

# AGENDA

## BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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BUSINESS MEETING  
October 18, 2023

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL

6:45 PM It is anticipated that the Board of Education will immediately consider a motion to enter executive session for purposes of discussing personnel and contract matters and reconvene the public portion of the Business Meeting at 7:30 PM.

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### **I. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM & CALL TO ORDER – PRESIDENT LAROCCO**

### **II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 20, 2023, September 28, 2023 and October 11, 2023.

**IV. WELCOME TO VISITORS:** At this time the Board of Education welcomes questions or comments relative to the items on tonight's agenda.

### **V. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT– MS. JENNIE PADILLA, DISTRICT CLERK**

### **VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MR. UNAL KARAKAS**

### **PRESENTATION:**

Board Appreciation Presentation (Student Council Students)

## **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.

#### **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**

## **VIII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

### **A. PERSONNEL – VICE PRESIDENT HERNANDEZ**

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 Chroma

**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

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**

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**

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**

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:**

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

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:

002176	old macbook
002099	old macbook
002103	old macbook
002302	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

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Budget Transfers for the 2023-2024 School Year:

