

# AGENDA

## BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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BUSINESS MEETING  
March 19, 2025

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 contractual matters and reconvene the public portion of the Business Meeting at 7:30.

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

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

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 26, 2025 and March 12, 2025

### **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 – DR. UNAL KARAKAS**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

All-County Music Awards

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

**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 HERRERA**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the permanent appointment of Megan Breen, as an Occupational Therapist, effective April 11, 2025 in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Exam 7288R, established December 21, 1988.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kenneth Martinez, as Assistant Head Custodian, effective March 31, 2025, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Promotional Exam 76-038 (S263), established October 2, 2024. The appointment is for a 60-day probationary period, said probation set to expire on May 30, 2025. Compensation is in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement with Local 74, United Service Workers Union.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of David Nolan, as a probationary Cleaner, effective on or around April 3, 2025, pending successful completion of the onboarding process. This appointment is for a 26-week probationary period. Compensation for this appointment will be at Schedule B, in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Education and Local 74 United Service Workers Union (USWU).

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Leonardo Cautin, as a Full-Time School Monitor (Cafeteria), effective March 20, 2025, pending civil service clearance, replacing Katherine Giannone. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Kathleen Neske, as a Full-Time School Monitor (Cafeteria), effective March 20, 2025, pending civil service clearance, replacing Fatiha Fathy. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 6 in accordance with the agreement between the District 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 Vanna Wong, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective March 20, 2025, pending civil service clearance, replacing Raymond Gillespie. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

7. **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 2024-2025 School Year:

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER**

Ana Salazar (effective March 20, 2025)  
Daniel Yellinek (effective March 20, 2025)

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE**

J'Niya Smith (pending civil service clearance)  
Ana Salazar (pending civil service clearance)

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following persons to serve as assistant election inspectors for the Annual Budget Vote Meeting on May 20, 2025, compensation at the rate of \$235 for the day:

**Brooklyn Avenue School**

Benny Bejarano  
Johana Murphy

**William L. Buck School**

Barbara Carroll  
Sandra A. Lattimore  
Candida Y. Molina

**S. Corona Avenue Firehouse**

Jeanne Ost

**Robert W. Carbonaro School**

Lisa G. Allen  
Nicole Bailey  
Danielle Camastro

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following persons to serve as chief election inspectors for the Annual Budget Vote Meeting on May 20, 2025, compensation at the rate of \$250 for the day:

Ronald J. Garofalo  
Stephen Haner  
Mary E. Hansen Sterger  
Ramsey Jenkins III

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a leave of absence for medical purposes (pending documentation and review) for James Fischman, Elementary Classroom Teacher, on or around March 10, 2025, until on or around April 21, 2025.

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an intermittent leave of absence for family medical reasons (pending documentation and review) for Nicole Shevak, Full-Time Aide, on or around March 14, 2025, until on or around June 27, 2025.

12. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Kathleen Calabrese, School Monitor Part-Time, effective close of business February 28, 2025.

13. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Kathleen Neske, School Monitor Part-Time (Cafeteria), effective close of business March 19, 2025.

14. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Kristen Nugent, School Monitor Part-Time, effective close of business March 28, 2025.

15. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the irrevocable letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement of Risa Miller, Challenge Teacher, dated February 24, 2025, with the resignation effective close of business June 30, 2025.

16. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the irrevocable letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement of Kelly Carr, AIS Math Support Teacher, dated March 14, 2025, with the resignation effective close of business June 30, 2025.

17. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the irrevocable letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement of Dr. Lisa Conte, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, dated March 12, 2025, with the resignation effective close of business June 30, 2025.

## **B. EDUCATION – TRUSTEE MAIER**

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 02/13/2025, 02/24/2025, 02/24/2025, 02/13/2025

and 02/26/2025 for the 2024/2025 School Year, 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 01/22/2025, 02/24/2025, 02/05/2025, 02/14/2025, 02/12/2025, 01/28/2025, 02/06/2025, 02/12/2025, 02/13/2025, 02/27/2025, 02/15/2025, 01/27/2025, 02/04/2025 and 02/07/2025 for the 2024/2025 School Year and 02/10/2025, 02/24/2025, 01/24/2025, 02/14/2025, 01/27/2025 and 02/13/2025 for the 2025/2026 School Year, 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 WILSON**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby accepts the Treasurer’s Report, Collateral Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance for January 2025 and the Claims Auditor’s Report for February 2025.

**D. POLICY - TRUSTEE WHEELER**

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

Policy 0115 – Dignity For All Students Act  
Policy 3700 – Expense Reimbursement  
Policy 6165 – Computer Resources and Data Management  
Policy 6166 – Computer, Network, and Internet Acceptable Use  
Policy 6167 – Internet Safety

**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 an agreement with US Medical Staffing LLC for healthcare services for the 2025-2026 school year and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Rockville Centre UFSD for student health and welfare services for the 2024-2025 school year and further authorizes the Board President, the Superintendent of Schools and the District Clerk to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Garden City UFSD for student health and welfare services for the 2024-2025 school year and further authorizes the Board President, the Superintendent of Schools and the District Clerk to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and North Merrick UFSD for student health and welfare services for the 2024-2025 school year and further authorizes the Board President, the Superintendent of Schools and the District Clerk to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD for student health and welfare services commencing March 20, 2025 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year and further authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the License and Operating Agreement between the District and SCOPE Education Services for the 2025-2026 Before and After School Child Care Program and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

7. **WHEREAS**, the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four received bids in response to bid specifications for Contract G1 - EPDM roofing replacement at William L. Buck Elementary School (SED No. 28-02-24-02-0-001-027) and for Contract G2 - EPDM roofing replacement at Robert W. Carbonaro Elementary School (SED No. 28-02-24-02-0-004-029); and

**WHEREAS**, the School District's Administration and H2M Architects reviewed the bids submitted in response to the Invitation to Bid; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon such review, the Superintendent recommends that, the Board of Education reject all bids and re-advertise for new bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has the discretion to reject all of the aforementioned bids received; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education rejects all bids submitted and received for the EPDM roofing replacement project and that the Board of Education directs District Administration to revise the bid specifications as is deemed necessary and to rebid and readvertise the EPDM roofing replacement project.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD No. 24 hereby nominates \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for Trustees of the Nassau BOCES Board.

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the United Public Service Employees Union, Aides and Monitors' Unit, and hereby authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to execute same.

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby adopts the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$41,242,480 to be presented to the qualified voters of the District at the Annual Meeting.

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD 24 hereby approves the Property Tax Report Card for the 2025-2026 school year and authorizes submission to the State Education Department and publication of the 2025-2026 Property Tax Report Card.



12. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the placement of the following voter propositions at the annual budget vote & election on May 20, 2025 and directs the District Clerk to place said propositions in the annual notice of said vote & election.

**Proposition No. 1**

SHALL the proposed budget of expenditures of Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York for the year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$41,242,480 and for the purposes shown in the statement thereof presented to the annual meeting, and that the sum be raised through a levy upon the taxable property in the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four, after first deducting the monies from state aid and other sources, as provided by law.

**Proposition No. 2**

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to appropriate and expend the maximum amount of \$850,000 from the 2018 and 2024 Capital Reserve Funds established for the purpose of completing capital improvements as follows: District wide door control access and alarms, District wide roofing replacement and repairs, and Three (3) classroom renovations District wide. All of the above to include labor, materials, equipment and incidental costs.

**Proposition No. 3**

SHALL the proposed budget of expenditures of Valley Stream Central High School District, Nassau County, New York for the year 2025-2026 be approved in the amount of \$166,848,681 and that the sum be raised through a levy upon the taxable property in the Valley Stream Central High School District, after first deducting the monies from state aid and other sources, as provided by law.

**Proposition No. 4**

SHALL the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four be authorized to appropriate and expend the maximum amount of \$4,500,000 as follows from fund balance for the purpose of completing capital improvements as follows: Restoration of Valley Stream South Streambank, Renovation of District Offices and Renovation of Classrooms. All of the above to include labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental costs.

**Proposition No. 5**

SHALL the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Central High School District be authorized to acquire by purchase that certain real property and improvements known as 10 Fifth Street, Valley Stream, New York, located in the Town of Hempstead, New York, Section 39 Block 27 Lot 4-7 & 418, at a cost not to exceed \$6,400,000, and said sum is hereby appropriated for out of the District's Capital Reserve Fund established on May 15, 2018 and unappropriated fund balance.

13. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Budget Transfers for the 2024-2025 School Year.

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## XI. DISCUSSION

## XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

### XIII. ADJOURNMENT