

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
FOLLOWING REORG MEETING

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL
July 12, 2021

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

Others Present: Superintendent Don Sturz, Assistant Superintendent Jack Mitchell, School District Attorney, Joseph Lilly, New Coordinator of Pupil Service Dr. Robert Mueller, Director of Technology Mark Onorato, and The New Principal at William L. Buck School Johanne Gaddy.

Absent With Prior Notice: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Business Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Wheeler.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 4:30 PM was made by Maier seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to discuss Personnel and Contractual obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made to adjourn Executive Session at 5:59 PM was made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Hernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to adjourn the reorganization meeting was at 6:15 PM was made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Trustee Hernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

President Pellicane opened the Public Hearing on the Valley Stream School District 24 District-Wide Safety Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year at 6:15 PM.

This is a public hearing announcing a 30-day public comment period on the updated District Safety Plan, including Labor Law Section 27C (Pandemic Plan). The updated District Safety Plan may be accessed on the District Website at www.valleystreamschooldistrict24.org/school-safety-plan. Please submit all public comments to: Jack Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent for Business at jmitchell@vs24.org. The public comment period will remain open through July 18, 2021.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 6:15 PM, at the William L. Buck School by President Pellicane.

II. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Motion made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Maier to approve the Minutes of June 9, 2021, and June 15, 2021 (Special Meeting). Motion unanimously carried.

Welcome to Visitors: 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: None

Superintendents Report: Welcomed all in attendance.

Dr. Sturz opened up the meeting by welcoming some of our staff in attendance to tonight's meeting. Dr. Sturz discussed the Nassau BOCES Summer Learning program at the William L. Buck School that is up and running and going very well. We approximately have 130 students in the program.

President Pellicane asked if there are any questions or comments for the agenda.

VII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. PERSONNEL – MARKUS WILSON

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee LaRocco 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 appoints Samantha Ponzo, effective September 1, 2021, 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 31, 2025*. 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.2 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Brian Frey, effective September 1, 2021, as a Part-time (.5) Physical Education Teacher holding a Certificate for Physical Education. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 BA in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education.

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Vice-President Maier, to move item A.3 as listed. Motion Carried by President Pellicane, Vice-President Maier, Trustees Herrera, LaRocco, Wheeler and Wilson. Trustee Hernandez recused himself from the vote.

3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Wage and Benefits Agreements between the District and the following District Employees for the 2021-2022 school year: Brian Cleary, District Treasurer; Sandra Hernandez, Principal Account Clerk; and, Catherine Cancro, Senior Account Clerk, and herewith authorizes the Board President to execute the same on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to move item A. 4 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following to work as Summer School aides (security desk), retroactive July 6, 2021, at the appropriate rate of pay, as per the agreement between the Valley Stream School District 24 and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU):

Corliss Danas

Margaret Sommella

Marijo Sensale (Substitute)

B. EDUCATION – MELISSA HERRERA

Motion made by Trustee Herrera, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, 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 6/3/21, 6/7/21, 6/9/21, 6/9/21, 6/10/21, 6/10/21, 6/16/21, 6/17/21 and 7/9/21 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 2/25/21, 2/26/21, 2/26/21, 4/27/21, 5/6/21, 5/11/21, 5/11/21, 5/17/21, 5/18/21, 5/18/21, 5/18/21, 5/19/21, 5/25/21, 6/3/21, 6/3/21, 6/3/21, 6/3/21, 6/18/21, 6/18/21 and 6/23/21, 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 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 May 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 Mr. Wilson.

Vice-President Maier reported that the Central High School District Reorganization meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

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 - #14 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards the contract for the provision of Universal Pre-Kindergarten Services to Our Kids Place Country Day, Inc. for the

2021-2022 school year at the cost of \$5,400.00 per student in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Services RFP #21-04, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said contract between the District and Our Kids Place Country Day, Inc. on behalf of the Board of Education.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Addendum to the 2021-2022 Related Services Agreement between the District and New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc. for the provision of additional evaluation services as set forth in the Addendum and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Addendum to the 2021-2022 Related Services Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

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 Beyond Boundaries Therapeutic Services SLP, OT, PT, LMSW, Psychology, Audiology, PLLC d/b/a Kidz Educational Service 2021-2022 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 sets the Tax Levy for 2021-2022 school year at the amount of \$46,919,747. \$24,923,902. of this amount is levied upon the Valley Stream High School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution provided by the Nassau County Legislature and the Nassau County Department of Assessment in the form attached hereto is hereby adopted and made a part of this record.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into a Service Agreement with the The Omni Group ("OMNI") for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, at a fee not to exceed \$1,896.

6. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make the required transfers in the 2020-2021 Budget as indicated below:

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL				
DATE: June 30, 2021				
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO	
A1010.4	Board of Ed Expenses	\$ 1,887.44		
A1060.4	Contractual Expense		\$ 1,887.44	
	Nassau County Board of Election Expenses			
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 25,000.00		
A1620.407-5	Security		\$ 25,000.00	
	Wisdom Security			
A2110.12	Teachers 1-6 Salaries	\$ 16,705.67		
A1310.16	Business Office Salaries		\$ 3,106.71	
A1620.160-3	Custodial Salaries-WLB		\$ 13,598.96	
	Overtime and Additional Coverage			
A2250.161-1	Inclusion Aides Salaries-BAS	\$ 5,822.23		
A2250.161-3	Inclusion Aides Salaries-WLB		\$ 5,822.23	
A2110.140-1	Sub Teachers Salaries-BAS	\$ 4,482.50		
A2110.140-3	Sub Teachers Salaries-WLB		\$ 4,482.50	
A2110.129	Extra Duties/Services	\$ 351.14		
A2110.129-3	Extra Duties/Services-WLB		\$ 351.14	
A2110.123-3	After School Programs-WLB	\$ 341.61		
A2110.123	After School Programs		\$ 341.61	
A1620.161-2	Custodial Overtime-RWC	\$ 3,131.16		
A1620.161-1	Custodial Overtime-BAS		\$ 1,985.56	
A1620.161-3	Custodial Overtime-WLB		\$ 1,145.60	
A1620.16	Custodial Salaries	\$ 593.84		
A1620.160-2	Custodial Salaries-RWC		\$ 593.84	
	Recoding for Building Spending			
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 15,600.00		
A1420.400-2	Negotiations Attorney		\$ 15,600.00	
	Ingerman Smith LLP May/June Invoices			
A9050.8	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 14,062.50		
A9760.7	Interest on TAN		\$ 14,062.50	
	Payment of Interest on TAN for 2020-21 Taxes			
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$ 12,000.00		
A1320.4	Auditing Expense		\$ 12,000.00	
	Cerini			
A5581.49	BOCES/Transp. Expense	\$ 9,426.64		
A2110.495-5	BOCES-Arts in Education	\$ 3,418.98		
A2110.492-9	ESL		\$ 91.98	
A2250.490	BOCES Services		\$ 12,753.64	
	BOCES			
A2110.400-71	Copier Leases-BAS	\$ 1,090.43		
A2110.400-72	Copier Leases-WLB	\$ 1,660.96		
A2250.400-1	Copy Machine Lease Service		\$ 2,751.39	
	B/W and Color Extra Copies			
A2815.45	Health Service Supplies	\$ 436.63		
A2815.4	Health Service Expenses		\$ 436.63	
	Health Source - Sub Nurses			
	TOTALS	\$ 116,011.73	\$ 116,011.73	

7. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards the Emergency Transportation Contract for Summer 2021 for our McKinney Vento student from July 6th – July 30th to the below transportation provider as set forth in the following Schedule:

BUS COMPANY	SCHOOL	# OF STUDENTS	MONTHLY COST PPPM	MONTHLY COST PER VAN	MONTHLY MATRON COST	YEARLY COST
Independent Coach	William L. Buck	1	\$200.00 pppd x 19 days		0	\$3,800.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Emergency Summer 2021 transportation contract on behalf of the Board of Education.

8. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards the Emergency Transportation Contract for Summer 2021 for two of our special education students going to BOCES Jerusalem Avenue School from July 2, 2021 – August 13, 2021, to the below transportation provider as set forth in the following schedule:

BUS COMPANY	SCHOOL	# OF STUDENTS	MONTHLY COST PPPM	MONTHLY COST PER VAN	MONTHLY MATRON COST	SUMMER COST
Seth Transportation	Jerusalem Ave.	2		\$8,500 for the entire 30 days	\$3,000 for the entire 30 days	\$11,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Emergency Summer 2021 transportation contract on behalf of the Board of Education.

9. IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoints, McGivney, Kluger, Clark & Intoccia of 80 Broad Street, New York, New York,

10004 as special counsel to take any and all legal action necessary to defend any and all actions against the District that are presently pending or shall be filed on or before August 14, 2021 pursuant to the Child Victims Act. Special Counsel shall be compensated at the rate of \$200.00 per hour for partners, \$180.00 per hour for associates, and \$95.00 per hour for paralegals plus disbursements and reasonable expenses for work in connection with this appointment.

10. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 24, Location Code 72820, hereby establishes the following standard workdays for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Employee’s Retirement System based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number (last 4 digits)	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Record of Activities Result	Not submitted: (Check only if official did not submit Record of Activities)	Pay Frequency	Tier I
Jennifer Biscardi	---	-----	District Clerk	July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022	7.00	4.20	N/A	Bi-monthly	N/A
Brian Cleary	---	-----	District Treasurer	July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022	7.00	1.84	N/A	Bi-monthly	N/A

11. 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 LeiLyn Group, LLC to partner with the Diversity Committee of the Valley Stream School District 24. This agreement will be in effect for the 2021-2022 school year, at flat fee of \$15,000., and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education, pending final review of the contract.

12. 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 MaxScholar for a reading program for the 2021-2022 school year, not to exceed \$2,000, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education, pending final review of the agreement.

13. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the disposal and sale of two (2) floor scrubbers and accessories.

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

14. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the Board of Education to enter into an agreement with Nassau BOCES in the amount of \$33,000.00 for the purpose of contracting with ZE Creative for public relations consulting services, from July 12, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

XI. DISCUSSION

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting at 6:27 PM was made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Vice-President Maier. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Biscardi

Jennifer Biscardi
District Clerk