

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
October 18, 2023

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL
6:45 PM

Members Present: President LaRocco, Vice-President Hernandez, Trustee Herrera, Trustee Maier, Trustee Nunez, Trustee Wheeler, and Trustee Wilson.

Others Present: Dr. Lisa Conte, Dr. Jack Mitchell, School District Attorney

Absent With Prior Notice: N/A

I. CALL TO ORDER

Having a quorum, the Business Meeting was called to order at 6:46 pm by President LaRocco at the William L. Buck School. Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. was made by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Wilson to discuss Personnel and Contractual Obligations. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 6:56 pm by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Wilson.

Motion to recess the Business Meeting at 6:56 pm by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Wilson.

The Business Meeting was reconvened at 7:27 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President LaRocco.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 20, 2023, September 28, 2023 and October 11, 2023. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

IV. **WELCOME TO VISITORS:** President LaRocco welcomed all in attendance to the Business Meeting and further specified conditions of public comments/ questions.

V. **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT** – A FOIL request was received on Friday, October 13, 2023. The request came from Demetria Marino, Communication Specialist. The request was for the most recent collective bargaining agreement with the principals.

VI. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DR. LISA CONTE**

Hispanic Heritage month was finalized. Superintendent Karakas read to the kindergarteners. He also attended a PTA meeting, which had a great turnout.

PRESENTATION:

Board Appreciation Presentation made by Student Council Students of each Building and a card from each was presented to the Board. The respective Principals, Mr. Iacono, Dr. Comis and Mrs. Gaddy announced the presenters. A video was then played. President LaRocco thanked all that participated.

VII. **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: Vice President Hernandez, Trustee Maier and Trustee Herrera.

The college application process is in full swing at the Central High School District with events planned to facilitate our families with the application process, financial aid, the benefits of free application week and more. If you have a child in the Central High School District and would like more information, please visit VSCHSD.org for more information.

This week, for the first time in South High School history, The Science Honor Society in collaboration with Amateur Radio on the International Space Station, NASA, and Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club. Twelve South High School students' winners of Ask an Astronaut a Question had the opportunity to pose their questions to Denmark's first astronaut, Andreas Mogensen. This was a live streamed conversation abroad the international space station currently orbiting Earth. A special thank you to District 24 for instilling an early love of the sciences in our students which only allowed their interest to grow and further develop.

Residency Hotlines:	
Valley Stream School District	516-872-5677
Village of Valley Stream	516-592-5140
Town of Hempstead	516-584-5000

B. LEGISLATION REPORT - TRUSTEE NUÑEZ

Valley Stream District 24 participated in the New York State School Board Association Annual Business Meeting on October 16, 2023. The results for all resolutions can be found on the NYSSBA website.

Additionally, the CEPT program has reduced the requirements for free lunch for all students across New York State. Valley Stream District 24 has submitted the necessary application, which is pending approval.

VIII LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:

Motion made by Vice President Hernandez to move the entire agenda by consent agenda. Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Vice President to move the agenda by consent. Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

A. PERSONNEL – VICE PRESIDENT HERNANDEZ

Vice President Hernandez 1st to move A1-A9 by consent, Trustee Wilson 2nd 7,0,0

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following additions to the per diem substitute list for the 2023-2024 School Year:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:

Breanna Pellicane

Kelly M. Ventimiglia

SUBSTITUTE PART TIME MONITORS:

Umer Kamran (pending Fingerprint and Civil Service clearance)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints the following teacher liaisons for clubs/departments for the 2023-2024 school year at the appropriate Club Rate per the VSTA contract as follows:

Teacher Liaisons for Departments:

ENL Kathleen Murray
Nurses Estelle Dempsey

Science:

WLB Christine Brenneis
RWC Shannon Quinn
BAS Kathleen Carter

William L. Buck School - Clubs:

Student Council Marissa Campo/Christine Iadevaio
Robotics Samantha Ponzio Byrams
Spanish Janet Marrero and Matt Roth
Math Club Ashleigh Jones-Harrison
Art Club Leighanne Jaronczyk
Chess Club Chris Chruma

Brooklyn Avenue School - Clubs:

Student Council Denise Andersen/Linda Biley
Robotics Cheryl Calamiong
Spanish Janet Marrero and Matt Roth
Art/STEAM Nicole Barci
Sports Ashley Goldman
Dance Cheryl Calamiong

Robert W. Carbonaro School - Clubs:

Student Council	Cathy Haufler/Pam Fowler
Robotics	Julia Sollin/Ariana Arnone
Spanish	Janet Marrero and Matt Roth
Fitness	Stephanie Shapiro/Tara Brady
Book Club	Chelsea Cittadino
Wellness	Julia Sollin

District: Instrumental Music:

Senior Orchestra Club - B Club	Gary Garzetta
Senior Band Club - B Club	Nick Shmorhun
District Instrumental Music- C Club	Nick Shmorhun

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board hereby appoints the following to teach the Learning Lab Program for ELA and/or MATH for the 2023-2024 school year. Compensation is in accordance with the appropriate hourly rate of pay as per the current Valley Stream Teachers' Association contract:

BROOKLYN AVENUE SCHOOL:

Kathy Carter
Anastasia Cutolo
Joanna Gallo
Kaitlyn Gillespie
Jennifer Joyce
Kara Kinkela
Vinny Milano

Samantha Ponzio Byrams

Carol Wright

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL:

Lisette Lucifero

Naomi Rashad

Joseph Schumpf

Kristen Seiger

Katarina Sloboda

Amy Tappeto

ROBERT W. CARBONARO SCHOOL:

Ariana Arnone

Chelsea Cittadino

James Fischman

Drew Jakubowski

Karina Lorenzo

Jennifer Mechetti

Jean Oestreich

Stephanie Shapiro

Julia Sollin

Vice President Hernandez 1st, Trustee Wilson 2nd. 7,0,0

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves an increase of \$0.50 per hour in the salary of the District Courier, retroactive to July 1, 2023. The hourly salary for 2023/2024 shall reflect \$17.50/hr.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Talia Willis as a Full Time Teacher Aide, effective October 19, 2023 (pending Fingerprint and Civil Service Clearance). Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Melanie Ingber, as a Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective October 19, 2023, for the 2023-2024 school year.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a leave of absence for medical reasons (pending documentation and review) for Keith Goldstein, RWC Early Intervention Teacher, effective September 5, 2023, but no later than November 28, 2023.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a leave of absence for maternity/childcare purposes (pending documentation and review) for Joanna Milanese, Districtwide Music Teacher, on or around January 2, 2024, until on or around March 1, 2024.

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Dr. Robert Mueller, Director of Pupil Services, effective November 12, 2023.

B. EDUCATION – TRUSTEE WILSON

Vice President Hernandez 1st to move B1-B2 by consent, Trustee Wilson 2nd. 7,0,0

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 09/18/2023, 10/04/2023, 09/13/2023, 09/21/2023, 10/04/2023, 10/04/2023, and 09/26/2023, 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 10/03/2023, 10/03/2023, 09/15/2023, 09/18/2023, 09/27/2023, 09/19/2023, 09/27/2023, 08/24/2023, and 08/30/2023, 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 – TRUSTEE MAIER

Vice President Hernandez 1st to move C1 by consent, Trustee Wilson 2nd. 7,0,0

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 31, 2023.

D. POLICY - TRUSTEE WHEELER

Vice President Hernandez 1st to move D1 by consent, Trustee Wilson 2nd. 7,0,0

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education reviews and adopts the following revised policy:

POLICY 3700 - EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY: N/A

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Vice President Hernandez 1st to move items X1 – X6 by consent, Trustee Wilson 2nd. 7,0,0

1. **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 Omni Group (“OMNI”) for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, at a fee not to exceed \$1,824.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Rohan Murphy (Consultant/Speaker) for the 2023-2024 school year, 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.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the Budget Calendar for the 2023-2024 School year.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards the transportation contract for the Old Mill Road School for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year to Cheese Bus, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby

authorizes the Board President to execute the 2023-2024 school year transportation contract as set forth below on behalf of the Board of Education:

Bus Company	School	# of Students	Monthly Cost PPPM	Monthly Matron Cost	Yearly Cost
Cheese Bus	Old Mill Road School	1	\$8,000 ppm	\$2,000 per month	\$90,000.00

5. **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the School District to dispose of such broken, surplus and/or obsolete equipment, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that such broken, surplus and/or obsolete equipment will be disposed of in a manner that services the best interest of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee is hereby authorized to proceed with the disposal of the following items:

00217	old macbook
00209	old macbook
00210	old macbook
00230	old Lab Cabby Cart

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves the charges for the following established Board Committees: Audit, DEI, Education, Finance, Legislation, Personnel and Policy.

XII AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XIII ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting at 7:43 p.m. by Vice President Hernandez and seconded by Trustee Maier. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennie L. Padilla
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District Clerk