

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

VIRTUAL MEETING

BUSINESS MEETING
7:30 PM

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 24, 2021

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

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

Absent With Prior Notice: Trustee Herrera

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

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

Motion made to Adjourn Executive Session at 7:36 PM was made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Maier. Motion unanimously carried.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 7:38 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Wheeler.

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 Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to approve the minutes of January 27, 2021 and February 10, 2021. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence Report from the District Clerk: None

Superintendents Report: Welcomed all in attendance.

Dr. Sturz welcomed everyone back after the winter recess. All is going well, and teachers and students celebrated the 100th day of school today. Dr. Sturz was also happy to announce that the school has made it to the six-month mark of remaining open during the COVID-19 crisis. The district has done great things during this challenging time and we are proud of everyone's efforts that made this possible.

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. 7 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 Janice Crimi, as an Account Clerk, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Exam 8012D, effective March 1, 2021.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the following salary change, effective February 1, 2021:

Ariana Arnone - Step 1 MA+15

3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Christine Pagan, as a School Monitor Part-time, effective February 24, 2021.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Christine Pagan, as a Full Time Teacher Aide, effective February 25, 2021, 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).

5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board accepts the resignation of James Ruggiero, as Custodian, effective February 12, 2021.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board accepts the resignation of Jane Spezio, as Full-Time Teacher Aide, effective February 12, 2021.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board accepts the resignation of Melissa Infante, as a Full Time Teacher Aide, effective February 22, 2021.

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 1/6/21 and 1/27/21, 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 1/7/21, 1/7/21, 1/11/21, 1/11/21, 1/11/21, 1/11/21, 1/20/21, 1/21/21, 1/21/21, 1/21/21 and 1/28/21, 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 LaRocco, 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 December, 2020.

I. 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:

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| 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 next committee meeting is March 2, 2021.

B. LEGAL REPORT – Representative from the law firm, Ingerman Smith, LLP – No Legal 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 the following Policies listed in D.1. Motion unanimously carried.

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

POLICY 0130 – DISTRICT COMPLAINT PROCEDURES FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS

POLICY 1109 – SMOKING AND OTHER TOBACCO USE ON SCHOOL PREMISES

POLICY 6123 – EQUIVALENCE IN INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF AND MATERIALS

POLICY 6160 – ACADEMIC PROGRESS OF STUDENTS

POLICY 6190 – ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOLS (INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES)

POLICY 6200 – VIOLENT AND DISRUPTIVE INCIDENT REPORTING

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to move items 1 through 9 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 East Rockaway UFSD 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.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Agreement between the District and the Lawrence Public Schools for student health and welfare services for 2019-2020;

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 of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Agreement between the District and the Malverne UFSD 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.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Agreement between the District and the Rockville Centre UFSD 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.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Transportation Contract between the District and the Valley Stream CHSD for transportation services one-way from United Lubavitcher Yeshiva located at 570 Crown St., Brooklyn, New York to home for the period of November 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, at the rate of \$257.31 per pupil per month.

6. 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: February 24, 2021 | | | |
| CODE | DESCRIPTION | FROM | TO |
| A2630.16 | Computer Aide Salaries | \$ 49,500.00 | |
| A1680.490-1 | BOCES Data Warehousing | | \$ 49,500.00 |
| | Shift in the level of Data Warehousing from PY | | |
| | TOTALS | \$ 49,500.00 | \$ 49,500.00 |

7. 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: February 24, 2021 | | | |
| CODE | DESCRIPTION | FROM | TO |
| A2630.16 | Computer Aide Salaries | \$ 13,860.00 | |
| A9060.8 | Hospital & Medical Insurance | \$ 16,140.00 | |
| A1620.406-1 | Gas/Electric | | \$ 30,000.00 |
| | Pay Invoices for PSEGLI | | |
| | TOTALS | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 30,000.00 |

8. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 desires to embark upon a District-wide capital improvement project at the William L. Buck, Robert W. Carbonaro, and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools for a District-wide Exterior Door Replacements project at the existing facilities and

WHEREAS, said capital improvement project at the William L. Buck, Robert W. Carbonaro, and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility; and replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this part, are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (2)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement project and has determined that the capital improvement project for the District-wide Exterior Door Replacements project at the William L. Buck, Robert W. Carbonaro, and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5 (2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 hereby declares itself as lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 hereby declares that the District-wide Exterior Door Replacements project at the William L. Buck, Robert W. Carbonaro, and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed projects from the New York State Education Department.

9. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies an agreement with the VSTA dated, February 24, 2021, regarding a unit member's sick leave bank.

X. DISCUSSION

XI. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Dr. Sturz read and answered questions that were submitted from two Valley Stream School District 24 residents regarding curriculum and diversity, equity and inclusion.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting at 7:48 PM was made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Maier. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Biscardi

Jennifer Biscardi
District Clerk