

AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
November 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.

I. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM & CALL TO ORDER – PRESIDENT HERRERA

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 22, 2025 and November 5, 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

- Innovation Report with Library Media Specialists and Student Representatives

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 Herrera, Vice President Wilson, 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 WILSON

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following staff to teach the Learning Lab Program for ELA and/or MATH for the 2025-2026 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:

Hannah Johnston
Brooke Martins
Anastasia Cutolo
Susan Blaes
Kaitlyn Gillespie
Jennifer Joyce
Kara Kinkela
Carol Wright
Jessica Witkiewicz (Substitute)
Vincent Milano (Substitute)

ROBERT W. CARBONARO SCHOOL:

Jennifer Mechetti
Chrissy Sciglibaglio
Paige Brickman
Chelsea Cittadino
Kayla Gonzalves
Matthew Roth

James Fischman
Shannon Weber

WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL:

Adianna Ulino
Donna Ruggiero
Joseph Schumpf
Grace Riordan
Kristen Seiger (Substitute)
Ashley Shapiro (Substitute)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves to appoint Jessica Witkiewicz, holding Certificates in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), as a Temporary Substitute which may turn into a Leave Replacement for Joanna Gallo, to be effective on or around November 26, 2025. The duration of this appointment will extend until the return of Joanna Gallo, but no later than June 26, 2026, or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education. Compensation will be at the daily substitute rate of pay until Mrs. Gallo has exhausted all her allowable time and then will be at Step 1 MA, consistent with the provisions outlined in the Valley Stream Teachers Association (VSTA) Contract.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an extension of the leave of absence for medical purposes for Jennifer Albahae, Special Education Teacher, through no later than January 5, 2026.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves to appoint Nisha Samuel, holding a Certificate in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), as a Temporary Substitute which may turn into a Leave Replacement for Jennifer Albahae, to be effective October 17, 2025. The duration of this appointment will extend until the return of Jennifer Albahae, but no later than June 26, 2026, or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education. Compensation will be at the daily substitute rate of pay until Mrs. Albahae has exhausted all her allowable time and then will be at Step 1 MA consistent with the provisions outlined in the Valley Stream Teachers Association (VSTA) Contract.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints the following additional teacher liaison for clubs/departments for the 2025-2026 school year at the appropriate Club Extra Pay Amount per the VSTA contract as follows:

District

Drama (B-Club) Joanna Walbrecht

B. EDUCATION – TRUSTEE NUÑEZ

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 the dates listed below, 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.

Dates:

10/16/2025

10/23/2025

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 the dates listed below, 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.

Dates:

10/16/25

10/17/25

10/21/25

10/22/25

10/23/25

10/27/25
10/30/25
11/05/25
11/13/25
11/13/25

C. FINANCE – TRUSTEE MATTHEW

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 September 2025 and the Claims Auditor’s Report for October 2025.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Budget Calendar for the 2025-2026 School year.

D. POLICY - TRUSTEE CLARK

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 Mill Neck Services for Americal Sign Language Interpretation 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 authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center, Inc., 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.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards the Emergency Transportation Contract beginning on October 23, 2025, through November 22, 2025, to Sunbright Transportation, LLC, and authorizes the Board of Education President and Superintendent of Schools to execute the contract, as set forth in the November 19, 2025, BOE Business Meeting Schedule below:

<u>Bus Company</u>	<u>School</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Sunbright Transportation LLC.	William L Buck	1	\$4,500.00

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards the Transportation Contract beginning on November 24, 2025, through June 30, 2026, to Stork Bussing, and authorizes the Board of Education President and Superintendent of Schools to execute the contract, as set forth in the Schedule below:

Anticipated VS24 Cost Schedule for STORK BUSSING SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 CONTRACT

<u>School</u>	<u>Vehicle Cost Per Month</u>	<u>Matron Cost Per Month</u>	<u>Monthly Cost</u>	<u>Yearly Cost</u>
William L Buck	\$8,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$11,800.00	\$82,600.00

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby enters into an agreement with a parent to transport one student to the Crescent School, from November 20, 2025 to June 25, 2026 at a reimbursement rate of \$0.70 per mile, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate the said agreement.

VS24 Anticipated Cost Schedule for Parent/Guardian Mileage Reimbursement CONTRACT

<u>Parent/Guardian</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>#of Students</u>	<u>Cost Per Day</u>	<u>Anticipated Yearly Cost</u>
Parent	Crescent School	1	\$.70 x 27.20 miles/day = \$19.04 per day	\$19.04 per day x 126 days= \$2,399.04

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education Trustees to attend the NSBA Advocacy Institute in Washington, DC held from February 1, 2026 through February 3, 2026, and hereby authorizes reimbursement for all expenses as authorized by District Policy 3700.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Budget Transfers for the 2025–2026 School Year.

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL			
DATE: November 19, 2025			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insurance	\$300,000.00	
A9060.85	Dental Insurance	\$42,000.00	
A5540.4	Transportation Expenses		\$342,000.00
	Increased Ridership & Costs		
A9010.8	Employee Retirement	\$12,120.00	
A2250.477	Special Ed Tuition		\$12,120.00
	East Rockaway Public Schools		
	TOTALS	\$ 354,120.00	\$ 354,120.00

XI. DISCUSSION

- Public Hearing of District Safety Plan

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT