

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

WORK SESSION
7:30 PM

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL
March 11, 2020

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

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Pellicane to enter into executive session related to matters of personnel at 7:00 PM.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Shipley to adjourn executive session at 7:40 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

The work session was called to order at 7:44 PM, at the William L. Buck School, by Trustee Maier.

A. ACTION ITEMS:

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Pellicane to move the agenda as a consent agenda as listed. Motion unanimously carried.

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Jill Baldassari as a Teacher Aide, effective March 13, 2020.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jill Baldassari as a Part-time School Monitor, effective March 16, 2020. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 3 in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

3. Upon upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Samia Kamran as a Part-time School Monitor, effective March 15, 2020.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Samia Kamran as a Full Time Teacher Aide (1x1) , effective March 16, 2020. Compensation for this appointment will be at Step 2 in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Atifah Subzwari as a Part-time School Monitor, effective March 15, 2020.

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Atifah Subzwari as a Full Time Teacher Aide, effective March 16, 2020. 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).

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Elizabeth Smyth as a Part-time School Monitor, effective March 15, 2020.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Elizabeth Smyth, as a Full-time Teacher Aide (1x1), effective March 16, 2020. (pending Civil Service clearance) Compensation will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Saira Butt as a Part-time School Monitor, effective March 10, 2020.

10. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 (“Board of Education”) is proposing to convert the existing open-loop geothermal system to a closed-loop geothermal system at the William L. Buck Elementary School located at 75 Horton Avenue in the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream, Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action also includes the installation of a new boiler (for emergency back-up) either within the existing geothermal shed or within the school building (hereinafter, the “proposed action”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.4 and 6 NYCRR §617.5, the Board of Education reviewed the proposed action and has preliminarily determined that same is an Unlisted Action; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, coordinated review of an Unlisted Action is optional, and was not undertaken by the Board of Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, , that the Board of Education hereby designates itself as lead agency pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(4), with respect to the above-described proposed action.

11. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 (“Board of Education”) is proposing to convert the existing open-loop geothermal system to a closed-loop geothermal system at the William L. Buck Elementary School located at 75 Horton Avenue in the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream, Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action also includes the installation of a new boiler (for emergency back-up) either within the existing geothermal shed or within the school building (hereinafter, the “proposed action”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education declared itself lead agency for the proposed action, pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(4); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has caused to be prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) and consultations with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and has reviewed the aforesaid SEAF and agrees with the contents thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Education, as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, after review of the proposed action and 6 NYCRR Part 617, hereby determines that the above-described project is an Unlisted action; and

that, based upon the information contained in the SEAF, and other relevant information, the Board of Education, as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, and after due deliberation, review and analysis, hereby determines that the proposed action will not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment, and hereby adopts the annexed Negative Declaration.

12. WHEREAS, the District was advised by the Nassau County Department of Health that the geothermal exchanger effluent from the existing open-loop geothermal system at the William L. Buck Elementary School cannot be returned to the domestic water main at the William L. Buck Elementary School, as the return of heat exchanger water would present a threat to the public water distribution; and

WHEREAS, the District was further advised by its consultant, P.W. Grosser Consulting, that the existing open-loop geothermal system at the William L. Buck Elementary School requires modification to conform to local regulatory requirements; and

WHEREAS, an investigation of the existing open-loop geothermal system by the District's consultant, P.W. Grosser Consulting, reveals that the following immediate action is required: conversion of the existing open-loop geothermal system to a closed-loop geothermal system and the installation of a new boiler for emergency back-up at the William L. Buck Elementary School at an estimated cost of \$1,095,275.00, part of which may be potentially funded from a source that is indeterminable at this point;

WHEREAS, based upon information provided to the Board of Education by P.W. Grosser Consulting and District Administration, the Board of Education has determined that the conditions referenced in the communication from Nassau County Department of Health and subsequently investigated by P.W. Grosser Consulting require immediate action to preserve the integrity of the District's facilities, the health, safety and welfare of the students and staff in the building and public property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declares the conversion of the open-loop geothermal system to a closed-loop geothermal system and the installation of a new boiler for emergency back-up at the William L. Buck School to be an emergency; and

that the Board of Education authorizes the conversion of the open-loop geothermal system to a closed-loop geothermal system and the installation of a new boiler for emergency back-up at the William L. Buck School as an ordinary contingent expense;

that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, his designee and other authorized representatives of the District to take all necessary steps to undertake and perform the work related to the conversion of the open-loop geothermal system to a closed-loop geothermal system and installation of a new boiler for emergency back-up at the William L. Buck School, including the preparation of plans and submissions to the State Education Department and the Nassau County Department of Health; and

that the Board of Education understands that if cost allowances are available, it is anticipated that this work will be aided over fifteen years.

Motion made by Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Pellicane, to adjourn the Work Session at 9:02 P.M. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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