

**VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

September 7, 2016

President Pellicane Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

The meeting took place at the William L. Buck School.

President Pellicane called the Work Session meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

In attendance: President Pellicane, Vice President Maier, Trustees DePace, LaRocco, And Wheeler.

Absence with Prior Notice: Trustees Hernandez and Iadevaio

Others in Attendance: Superintendent Dr. Fale, Director of Finance and Operations, Mr. Jack Mitchell, Attorney Cohen, and Charles Brocher

Motion by Trustee Maier seconded by Trustee DePace to enter into Executive Session.

At 8:27 PM Attorney Cohen entered into Executive Session to debrief on Joint Boards.

Executive Session ended at 9:40 PM at which time Attorney Cohen left the meeting.

Facilities:

Charles Brocher gave an update on the summer projects. Charles stated that it was productive summer although they had to cut some corners because of lack of time to complete everything. He was short on help as he lost 2 full-time employees and only had 5 summer employees. It was stated that the salaries of summer help will be revisited.

They discussed making a resolution to close the gate at William L. Buck School as cars are parking in the lot overnight and it presents a problem when it snows. Charlie will determine the best way to do this and provide a cost.

Discussed Music program and Summer School being in the same building together presents

a problem for custodial cleaning in the summer, this will have to be revisited.

They discussed not having JCC Program at William L. Buck school next summer.

Brooklyn Avenue's oil tank alarm went off, got alarm to stop ringing. Our tanks are full and would be used for backup. Gym door at Brooklyn Avenue was repaired, took out 12 square feet of footing and put in Special flooring.

Most of the electric capabilities has been upgraded to allow for new copier machines only one machine left at Brooklyn Ave.

Mechanical vent is being installed at Robert W. Carbonaro, not a health concern all testing Has been done, the vent will circulate the air so that there is not a musty smell, the vent is expected in on September 25, as Charlie requested a special brand specifically so that parts will be available in the future.

Multiple doors have been refinished and many old televisions are being removed from classrooms.

Charlie is obtaining quotes for new playgrounds at each school so far the prices have ranged from \$68,000-111,000 to put a ½ inch recapping of the rubber mat in all three schools.

Opening Day:

Dr. Fale stated that opening day went well in all three schools.

Class Counts:

Dr. Fale stated that class counts look good. He explained that the re-registration process went well and that less than 50 families have not reregistered and that the secretaries in each building were following up. To date all that re-registered were fine. The students cannot be excluded due to not re-registering.

State Growth Scores:

Dr. Fale explained that the state released state growth scores for teachers and was unsure if Newsday was going to publish them. These scores are not valid because of opt outs, he will have a presentation prepared for further explanation but did not want anyone who saw them to use on evaluations.

Special Education:

Dr. Fale explained that we had two new registrations with severely disabled students they are working with Laura Peterson, Director of Special Education and the family to provide the least restrictive environment for the children.

Vice President Maier made a motion and Trustee LaRocco seconded upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves

**Christopher Kulda
Substitute Cleaner
Effective September 7, 2016**

Compensation will be in accordance with the agreement between the District and Local 74-United Service Workers Union (USWU). Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lana Plinto

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District Clerk