

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
7:30 PM

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL
OCTOBER 21, 2020

Member Present: President Wheeler, Vice-President Pellicane, Trustees Herrera, Hernandez, LaRocco, Maier and Shipley.

Others Present: Principal of R.W. Carbonaro School, Mr. Iacono, Principal of Brooklyn Avenue School. Dr. Comis, Principal of William Buck School, Mrs. Leggett, Dr. Conte, Dr. Martin, Jack Mitchell, and School District Attorney.

Absent With Prior Notice: None

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 Hernandez, seconded by Vice-President Pellicane to discuss Personnel and Contractual obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made to adjourn Executive Session at 7:26 PM by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 7:31 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President Wheeler.

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to approve the minutes of September 23, 2020 and October 7, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Welcome to Vistors: 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: We received correspondence from a community member regarding the Diwali Holiday, dated October 15, 2020, which I forwarded to the Board.

Superintendents Report: Welcomed all in attendance.

Dr. Sturz welcomed and praised the faculty and administration for the very successful re-opening of VS 24. Phase 2 (K-3) is going very well. Everyone is following protocols. Phase 3 (4-6) kids are looking forward to returning to school 5 days a week. We are closely watching and monitoring that everything continues to go well. Dr. Sturz advised that he has been speaking with the Department of Health, and that Nassau County is doing well and our numbers are still low. We can thank our community and parents for doing their job in practicing social distancing and wearing masks. Dr. Sturz spoke about Team Wellness Activities keeping the focus going with daily lessons. He addressed the diversity and inclusion goals and cited the district's culturally responsive curriculum, Library inventory to assure culturally responsive materials, Professional Development, and partnering with Nassau BOCES and local colleges to diversify staff as we move forward.

Dr. Sturz addressed tonight's program and welcomed and introduced all our new teachers. He continued by recognizing the Board of Education for their continuous hard work on behalf of our students and their accomplishments for the prior year. Their continuous effort does not go unnoticed and we appreciate all their hard work.

Dr. Sturz welcomed all three Principals who shared videos of students celebrating Board of Education Recognition Week. He thanked the children and their teachers and all staff for what they do every day.

Dr. Sturz concluded that Valley Stream School District 24 has had a very successful re-opening and that his priority is always and will remain safety first for all his students and staff.

I. 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-A.5 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Nicole Shevak as a full time Teacher Aide effective, October 22, 2020, pending Civil Service Clearance. Compensation will be at Step 1 in accordance with the Agreement between the District and United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Naazir Noel as a School Monitor Part-Time effective October 22, 2020, pending Civil Service Clearance. Compensation will be at Step I in accordance with Agreement between the District and United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Jennifer Levitt as a Permanent Substitute, effective October 7, 2020.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Maleeha Asif, as School Monitor Part-Time, effective September 25, 2020.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following as per diem substitutes for 2020-2021 School Year:

Teacher:

Yvette Diaz-Scannapieco –

Teacher Aide Part-Time Substitute:

Ammara Haroon

B. EDUCATION – MRS. DONNA LA ROCCO

Motion made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Maier 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 9/10/2020, 9/15/2020, 9/16/2020 and 9/23/2020, 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 9/11/2020, 9/16/2020 and 10/5/2020, 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 August, 2020.

II. OTHER REPORTS – No Report

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. Maier, Mrs. Pellicane and Mr. Shipley.

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

Motion made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Maier 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 reviews and adopts the following Policies:

Policy 3450 RETENTION OF DISTRICT OWNED RECORDS AND MATERIALS

Policy 5130 ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS

Policy 5113 STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Policy 5144 STUDENT WELLNESS

Policy 6168 INFORMATION SECURITY BREACH AND NOTIFICATION

Policy 6169 STUDENT PRIVACY (Formerly Policy 5146)

Policy 8250 BOARD MEMBER, SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEE CODE OF ETHICS

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Shipley to move items 1-8 as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, The Board hereby appoints the firm Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP as bond counsel in connection with the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes for 2020-2021, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in a Letter of Engagement on file in the office of the District Clerk, and the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute such letter on behalf of the Board.

2. 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: October 21, 2020			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A1620.16	CUSTODIAL SALARIES	\$ 383,549.48	
A1621.161	MAINTENANCE OVERTIME SALARIES	\$ 9,997.11	
A1620.404	CONTRACTUAL STAFF TRAINING	\$ 2,150.00	
A1620.160-1	CUSTODIAL SALARIES-BAS		\$ 135,720.35
A1620.160-2	CUSTODIAL SALARIES-RWC		\$ 130,511.89
A1620.160-3	CUSTODIAL SALARIES-WLB		\$ 129,464.35
A1620.161	CUSTODIAL OVERTIME	\$ 47,613.10	
A1620.161-1	CUSTODIAL OVERTIME-BAS		\$ 15,000.00
A1620.161-2	CUSTODIAL OVERTIME-RWC		\$ 15,000.00
A1620.161-3	CUSTODIAL OVERTIME-WLB		\$ 17,613.10
A1620.162	SECURITY AIDE SALARY	\$ 70,491.68	
A1620-162-1	SECURITY AIDE SALARY-BAS		\$ 23,201.10
A1620-162-2	SECURITY AIDE SALARY-RWC		\$ 24,222.89
A1620-162-3	SECURITY AIDE SALARY-WLB		\$ 23,067.69
A2010.150	ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT	\$ 7,436.67	
A2010.15	CURRICULUM-PROFESSIONAL SALARIES		\$ 7,436.67
A2020.15	BUILDING PRINCIPALS SALARIES	\$ 480,373.67	

A2020.150-1	BUILDING PRINCIPALS SALARIES-BAS		\$	174,894.54
A2020.150-2	BUILDING PRINCIPALS SALARIES-RWC		\$	155,453.45
A2020.150-3	BUILDING PRINCIPALS SALARIES-WLB		\$	150,025.68
A2020.16	BUILDG OFFICE SALARIES	\$	131,959.00	
A2060.15	INSTRUCTIONAL SALARIE	\$	3,613.35	
A2020.160-1	BUILDG OFFICE SALARIES-BAS		\$	39,173.00
A2020.160-2	BUILDG OFFICE SALARIES-RWC		\$	54,011.85
A2020.160-3	BUILDG OFFICE SALARIES-WLB		\$	42,387.50
A2110.12	TEACHERS 1-6 SALARIES	\$	7,015,507.20	
A2110.120-1	TEACHERS 1-6 SALARIES-BAS		\$	2,094,531.60
A2110.120-2	TEACHERS 1-6 SALARIES-RWC		\$	2,839,487.60
A2110.120-3	TEACHERS 1-6 SALARIES-WLB		\$	2,081,488.00
A2110.121	KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS SALARIES	\$	579,490.00	
A2110.121-1	KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS SALARIES-BAS		\$	237,346.00
A2110.121-2	KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS SALARIES-RWC		\$	199,864.00
A2110.121-3	KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS SALARIES-WLB		\$	142,280.00
A2110.123	AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS	\$	36,000.00	
A2100.123-1	AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS-BAS		\$	12,000.00
A2100.123-2	AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS-RWC		\$	12,000.00
A2100.123-3	AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS-WLB		\$	12,000.00
A2110.124	SUPPORT SERVICES SALARIES	\$	883,339.00	
A2110.12	TEACHERS 1-6 SALARIES	\$	259,362.90	
A2110.124-1	SUPPORT SERVICES SALARIES-BAS		\$	400,392.00
A2110.124-2	SUPPORT SERVICES SALARIES-RWC		\$	354,798.90
A2110.124-3	SUPPORT SERVICES SALARIES-WLB		\$	387,511.00
A2110.129	EXTRA DUTIES/SERVICES	\$	75,000.00	
A2110.129-1	EXTRA DUTIES/SERVICES-BAS		\$	25,000.00
A2110.129-2	EXTRA DUTIES/SERVICES-RWC		\$	25,000.00
A2110.129-3	EXTRA DUTIES/SERVICES-WLB		\$	25,000.00
A2110.14	SUB TEACHERS SALARIES	\$	160,000.00	
A2110.140-1	SUB TEACHERS SALARIES-BAS		\$	45,000.00
A2110.140-2	SUB TEACHERS SALARIES-RWC		\$	50,000.00
A2110.140-3	SUB TEACHERS SALARIES-WLB		\$	65,000.00
A2110.16	LCH/CRM/CPY AIDES	\$	210,000.00	
A2110.160-1	LCH/CRM/CPY AIDES-BAS		\$	70,000.00
A2110.160-2	LCH/CRM/CPY AIDES-RWC		\$	70,000.00

A2110.160-3	LCH/CRM/CPY AIDES-WLB		\$	70,000.00
A2250.15	RR/SPEECH/CID SALARIES	\$	976,338.00	
A2250.151	INCLUSION TEACHERS SALARIES	\$	327,715.28	
A2250.150-1	RR/SPEECH/CID SALARIES-BAS		\$	227,081.00
A2250.150-2	RR/SPEECH/CID SALARIES-RWC		\$	551,060.64
A2250.150-3	RR/SPEECH/CID SALARIES-WLB		\$	525,911.64
A2250.151	INCLUSION TEACHERS SALARIES	\$	787,909.70	
A2250.151-1	INCLUSION TEACHERS SALARIES-BAS		\$	323,637.40
A2250.151-2	INCLUSION TEACHERS SALARIES-RWC		\$	464,272.30
A2250.16	CSE OFFICE SALARIES	\$	84,744.63	
A2110.12	TEACHERS 1-6 SALARIES	\$	97,896.80	
A2250.160-2	CSE CLASSROOM AIDES-RWC		\$	66,316.77
A2250.160-3	CSE CLASSROOM AIDES-WLB		\$	116,324.66
A2610.15	LIBRARY SALARIES	\$	269,766.00	
A2110.16	LCH/CRM/CPY AIDES	\$	1,818.00	
A2610.150-1	LIBRARY SALARIES-BAS		\$	74,578.00
A2610.150-2	LIBRARY SALARIES-RWC		\$	65,212.00
A2610.150-3	LIBRARY SALARIES-WLB		\$	131,794.00
A2110.16	LCH/CRM/CPY AIDES	\$	133,146.50	
A2630.12	COMPUTER SALARY		\$	133,146.50
A2815.16	SCHOOL NURSES SALARIES	\$	155,950.90	
A2815.160-1	SCHOOL NURSES SALARIES-BAS		\$	47,632.90
A2815.160-2	SCHOOL NURSES SALARIES-RWC		\$	60,379.00
A2815.160-3	SCHOOL NURSES SALARIES-WLB		\$	47,939.00
A2820.151-7	INSTRUCTIONAL SALARIES-PSYCHOLOGIST	\$	398,749.00	
A2820.151-71	INSTRUCTIONAL SALARIES-PSYCHOLOGIST-BAS		\$	110,257.00
A2820.151-72	INSTRUCTIONAL SALARIES-PSYCHOLOGIST-RWC		\$	109,257.00
A2820.151-73	INSTRUCTIONAL SALARIES-PSYCHOLOGIST-WLB		\$	179,235.00
A2825.15	SOCIAL WORKER SALARIES	\$	261,164.00	
A2825.150-1	SOCIAL WORKER SALARIES-BAS		\$	65,897.00
A2825.150-2	SOCIAL WORKER SALARIES-RWC		\$	129,370.00
A2825.150-3	SOCIAL WORKER SALARIES-WLB		\$	65,897.00

Recoding for Building Spending

TOTALS	\$	13,851,081.97	\$	13,851,081.97
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3. 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: October 21, 2020			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A2110.239	Instrumental Equip	\$ 5,000.00	
A2110.453-9	Instrument Supplies		\$ 5,000.00
	BAS Transfer for Music Department		
A9010.8	Employee Retirement	\$32,000.00	
A2250.477	Special Ed-Tuition		\$32,000.00
	Increase enrollment in Special Ed Programs		
	TOTALS	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00

4. 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 Presenter Rohan Murphy for the 2020-2021 school year and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies an agreement with the VSTA dated, October 21, 2020, regarding a unit member's sick leave bank.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the discarding of obsolete Scott Foresman Social Studies textbooks from 2003, 2004 and (Grade 5) from 2008.

7. 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 United Cerebral Palsy of Nassau County, Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

8. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2020-2021 School Year Budget and Election Calendar.

2020-2021 Goals:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts the Annual District Goals received from the Superintendent of Schools for 2020-2021 School Year:

Board of Education

Review implementation of school reopening plan and ongoing response to COVID-19.

Review learning opportunities for all students to increase growth and achievement through curriculum, technology use, and social emotional literacy.

Review building conditions and security measures for all three buildings.

Monitor the fiscal stability of the district.

Review diversity and inclusion initiatives within our district.

Superintendent

Oversee implementation of school reopening plan and calibrate ongoing response to COVID-19.

Oversee implementation of innovative learning experiences to further growth and achievement through curriculum, instructional strategies and use of technology.

Promote awareness of wellness amongst students, staff and parents.

Promote awareness of diversity and inclusion within our schools.

Oversee ongoing capital projects as indicated by the NYSED Building Condition Survey.

Oversee established security measures in consultation with the Nassau County Department of Homeland Security.

Maintain the fiscal stability of the district.

X. DISCUSSION –

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

President Wheeler welcomed comments from any visitors and asked if anyone in the audience, had any questions or comments relative to any items on the Agenda. The audience asked questions regarding diversity amongst district staff. The Superintendent responded with an overview of current efforts.

Motion made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee LaRocco to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual obligations.

Executive Session concluded at 10:58 PM. Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Shipley. Motion unanimously carried.

The Public Meeting reconvened immediately thereafter at 10:58 PM. wherein a Motion was made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Vice-President Pellicane to adjourn the Business Meeting at 10:58 PM. Motion unanimously carried.