

**VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24  
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION and the  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**November 30, 2016**

The work session was called to order at the William L. Buck School by President Pellicane at 6:35 PM.

Members Present: President Pellicane, Vice President Maier, Trustees DePace, Hernandez, Iadevaio, LaRocco and Wheeler.

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Attorney Zuckerman, Attorney Gurcio, Attorney Raniere, Director of Finance and Operations Mr. Mitchell, and Director of Curriculum Dr. Conte.

Mr. Mitchell discussed Cold War Veterans's Exemption.

The Board then entered into Executive Session to discuss Labor Relations and APPR, at 7:00 PM on motion by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Vice President Maier, and unanimously carried.

President Pellicane, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 8:35 PM.

Members Present: President Pellicane, Vice President Maier, Trustees DePace, Hernandez, Iadevaio, LaRocco and Wheeler.

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Attorney Zuckerman, Director of Finance and Operations Mitchell, Director of Curriculum Dr. Conte, Director of Special Education Ms. Peterson.

President Pellicane welcomed visitors.

Motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2016 and November 2, 2016 by Trustee LaRocco seconded by Vice President Maier. Motion unanimously carried.

**Correspondence Report:**

District Clerk stated that a condolence card was sent out on behalf of Dr. Fale and the Board of Education to Constance Evelyn for the passing of her sister and a letter of resignation was received.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Edward Fale recognized of Diana Loveras a 10-year-old 5<sup>th</sup> grade student in District 24, for her bravery on the morning of November 14, when their house was on fire she woke her brother, sister, and mother and they were able to escape through a window and call 911.

Board President Pellicane read a beautiful testament regarding the bravery that Diana showed on the morning of November 14<sup>th</sup>.

State Senator Todd Kaminsky presented Diana with a citation award.

Assemblywoman Michaele C. Solages on behalf of Assembly District 22, presented Diana with a Good Samaritan of the Month.

State Assemblyman Brian Curran on behalf of Assembly District 21, presented Diana with a citation and stated he was proud to meet such a brave 10-year-old.

State Senator Todd Kaminsky, congratulated the Board and presented them with a State Senate Proclamation. He also stated that he loved getting to know each of District 24's schools.

Mark Onarato, Principal of William L. Buck along with teachers Carol Cannonito and Christine Iadevaio introduced the Student Council who presented the Board with a poster board.

Scott Comis, Principal of Brooklyn Avenue School along with Krista Kinirons and Karen Kane introduced the Student Council who presented the Board of Education with a poem and a Poster.

Rosario Iacono, Principal of Robert W. Carbonaro School along with Catherine Haufler introduced The Student Council who presented the Board of Education with a Poster.

Dr. Fale presented each Board member with a plaque for their dedication and service to Valley Stream District 24.

Art Awards were presented to students who participated in the NYS School Board Association Exhibit.

Vice President Maier read letter posted on the Town of Hempstead website.

Motion to move the entire agenda by consent (# 1-13) by Vice President Maier seconded by Trustee Iadevaio. Motion unanimously carried.

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of education accepts the resignation of **Jayme Jo Murphy**, as Part-time School monitor effective November 22, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Jayme Jo Murphy**, as a Fulltime Teacher Aide, effective retroactively November 23, 2016 at Step 4. Compensation will be in accordance with the agreement between the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) and the Valley Stream School District 24. Motion unanimously carried.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of education accepts the resignation of Cynthia Duran, as Part-time School monitor effective December 2, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Cynthia Duran-Jablonski**, as a Fulltime Teacher Aide, effective December 5, 2016 at Step 1. Compensation will be in accordance with the agreement between the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) and the Valley Stream School District 24. Motion unanimously carried.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of education accepts the resignation of **Carissa Cutrone** as Part-time School monitor effective November 30, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Carissa Cutrone**, as a Fulltime Teacher Aide, at Holy Name of Mary School, effective December 1, 2016 at Step 1. Compensation will be in accordance with the agreement between the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) and the Valley Stream School District 24. Motion unanimously carried.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of **Nancy Mammola**, a part time School Monitor in the District, effective close of business November 23, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby removes **Denise Anderson and Linda Biley** as the Student Council teacher liaisons at Brooklyn Avenue School and appoints **Krista Kinirons and Karen Kane** for the 2016-2017 school year at the appropriate Club Rate per the VSTA contract. Motion unanimously carried.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby removes **Paola Gilbert** as the Co-Book Club teacher liaison at Brooklyn Avenue School for the 2016-2017 school year at the appropriate Club Rate per the VSTA contract. Motion unanimously carried.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints the following teacher liaison for clubs/departments for the 2016-2017 school year at the appropriate Club rate per the VSTA contract as follows:  
**Nicholas Shmorhun – Music Coordinator Liaison – C Club Rate**  
Motion unanimously carried.
11. The Board of Education accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education, pertaining to students being considered for pre-school special education services and the Board approves and ratifies the Recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education presented for children #: 442301643, 442301929, 442301972, 442302072, 442302140, 442302222, and 442302224. Motion unanimously carried.

**12.**The Board of Education accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, pertaining to students being considered for special education services and the Board approves and ratifies the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education presented for children #: 442301616, 442302223, 442302214, 442302175, 442301680, 442300938, 442300841, and 442300949. Motion unanimously carried.

**13.**Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board shall accept the Treasurer's Report, Interest Report, Collateral Report, Claims Auditor's Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, and Trial Balance Report for September, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

### **VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Vice President Maier reported that on December 6 the High School Board will be having a Bond Vote, voting takes place in the elementary schools.

### **LEGAL REPORT**

Attorney Zuckerman presented spoke about the Green Acres PILOT Issue and the Cold War Veterans Tax Exempt. He also introduced a new partner to his firm Michael Ranieri.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

Trustee Wheeler read the report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

### **LEGISLATION REPORT**

No report

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Vice President Maier read the Report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

1. A motion was made by Trustee Iadevaio and seconded by Vice President Maier to The Board of Education of Valley Stream School District #24 hereby adopts the exemption provided for in RPTL Section 458-b in the amount of 10% of the assessed value, subject to the maximum exemption established by law.

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”) Section 45-8 authorizes school districts to grant a limited exemption from real property taxes for real property owned by Cold War Veterans (individuals who served on active duty to the United States Armed Forces during the period September 2, 21945 through December 26, 1991 and who were discharged or released under honorable circumstances) and to certain members of their families; and

WHEREAS, the District has the option of deciding whether to grant the Cold War Veterans’ Exemption for certain residential real property owned by a Cold War veteran and/or certain members of their families; and

WHEREAS, qualified residents’ real property may, among other things, be exempt from taxation to the extent of 10% of its assessed value, subject to the maximum exemption amounts established by the RPTL; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the District to offer this exemption to those Cold War veterans and their qualified family members who are not currently receiving either the Veterans’ Exemption or the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption: Motion unanimously carried.

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream School District 24 hereby approves an Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Plan pursuant to Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and authorizes execution by the Superintendent of Schools and the President of the Board of Education of any and all required APPR Plan documents and/or certifications for submission to the State Education Department. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Iadevaio seconded by Hernandez to continue into the Executive Session for the purpose of matters regarding collective bargaining for a particular person and APPR pertaining to VSTA unit.

Dr. Conte gave a presentation on the School Report Card.

Mr. Mitchell stated Comptrollers report nothing different than the draft.

**ADJOURN**

On the motion of Trustee Wheeler seconded by Trustee LaRocco and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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