

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION
VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

VIRTUAL MEETING

BUSINESS MEETING
7:30 PM

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL
MAY 25, 2021

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

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

Absent With Prior Notice: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Business Meeting was called to order at 6:49 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Wheeler.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:49 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 a 7:37 PM was made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Vice-President Pellicane. Motion unanimously carried.

At 7:40 PM, President Wheeler opened the public hearing on *Policy 5131 Code of Character, Conduct and Support*.

President Wheeler asks if there are any questions or comments for the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

Dr. Sturz read and answered questions that were submitted by Valley Stream School District 24 residents regarding the Code of Character, Conduct and Support revisions.

Motion to close the public hearing at 7:44 PM was made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 7:44 PM, at the William L. Buck School by President Wheeler.

II. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Maier to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021, April 20, 2021 (Special Meeting), May 5, 2021 and May 18, 2021. 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.

Correspondence Report from the District Clerk: None

Superintendents Report: Welcomed all in attendance.

Dr. Sturz spoke about the ARP Act and CRRSA Act funding programs which provide state aid which will be utilized to enrich learning experiences for students and update technology connectivity. He addressed the potential state aid provided to school districts to pursue creation of Universal Pre-K indicating that since we do not have the space in our buildings for UPK we are looking into partnering with eligible community-based agencies to provide for the 48 students allotted. Dr. Sturz also spoke about the transition back to school in September and that we await guidance from the NYS Department of Education regarding those plans. Also addressed was the upcoming 6th grade graduations to be held outdoors at Memorial Junior High school. Finally, Dr. Sturz recognized and congratulated our new staff, our tenures and our retirees.

Dr. Sturz welcomed Susan Leggett virtually to honor our retirees Carol Cannonito, Rich Kerin and Jamie MacMillan.

Dr. Sturz then welcomed Dr. Comis to honor retiree Ana Restrepo and to also Announce the Friends of Bridge and Elks Contest winners.

In closing Dr. Sturz thanked the community for helping pass the school budget for the 2021-2022 School year.

VII. 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 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Motion made by Vice-President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Maier to move items A.2 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby creates the position of Coordinator of Pupil Services and, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Dr. Robert Mueller, as Coordinator of Pupil Services, effective July 1, 2021, pursuant to the terms of the Wage and Benefits Agreement between the Board of Education and Dr. Robert Mueller, which includes the compensation and probationary term of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025 as set forth therein and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion made by Vice-President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to move items A.3 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Mark Onorato, a Director of Instructional Technology and Data in this District, in compliance with the provisions of Education Law Section #3012 and Part 30-1 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, having been appointed to such position by resolution of this Board effective July 1, 2017, be appointed on tenure to the Director of Instructional Technology and Data, having shown that he holds a valid New York State Certificate as a School District Administrator/School District Leader, permitting his service as indicated in the public schools of the State of New York, and it further having been shown that his probationary service, which will expire on June 30, 2021 was competent, efficient and satisfactory, the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-four does hereby grant and appoint Mark Onorato to tenure, effective July 1, 2021, as a Director of Instructional Technology and Data.

Motion made by Vice-President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee LaRocco to move items 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 Joanna Gallo, a probationary Elementary Classroom Teacher in this District, in compliance with the provisions of Education Law Section #3012 and Part 30-1 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, having been appointed to such position by resolution of this Board effective August 31, 2017, be appointed on tenure to the Elementary Classroom Teacher(Childhood Education Grades 1-6), it having been shown that she holds a valid New York State Public School Teacher Certificate in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), permitting service as indicated in the public schools of the State of New York, and it further having been shown that her probationary service, which will expire on August 30, 2021 was competent, efficient and satisfactory, the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-four does hereby grant and appoint Joanna Gallo to tenure, effective August 31, 2021, as an Elementary Classroom Teacher in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).

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

5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Stephen McDonnell as School Monitor Part-time, effective May 26, 2021. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Education and the United Public Service Employee Union (UPSEU).

Motion made by Vice-President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Maier to move items A.6 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Marisa Silvio, as a Permanent Substitute, effective April 23, 2021.

Motion made by Vice-President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to move items A.7 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following to be added to the per diem substitute list for the 2020-2021 school year:

Teacher

Julie Healy

Teacher Aide Part Time Substitute:

Octavia James

Motion made by Vice-President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Maier 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 to be assigned as custodial summer helpers, effective June 14, 2021, at the appropriate rate/scale of pay according to the salary set by the Board of Education at the July 7, 2020 Reorganization meeting:

Dylan Kinzer

Motion made by Vice-President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to move items A.9 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

9. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following to be assigned as custodial summer helpers, pending fingerprint clearance, effective June 21, 2021, at the appropriate rate/scale of pay, according to the salary set by the Board of Education at the July 7, 2020 Reorganization meeting:

Jonathan Rodriguez
Kelly Straub
Danny Neri
Dylan Prashad
Kyle Hassig

Motion made by Vice-President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Maier to move items A.10 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

10. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following to be assigned as custodial summer helpers, effective July 1, 2021, at the appropriate rate/scale of pay, according to the salary set by the Board of Education at the July 7, 2020 Reorganization meeting:

John Mignot
Shaine Byfield

Motion made by Vice-President Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to move items A.11 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

11. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following persons to serve as election inspector for the Annual Budget Vote Meeting on May 18, 2021, retroactively as a replacement poll worker, compensation at the rate of \$160.00 for the day:

William L. Buck School

Benny Bejarano

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 4/8/21, 4/21/21, 4/21/21, 4/23/21, 4/28/21, 5/5/21, 5/5/21 and 5/12/21, 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 3/25/21, 4/6/21, 4/6/21, 4/7/21, 4/7/21, 4/8/21, 4/8/21, 4/8/21, 4/8/21, 4/9/21, 4/12/21, 4/12/21, 4/12/21, 4/12/21, 4/14/21, 4/14/21, 4/15/21, 4/15/21, 4/15/21, 4/15/21, 4/19/21, 4/19/21, 4/22/21, 4/23/21, 4/26/21, 4/26/21, 4/26/21, 4/27/21, 4/27/21, 4/27/21, 4/28/21, 4/29/21, 4/29/21, 4/29/21, 4/29/21, 4/29/21, 4/30/21, 4/30/21, 5/3/21, 5/3/21, 5/3/21, 5/6/21, 5/6/21, 5/6/21, 5/6/21, 5/10/21, 5/11/21, 5/11/21, 5/11/21, 5/11/21, 5/12/21, 5/12/21, 5/17/21, 5/17/21, 5/17/21 and 5/19/21, 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 March, 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.

Trustee Maier reported that the Registration meeting will be held through August 16 to August 30, 2021 and on August 31, to September 1st and 2nd, 2021. Next registration meeting will be held on November 22, 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, Ingerman Smith, LLP – No Report

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

D. POLICY COMMITTEE – MRS. DONNA LAROCCO – No Report

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY: None

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, 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 accepts the donation from Marc Levenson of a 7 Piece used ADAM Percussion drum set valued at \$249.99.

2. WHEREAS, Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association has submitted its proposed 2021-2022 Budget and proposed 2021-2022 Slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, for the approval of its member boards; the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to record the outcome of the votes and notify Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association of the results.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Proposed Budget for the 2021-2022 school year (as accepted by N-SSBA’s Executive Committee) be, and hereby is approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Proposed 2021-2022 Slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee (as presented by N-SSBA’s Nominating Committee) be, and hereby is approved.

3. WHEREAS, the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four (“District”) has engaged Premier Mechanical Services, Inc. (“PMS”) for general construction work at Geothermal Shed (Project # 280-224-020-013-002); and

WHEREAS, the District’s Engineer, P.W. Grosser Consulting, Inc., recommends modification to the existing contract for a change order in the amount of \$10,750.94 to be paid for with allowances included in PMS’s agreement for materials and labor required to be performed in addition to the work set forth in PMS’s agreement with the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts Change Order #1 (Contract #1) to the contract with PMS for work at Geothermal Shed (Project # 280-224-020-013-002), to be paid for with allowance money included in PMS’s agreement in the amount of \$10,750.94.

4. 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 work days 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	September 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021	7.00	4.20	N/A	Bi-monthly	N/A
Brian Cleary	---	-----	District Treasurer	July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021	7.00	1.84	N/A	Bi-monthly	N/A

Motion made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to move items #5 - #9 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

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:

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL			
DATE: May 25, 2021			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A1620.16	Custodial Salaries	\$ 1,164.40	
A1620.160-3	Custodial Salaries-WLB		\$ 1,164.40
	Recoding for Building Spending		
A2020.15	Building Principals Salaries	\$ 3,665.27	
A2010.49	BOCES Curriculum Development		\$ 3,665.27
	SS/ELA Online Curriculum		
A2330.49	BOCES Summer School	\$ 8,526.36	
A2110.495-5	BOCES-Arts in Educ		\$ 8,526.36
	To Cover Auto-Billing / to be refunded at Year End		
A2020.15	Building Principals Salaries	\$ 3,166.00	
A2610.49	BOCES - School Library/Audio Visual		\$ 3,166.00
	Additional Resources Needed		
A2020.15	Building Principals Salaries	\$ 4,900.00	
A2815.49	BOCES-Health Serv		\$ 4,900.00
	Increased Number of Students		
A1621.457-9	Painting	\$ 2,700.00	
A1620.457-2	Cleaning Supplies		\$ 2,700.00
	Cleaning Supplies Invoices		
	TOTALS	\$ 24,122.03	\$ 24,122.03

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: May 25, 2021				
CODE	DESCRIPTION		FROM	TO
A1670.401	Outside Printing Services	\$	621.00	
A1060.4	Contractual Expense			\$ 621.00
	Election Expenses			
	TOTALS	\$	621.00	\$ 621.00

7. 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: May 25, 2021				
CODE	DESCRIPTION		FROM	TO
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insurance	\$	44,270.00	
A1621.407-3	Sitework			\$ 44,270.00
	JC Broderick-District wide Asbestos/Lead Sampling			
	Pre-Construction Survey for Exterior Door Replacement			
	TOTALS	\$	44,270.00	\$ 44,270.00

8. 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: May 25, 2021				
CODE	DESCRIPTION		FROM	TO
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insurance	\$	8,550.00	
A2250.477	Special Ed-Tuition			\$ 8,550.00
	Andrus Orchard School Tuition - New Student			
	TOTALS	\$	8,550.00	\$ 8,550.00

9. 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 SEQRA 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 that itself 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.

XI. DISCUSSION

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Dr. Sturz read and answered questions that were submitted from a Valley Stream School District 24 resident regarding schools opening in September, recovery plans and school technology.

President Wheeler congratulated the new staff, our tenures, retirees and winners of our two contests.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Maier and seconded by Vice-President Pellicane 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 9:09 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting at 9:09 PM was made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Vice-President Pellicane. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Bisardi

Jennifer Biscardi
District Clerk