

AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
October 22, 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: August 27, 2025, September 17, 2025, and October 8, 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

- Board Appreciation
- Innovation in Motion: Grade 6 Student Leaders Shape Departmentalized Learning

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

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 Nisha Samuel, as a Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective October 23, 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Khushdeep Kaur, effective October 24, 2025, as a Probationary Teaching Assistant holding a certificate in Teaching Assistant, Level 1, for a 4-year probationary period. This probationary period expires on October 23, 2029. Compensation for this appointment 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 Cindy Salazar, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective October 23, 2025, pending Civil Service clearance and successful completion of the onboarding process. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District 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 Tuha Akther, as a School Monitor Part-Time,

effective October 23, 2025, pending Civil Service clearance and successful completion of the onboarding process. 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 Alisha Beera, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective October 23, 2025, pending Civil Service clearance and successful completion of the onboarding process. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 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 approves the following additions to the per diem substitute list for the 2025-2026 School Year:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:

Anthony Andux
Christopher Camacho
Kayla Camacho

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDES:

Lisa Nieves (Pending Civil Service Clearance)

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a leave of absence for medical purposes for Julia Sollin, Library Media Specialist, effective on or around December 2, 2025, until on or around February 2, 2026.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a leave of absence for medical purposes for Jennifer Albahae, Special Education Teacher, effective on or around October 17, 2025, until on or around December 1, 2025.

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a leave of absence for maternity leave for Joanna Gallo, Elementary Classroom Teacher, effective on or around November 26, 2025, until on or around February 23, 2026.

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby amends the probationary period of Marleen Cazales St. Jean, to end on August 28, 2028 based upon the teacher's demonstration that they received tenure in another school district within the state and received an annual professional performance review rating in their final year of service in such other district as required under Education Law 3012(1)(a).

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the permanent appointment of David Nolan, as a Cleaner, effective October 13, 2025.

12. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Denise Garcia, School Monitor Part-Time, effective October 14, 2025.

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

Teacher Liaisons

ENL	Kathleen Murray
Nurse	Estelle Dempsey
Science (WLB)	Christine Brenneis
Science (RWC)	Shannon Quinn
Science (BAS)	Kathleen Carter

William L. Buck School - Clubs

Student Council	Marissa Campo and Christine Iadevaio
Robotics	Samantha Ponzio Byrams
Art Club	Leighanne Jaronczyk
School News	Naomi Rashad and Grace Riordan

Brooklyn Avenue School - Clubs

Student Council	Samantha Ponzio Byrams and Jo-Anne Casucci
Robotics	Cheryl Calamiong
Art Club	Nicole Barci

Sports Club Ashely Goldman

Robert W. Carbonaro School - Clubs

Student Council	Cathy Haufler and Pamela Fowler
Robotics	Amanda Plutner
Book Club	Chelsea Cittadino
School News	Deborah Adler and Paige Brickman

District

Drama (B-Club)	Breana Martinez
Senior Orchestra Club (B-Club)	Gary Garzetta
Senior Band Club (B-Club)	Nicholas Shmorhun
District Instrumental Music (C-Club)	Nicholas Shmorhun

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: 09/09/2025, 09/12/2025, 09/17/2025, 10/07/2025

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: 09/11/2025, 09/26/2025

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 June 2025 and the Claims Auditor's Report for July 2025.

D. POLICY - TRUSTEE CLARK

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education reviews and adopts the following revised policies:
 - Policy 3290 Investments
 - Policy 3301 Purchasing
 - Policy 5113 Student Attendance

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY:

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Rohan Murphy (Consultant/Speaker) 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 on behalf of the Board of Education.

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 Dr. Caryl Oris for Special Education 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.

3. **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 Manhattan Psychology Group for Special Education 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

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

- William L. Buck Item: Newline TV: TT6618RS ID# 002389
- Brooklyn Avenue Item: Old Lab Cabby Cart ID# 002305

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education revises the Board of Education Mission, Vision, and Belief Statements for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Mission: The mission of Valley Stream School District 24 is to provide every child with an equitable, rigorous, and innovative education through a robust curriculum that supports academic excellence, critical thinking, and creativity. Drawing strength from our diverse community, we foster a learning environment where students are empowered with the knowledge, skills, and mindset to succeed in school and in life, and to meet the challenges of the 21st century with confidence and purpose.

Vision: To accomplish this goal, the Board of Education is committed to employ, train and support a staff that acts to achieve mastery and excellence in education. Our nurturing educational environment and the programs contained within, will allow students to achieve mastery in academics, develop resilience and independence, and engage as thoughtful, responsible members of society.

Belief: Student progress requires the district to be creative and maximize educational opportunities. Hence, we support excellence and innovative learning experiences in partnership with family and community.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards the Transportation Contracts beginning on October 6, 2025, through June 30, 2026, and authorizes the Board of Education President and Superintendent of Schools to execute the contracts, as set forth in the Schedule below:

VS24 COST SCHEDULE for SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 NEW BID CONTRACTS

BID DATE	BUS COMPANY	SCHOOL	# STUDENTS	COST/VAN/MONTH	COST/MATRON/MONTH	MONTHLY	YEARLY
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New Bid 9/17/2025	Sunbright Transportation	Rhame Elementary School	1	\$7,800.00	\$3,600.00	\$11,400.00	\$102,600.00
New Bid 9/17/2025	Stork Bussing	Developmental Disabilities Institute	1	\$8,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$11,800.00	\$106,200.00
					TOTAL	\$23,200.00	\$208,800.00

X. DISCUSSION

XI. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XII. ADJOURNMENT