following persons to serve as chief election inspectors for the Annual Budget Vote Meeting on May 18, 2021, compensation at the rate of \$185.00 for the day:

Barbara Carroll, Ronald Garofalo, Ramsey Jenkins and Peter Panzarino

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

Motion made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, 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 Pre-School Special Education previously approved by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education on 3/4/21, 3/10/21, 3/11/21, 3/17/21, 3/17/21, 3/19/21, 3/24/21, 3/24/21, 3/24/21 and 3/24/21, 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 3/1/21, 3/2/21, 3/5/21, 3/9/21, 3/11/21, 3/11/21, 3/12/21, 3/12/21, 3/12/21, 3/15/21, 3/15/21, 3/15/21, 3/17/21, 3/18/21, 3/18/21, 3/18/21, 3/18/21, 3/22/21, 3/22/21, 3/23/21, 3/23/21, 3/23/21, 3/23/21, 3/24/21, 3/25/21 and 3/25/21, 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 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 February, 2021.

## **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 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 Hernandez reported that there are no reports at this time.

**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 Maier, to move items D.1. – D.4 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

**1. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education reviews for a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the following Policies:

**POLICY 7600 - GENDER NEUTRAL BATHROOMS**

**2. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education reviews and adopts the following revised policies:

**POLICY 0100 - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

**POLICY 3100 - FISCAL CONTROLS**

**POLICY 3110 - ANNUAL BUDGET**

**POLICY 3120 - FISCAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING**

**POLICY 3260 - DISPOSAL OF BROKEN/SURPLUS/OBSOLETE DISTRICT PROPERTY**

**POLICY 3291 - FIXED ASSET ACCOUNTING**

**POLICY 3292 - FUND BALANCE AND RESERVE FUNDS**

**POLICY 3300 - PETTY CASH / PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS**

**POLICY 3301 - PURCHASING**

**POLICY 3400 - AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES**

**POLICY 3600 - PAYROLL PROCEDURES**

**POLICY 3700 - EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

**3. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education reviews and re-adopts the following existing policies:

**POLICY 3160 - BUDGET TRANSFERS**

**POLICY 3170 - ON-LINE BANKING SERVICES**

**POLICY 3290 - INVESTMENTS**

**POLICY 3325 - SCHOOL DISTRICT-ISSUED CREDIT CARDS**

**POLICY 3410 - CLAIMS AUDITOR**

**POLICY 3420 - INDEPENDENT / EXTERNAL AUDITS**

**POLICY 3450 - RETENTION OF DISTRICT OWNED RECORDS AND MATERIALS**

**POLICY 3500 - EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS**

**4. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education adopts the following policies:

**POLICY 0105 - DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY IN EDUCATION**

**POLICY 4700 - FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE**

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Trustee Herrera, seconded by Trustee Maier, to move items # 1 - # 6 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

**1. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Textbook Central for centralized textbook distribution services and textbook information and management services for the 2021-2022 school year at the rate set forth in the Agreement and further authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

**2. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Agreement between the District and the West Hempstead School District for student health and welfare services for 2020-2021;

**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.

**3. BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the disposal and sale of three Baldor-Reliance Super E Motors, three Ground Pumps, and three Allen Bradley Powerflex 700s from the Geothermal Shed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that funds received from professional auctioneer through the sale will be recorded in A2670 Sale of Property.

**4. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that 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: April 20, 2021</b>			
<b>CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
A1620.404	Contractual Staff Training	\$ 2,850.00	
A2020.401	Supervision-BAS	\$ 300.00	
A2020.451	Supervision-BAS	\$ 195.28	
A2070.41	Inservice Trng-BAS	\$ 500.00	
A2110.403-5	Physical Ed	\$ 150.00	
A2110.450-1	BAS-General Instr Supplies	\$ 5,920.83	
A2110.451-01	BAS-Kindergarten	\$ 500.00	
A2110.452-41	Reading Supplies-BAS	\$ 542.09	
A2110.452-51	Early Interv Supplies-BAS	\$ 1,000.00	
A2110.453-52	WLB-Physical Ed	\$ 1,086.28	
A2110.482-41	Reading/Support Textbooks BAS	\$ 2,284.38	
A2110.453-51	BAS-Physical Ed		\$ 15,308.84
	<b>BAS Gym Mats</b>		
A1621.456-5	Elec/Maintenance	\$ 3,393.20	
A1621.406-8	Heating/Cooling Expense		\$ 3,393.20
	<b>Honeywell Qlrly Invoice - Energy Performance</b>		
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 18,702.04</b>	<b>\$ 18,702.04</b>



**5. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that 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: April 20, 2021</b>				
<b>CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	
A1620.16	Custodial Salaries	\$ 5,780.00		
A1620.160-1	Custodial Salaries-BAS		\$ 280.00	
A1620.160-2	Custodial Salaries-RWC		\$ 5,500.00	
	<b>Recoding for Building Spending</b>			
A2110.12	Teachers 1-6 Salaries	\$ 44,000.00		
A2110.140-3	Sub Teachers Salaries-WLB		\$ 44,000.00	
	<b>To Cover Permanent Floater Subs</b>			
A2110.16	LCH/CRM/CPY Aides	\$ 106,378.96		
A2250.161-2	Inclusion Aides Salaries-RWC	\$ 13,014.24		
A2250.161	Inclusion Aides Salaries	\$ 37,606.80		
A2110.12	Teachers 1-6 Salaries	\$ 16,000.00		
A2110.160-1	LCH/CRM/CPY Aides-BAS		\$ 65,000.00	
A2110.160-2	LCH/CRM/CPY Aides-RWC		\$ 42,000.00	
A2110.160-3	LCH/CRM/CPY Aides-WLB		\$ 66,000.00	
	<b>Recoding for Building Spending</b>			
A2250.161	Inclusion Aides Salaries	\$ 31,000.00		
A2250.161-1	Inclusion Aides Salaries-BAS		\$ 31,000.00	
	<b>Recoding for Building Spending</b>			
A1620.406	Fuel/Oil	\$ 15,000.00		
A1620.406-1	Gas/Electric		\$ 15,000.00	
	<b>National Grid Invoices</b>			
A7310	Youth Program	\$ 11,756.00		
A1910.4	Unallocated Insurance		\$ 11,756.00	
	<b>Wright National Flood Insurance</b>			
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 280,536.00</b>	<b>\$ 280,536.00</b>	

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

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL			
DATE: April 20, 2021			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A1920.4	School Assoc Dues	\$ 3,542.00	
A2020.15	Building Principals Salaries	\$ 13,723.21	
A1060.4	Contractual Expense		\$ 17,265.21
	Herald Election Legal Ad and Poll Workers		
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 17,265.21</b>	<b>\$ 17,265.21</b>

## XI. DISCUSSION

## XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

## XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Hernandez and seconded by Trustee Maier to move into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel and contractual issues. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Hernandez to adjourn executive session at 8:23 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting at 8:24 PM was made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Markus. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jennifer Biscardi*

Jennifer Biscardi  
District Clerk