

BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 26, 2018

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by President LaRocco.

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

Members Absent with prior notice: None

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Vice President Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Maier to approve the minutes of August 23, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence Report

The District Clerk stated that the Board received four resumes for the District Clerk position.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sturz stated that we have implemented the Inspire Science program from K-6.

Dr. Sturz mentioned that Core BTS Reps were here this evening and they have agreed to give us a two year contract at the same rate as the one year contract. This was a suggestion from our last meeting and when presented to Core BTS they agreed.

Dr. Sturz said that in order for us to utilize text messaging instead of traditional automated phone call to inform parents about the important district notifications, such as school closings, we are requesting the parents to update their cell phone info in the Parent Portal.

Dr. Sturz presented to the Board the options for the 6th grade trip; a one night trip or a two night trip. The one night trip can be sustained within the budget, the two night trip was not a guarantee that it could be sustained. A consensus

was taken and the results were 5/3 for the one night trip. It was agreed that we would start with the one night but the goal was to increase to the two night.

The security initiatives were prioritized as requested from the last meeting and reviewed. Security agencies were discussed and it was decided to remain with our current plan in place.

The concept of single point of entry was discussed. The plans in place at each building will be reviewed again with Officer O'Neil from NCPD Homeland Security.

The car dealership was mentioned and Jack Mitchell will follow up with them to see if a vehicle is available.

Policy review with our present attorney can be done in less than two years.

President LaRocco presented John Maier with a plaque for his dedication as the Board of Education President for the 2017-2018 school year.

Dr Sturz welcomed and introduced the new staff members in the District.

The meeting broke for a short reception.

PERSONNEL

1. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Trustee Maier. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of **Samantha Ponzo** as a Certified Teaching Assistant effective retroactively to September 1, 2018. This will be a four-year probationary appointment, said probationary period to expire on August 31, 2022. Compensation for this appointment will be at the current rate of the Valley Stream Central High School District's Teaching Assistant Agreement, at Step 1. Motion unanimously carried.
2. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Trustee Maier. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the

Board of Education approves a request from **Jacqueline Roth** for unpaid leave effective October 1, 2018 until June 30, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Vice President Hernandez. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints **Ariana Arnone** as a leave replacement for Jacqueline Roth, at Step 1BA, effective October 1, 2018, until the return of Jacqueline Roth, but no later than June 30, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.
4. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Trustee DePace. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation letter of **Megan Cahill**, as a part-time school monitor in the District, effective August 30, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.
5. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Trustee Maier. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Megan Cahill** as a Full-time Teacher Aide, effective retroactively to September 4, 2018 at Step 2. 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.
6. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Vice President Hernandez. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation letter of **Irma Sandoval**, as a part-time school monitor in the District, effective August 30, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.
7. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Trustee DePace. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Irma Sandoval** as a Full-time Teacher Aide, effective retroactively to September 4, 2018 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.
8. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Trustee Maier. BE IT

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Maleeha Asif**, as a Part-time School Monitor, effective October 1, 2018 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.

9. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Vice President Hernandez. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following salary changes, effective retroactively to September 1, 2018:

Jessica Anastasio Step 3 MA+15
Motion unanimously carried.

10. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio. 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 2018-2019 School Year:

Teacher Subs

Anna Jean Amiel
Lawrence Brenner
Shirley Hanein
Mark Huestis
Romona Sharma
Tina Stanise
Yvette Scannapiego

Part-Time School Monitor

Bernadette Refuse
Motion unanimously carried.

EDUCATION

1. Motion made by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Wheeler. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, 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 child #:442302483; 442302489; 442302625; and 442302678. Motion unanimously carried.

2. Motion made by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Pellicane. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, 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 child #: 442302689; 442302702; 442302741; 442302681; 442302651; 442302679; 442302508; 442301970; 442302582; 442302611; 442300949; 442300968; 442300969; 442300997; 442301734; and 442301746. Motion unanimously carried.

FINANCE

1. Motion made by Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee DePace. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board shall accept the Treasurer's Report, Interest Report, Collateral Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance Report and Claims Auditor Report and Cash Flow Report for July, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

No Report

LEGAL REPORT

No Report

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

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

LEGISLATION REPORT

No Report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE

1. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Trustee Maier. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board presents Policy # 5148- School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast), for adoption to include the NYS requested revisions. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Vice President Hernandez. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts the Annual District Goals received from the Superintendent of Schools for the 2018-2019 school year.

Board of Education

- Review and enhance learning opportunities for all students to increase growth and achievement through curriculum, technology use and social-emotional literacy.
- Review and enhance security measures for all three buildings.
- Enhance the district's communication and social media presence through cohesive and consistent messaging using a variety of platforms.
- Monitor the fiscal stability of the district.

Superintendent

- Implement enhanced security measures across all three buildings.
- Implement innovative learning experiences to further growth and achievement for all students through curriculum, technology use and social emotional literacy.
- Foster a positive perception of the district through communication, maintaining a visible presence and expanded use of social media.
- Maintain ongoing communication with all members of the Board and keep all apprised of emergent situations.
- Maintain the fiscal stability of the district.

Motion unanimously carried.

2. Motion made by Trustee Pellicane, seconded by Trustee DePace. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the contract between the District and Variety Child Learning Center for two students for the 2018-2019 school year, at the tuition rate of \$7,484.00 per pupil per summer, \$45,405.00 per pupil per School Year and \$3,458.00 for 1:1 aide per pupil if indicated on IEP per summer and \$20,749.00 for 1:1 aide per school year. Rates are established provided in accordance with the New York State Education Department Rate Setting Unit. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Motion made by Vice President Hernandez, seconded by Trustee Wheeler. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the following:

- The allocation of funds to the Unassigned Fund Balance in an amount that is \$1,150,298, 4% of the 2018-19 Budget
- Allocate the balance of available funds \$50,000 to the EBLAR Reserve Fund
- Allocate the balance of available funds \$50,000 to the ERS Reserve Fund
- Allocate the balance of available funds \$621,993 to the Capital Reserve Fund

Motion unanimously carried.

4. Motion made by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Wheeler. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the disposal and sale of forty (40) plastic classroom chairs, two (2) double pedestal teacher desks, five (5) vertical filing cabinets, three (3) laminate library pod tables, ten (10) classroom activity tables, twelve (12) classroom desks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds received from professional auctioneer through the sale will be recorded in A2670 *Sale of Property*. Motion unanimously carried.

5. Motion made by Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Wheeler. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make all required transfers in the 2018-2019 Budget as indicated below:

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL				
DATE: September 26, 2018				
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM		TO
A2110.452-7	Health	\$	1,000.00	
A2110.452-8	Science Supplies - District	\$	3,600.00	
A2110.456	District Workbooks	\$	5,000.00	
A2110.48	Textbooks	\$	5,000.00	
A2110.484	Math Textbooks	\$	5,000.00	
A9060.8	Hospital and Medical Insurance	\$	10,000.00	
A9089.15	Accumulated Leave	\$	15,000.00	
A2110.402-8	Science			\$
	Transfer needed for Inspire Science Program for the 2018/19 School Year.			44,600.00
A9060.85	Dental Insurance	\$	35,000.00	
A9089.15	Accumulated Leave	\$	50,000.00	
A9060.8	Hospital and Medical Insurance	\$	100,000.00	
A2250.477	Special Ed Tuition			\$
	Transfer needed to complete Purchase orders for Tuition for Out of District Special Education Students for 2018/19 School Year.			185,000.00

Motion unanimously carried.

President LaRocco reminded visitors that there will be a Police Department School Safety Forum on October 11, 2018 at the Brooklyn Avenue Firehouse.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Maier and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lana Plinto

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