

AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
September 25, 2024

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 HERNANDEZ

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 28, 2024, and September 4, 2024.

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:

New Staff Introductions

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 appointment of Megan Breen, as an Occupational Therapist, holding a Certificate from the New York State Education Department to practice as an Occupational Therapist, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Exam 7288CR, established December 21, 1988. This appointment will be effective September 26, 2024, pending civil service clearance. The appointment is for a 26-week probationary period, said probation set to expire on March 27, 2025. Compensation will be pursuant to the Wage & Benefits Agreement between the school district and Megan Breen, for the 2024-2025 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate same, subject to review by counsel.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Allison Maxon, effective September 26, 2024, as a Probationary Teaching Assistant holding Certificates in Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), and Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), for a 4-year probationary period. Their probation expiration will be September 25, 2028. Compensation will be at Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Central High School District and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association Teaching Assistants' Unit.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Brenda King as a Full-Time Teacher Aide, effective September 26, 2024. 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).

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Rachael Kolakowski-Aiello as a Full-Time Teacher Aide, effective September 30, 2024. 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).

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Gail Dookie as a Full-Time Teacher Aide, effective September 26, 2024, pending civil service clearance. 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).

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Justin Williams as a Full-Time Teacher Aide, effective September 26, 2024, pending civil service clearance. 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. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Alexis Barriera as a Full-Time Teacher Aide, effective September 26, 2024, pending fingerprint and civil service clearance. 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).

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Michael D. Winkowski as a Full-Time Teacher Aide, effective September 26, 2024, pending fingerprint and civil service clearance. 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).

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Adriana Pachas, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective September 26, 2024. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jessica Sanchez, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective September 26, 2024. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Ilonka Gonzalez De Nunez, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective September 26, 2024. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

12. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Deborah Zagorski, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective September 26, 2024. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

13. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Brandon Ocasio, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective September 26, 2024, pending fingerprint and civil service clearance. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

14. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Theresa Raimondo, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective September 26, 2024. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

15. **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 TEACHERS:

Isaiah Bellamy (pending fingerprint clearance)

Lisa-Marie Freire

Nathlye Naggie

Rori Nappi (pending fingerprint clearance)

Nana Nyarko

16. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following teacher mentors for the 2024-2025 School Year:

Teacher Mentors

Catherine Herr

Pamela Fowler

Matthew Roth

Marissa Campo

Kathleen Carter

Traci Ritterband

Samantha Joltin

Katilyn Gillespie

17. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a leave of absence for medical reasons (pending documentation and review) for Samia Kamran, Full-Time Aide, effective August 30, 2024, through no later than October 28, 2024.

18. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a leave of absence for maternity/childcare purposes (pending documentation and review) for Naomi Rashad, Elementary Classroom Teacher, on or around December 20, 2024, until on or around April 8, 2025.

19. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Karina Lorenzo, Probationary Teaching Assistant, effective September 3, 2024.

20. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Maria Kenigstein, School Monitor Part-Time, effective September 3, 2024.

21. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Kristen LaCroce-Sylvia, School Monitor Part-Time, effective August 30, 2024.

22. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Rachael Kolakowski-Aiello, School Monitor Part-Time, September 29, 2024.

23. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Dorann Mannion, School Monitor Part-Time, September 27, 2024.

24. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Gail Dookie, School Monitor Part-Time, September 25, 2024.

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 on 08/27/2024 and 9/09/2024, 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 08/13/2024, 09/03/2024, 09/04/2024, 06/05/2024, 06/18/2024, 04/18/2024, 08/30/2024, 05/24/2024, 04/17/2024, 06/06/2024, 09/09/2024,

08/30/2024, 06/05/2024, 06/21/2024, 05/21/2024 and 05/21/2024, 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, Claims Auditor’s Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance for July 2024.

D. POLICY - TRUSTEE WHEELER

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY:

X. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopts the Annual District Goals received from the Superintendent of Schools for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

District Goals for 2024-25, Aligned with Board Priorities

1. Utilize relevant and aligned professional development, teacher collaboration, and student assessment protocols to ensure instructional programs and practices align with Next Generation Learning Standards as well as 21st Century learning, with a focus on English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.
2. Sustain DEI efforts to maintain an educational system that ensures every student has equitable access to resources, support, and opportunities for success, fostering a culture of inclusivity, cultural awareness, and respect for all members of the school community.

3. Recruit, hire, and support highly qualified staff to meet the diverse needs of the student population, providing guidance and professional growth opportunities.
4. Maintain communication and collaboration between school buildings, central office, and the Board of Education to foster a cohesive and unified district.
5. Preserve the fiscal health of the district while effectively allocating resources to support latest educational initiatives.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Lawrence Public Schools for student health and welfare services for the 2024-2025 school year, and further authorizes the Board President 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 accepts the proposal and grants the contract from ZE Creative Communications to provide translation services to the District for newsletters and other publications in the 2024-2025 school year, and further authorizes the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents to effectuate same.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Symbal, Inc. for consultant services for physical therapy for the 2024-2025 school year, and further authorizes the Board President 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 authorizes the District to enter into an updated agreement with White Glove Community Care, Inc. for healthcare services for the 2024-2025 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 hereby approves the Stipulation of Settlement and General Release with the Parents of the Student named in Confidential Schedule "A" and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Stipulation of Settlement and General Release in relation thereto.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the use of the EBALR Reserve for the 2023-2024 accumulated sick leave payouts of \$31,261.93.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the transfer of funds, \$2,415 from the Unassigned Fund Balance of the Cafeteria Fund to C2860.2 to fund a new refrigerator for the William L Buck cafeteria.

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the placement of an amount up to \$1,752,549 of unassigned fund balance from the 2023/2024 budget into the Capital Reserve established on May 21, 2024.

10. **WHEREAS**, equipment has been determined to be broken, surplus and/or obsolete, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the School District to dispose of such broken, surplus and/or obsolete equipment, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that such broken, surplus and/or obsolete equipment will be disposed of in a manner that services the best interest of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee is hereby authorized to proceed with the disposal of the following items:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Make/Model/Serial</u>	<u>Machinery/Device</u>
1	RWC	Orbio OS3 ORB3002122	Multi- Surface Cleaning System
2	WLB	Orbio OS3 ORB3002185	Multi- Surface Cleaning System
3	BAS	Orbio OS3 ORB3002011	Multi- Surface Cleaning System
4	WLB	Delfield 6051-S/171666-T	Double Door Refrigerator

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Budget Transfers for the 2023-2024 School Year.

	BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL on 9/25/24			
	For June 30, 2024			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO	
A2250.477	Special Ed-Tuition	\$ 65,492.58		
A9901.95	Transfer to Special Aid		\$ 65,492.58	
	District Share of SSH and S4201 Tuition for the 2023-24 School Year			
	TOTALS	\$ 65,492.58	\$ 65,492.58	

12. **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.

	BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL ON 9/25/24	
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM TO
A2020.15	Building Principals Salaries	\$ 14,000.00
A2250.4	Special Ed Expenses Special Ed Consultant - Lisa Sells-Asch	\$ 14,000.00
A1621.407-3	Sitework	\$ 475.00
A1621.406-82	Heating Cooling Expense-RWC Speedy Appliance Service RWC Refrigerator Repair	\$ 475.00
A1621.407-3	Sitework	\$ 475.00
A1621.406-83	Heating Cooling Expense-WLB A&I Mechanical WLB AC Service	\$ 475.00
A1621.407-3	Site Work	\$ 9,718.89
A1621.457-02	Repairs General-RWC	\$ 4,490.00
A1621.457-03	Repairs General-WLB Window Repairs/Replacements at RWC/WLB	\$ 5,228.89
A2110.120-3	Teachers 1-6 Salaries-WLB	\$ 814,690.92
A2110.12	Teachers 1-6 Salaries	\$ 234,090.00
A2110.120-1	Teachers 1-6 Salaries-BAS	\$ 232,171.27
A2110.120-2	Teachers 1-6 Salaries-RWC	\$ 275,806.65
A2110.121-1	Kindergarten Salaries-BAS	\$ 1,711.00
A2110.121-2	Kindergarten Salaries-RWC	\$ 21,797.00
A2110.121-3	Kindergarten Salaries-WLB	\$ 49,115.00
A2250.151-2	Inclusion Teachers Salaries-RWC	\$ 624,462.20
A2110.124-2	Support Services Salaries-RWC	\$ 270,535.90
A2110.124-3	Support Services Salaries-WLB	\$ 225,043.00
A2250.151-1	Inclusion Teachers Salaries-BAS	\$ 128,883.30
A2250.150-3	RR/Speech/CID Salaries-WLB	\$ 50,960.58
A2250.161-2	Inclusion Aides Salaries-RWC	\$ 11,745.11
A2250.161-3	Inclusion Aides Salaries	\$ 39,215.47
A2250.150-2	RR/Speech/CID Salaries	\$ 54,393.25
A2610.150-2	Library Salaries-RWC	\$ 6,912.00
A2610.150-3	Library Salaries-WLB	\$ 2,105.00
A2630.12	Computer Salary	\$ 1,939.75
A2820.151-71	Instructional Salaries-Psychologist-BAS	\$ 41,016.50
A2825.150.2	Social Worker Salaries-RWC	\$ 2,420.00
	Teacher hires and repositioning	
	TOTALS	\$ 1,569,175.84 \$ 1,569,175.84

XI. DISCUSSION

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT