

AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
June 11, 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 PM.

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

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 7, 2025, May 14, 2025 and May 20, 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:

Board Recognition

Recognition of Tenure

Recognition of Retirees

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 hereby grants tenure to Lisa Bernstein as a Reading Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Teacher, effective September 1, 2025.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants tenure to Cheryl Calamiong as a Library Media Specialist, effective September 1, 2025.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants tenure to Samantha Ponzo-Byrams as a Technology Teacher, effective September 1, 2025.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants tenure to Naomi Rashad as an elementary classroom teacher, effective September 25, 2025.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants tenure to Kristen Seiger as a Reading Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Teacher, effective September 1, 2025.
6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the assignment of Joseph Schumpf to serve as an Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Teacher, effective August 29, 2025, while

retaining and continuing to accrue tenure and seniority in the elementary classroom teacher tenure area, in accordance with the provisions of the current collective bargaining agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the permanent appointment of Melissa Lauradin, as a Permanent Full Time Account Clerk, subject to the rules of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission regarding permanent appointments. This permanent appointment will be effective June 12, 2025, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service List 40372024, established April 24, 2024.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the permanent appointment of Karolyn Currie, as a Permanent Full Time Account Clerk, subject to the rules of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission regarding permanent appointments. This permanent appointment will be effective June 12, 2025, in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service List 40372024 established April 24, 2024.

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Employment Agreement between the District and Megan Breen, Occupational Therapist, for the 2025-2026 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.

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Ashleigh Jones, Classroom Teacher, effective July 11, 2025.

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Stephanie Cantelmo, Classroom Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, the Board of Education approves the following, pending civil service and fingerprint clearance, to be assigned as custodial summer helpers for the 2025-2026 school year, at the appropriate rate/scale of pay according to salary set by Board of Education:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Joseph Casey	June 23, 2025
Michael Hernandez	June 23, 2025

Aaron Daniels	June 30, 2025
Nassir Emmanuel	June 30, 2025
Alemawi Assefa	June 30, 2025
Brady Delvalle	June 30, 2025
John Healy	June 30, 2025
Zachary Khandakar	June 30, 2025
Aaron Leal	June 30, 2025
Amani Ocasio	June 30, 2025
Alexander Rodriguez	June 30, 2025
Vincenzo Rubino	June 30, 2025
John Mignott	June 30, 2025

12. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, the Board of Education approves the following to work as a Teacher Aide/Door Monitor Summer Program (security desk) at the appropriate rate of pay, as per the agreement between the Valley Stream School District 24 and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU):

- Corliss Danas
- Margaret Sommella

13. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty- Four hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Association of Educational Office Personnel regarding a stipend for performing additional services to the Superintendent of Schools effective May 15, 2025 and authorizes the Superintendent to execute same.

14. **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

Steven Cohen

15. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves to appoint Grace Riordan, holding a Certificate in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), as Leave Replacement for Ariana Arnone, to be effective June 2, 2025. The duration of this appointment will extend until the return of Ariana Arnone, but no later than June 27, 2025. Compensation will be at Step 1 MA, consistent with the provisions outlined in the Valley Stream Teachers Association (VSTA) Contract.

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 5/21, 5/14, 3/26, 5/19, 5/19, 4/23 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 3/27, 5/6, 5/6, 5/5, 4/7, 5/12, 5/22, 4/7, 5/14, 5/20, 4/3, 4/24, 4/24, 5/1, 5/5, 4/30, 4/30, 3/13, 3/20, 4/28, 3/24, 3/10, 4/28, 5/1, 4/4, 3/25, 5/13, 5/13, 5/16, 4/28, 5/7, 5/20, 5/14, 5/13, 5/13, 5/12, 5/14, 5/20, 4/30, 5/21 for the 2024/2025 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, Claims Auditor's Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance for April 2025 and the Claims Auditor's Report for May 2025.

D. POLICY - TRUSTEE WHEELER

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education reviews and accepts the following policies for second reading and adoption:

Policy 6170 - Artificial Intelligence
Policy 6300 - Extreme Heat

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

Policy 1108 - Use of School Facilities
Policy 3290 - Investments
Policy 3301 - Purchasing
Policy 5131 - Code of Conduct
Policy 5140 - Student Health Services
Policy 5150 - School Safety Plans & Teams
Policy 5200 - Child Abuse outside the Educational Setting
Policy 5210 - Child Abuse in an Educational Setting
Policy 5405 - Allocation of Space for Special Education
Policy 5410 - Confidentiality and Access to IEP & IESP
Policy 5415 - Availability of Alternative Format for Students with Disabilities
Policy 5420 - District Wide & State Wide Students with Disabilities
Policy 5425 - Impartial Hearing Officers
Policy 5440 - School Wide Pre-referral approaches

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 approves the Agreement between the District and Manhasset UFSD for student health and welfare services for the 2024-2025

school year and further authorizes the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

2. **WHEREAS**, under the Town of Hempstead and Reworld have offered a \$500 Barnes and Noble Gift Certificate to recognize a 1st place winner from the Robert W. Carbonaro School in the 2025 Town of Hempstead Recycling Poster Contest, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby determines the donation will contribute to the achievement of the District's goals consistent with District policy 1313, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the donation in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for the Robert W. Carbonaro School and approves an increase in the 2024/2025 Budget in such amount.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the Agreements between the District and Successful Practices Network for consultant services for the 2025-2026 School Year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate same on behalf of the Board of Education.

4. **WHEREAS**, the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four received a bid in response to bid specifications for Contract E1 - AC Install & Electrical Upgrades at Brooklyn Avenue Elementary School (SED No. 28-02-24-02-0-002-030) and for Contract E2 - AC Install & Electrical Upgrades at Robert W. Carbonaro Elementary School (SED No. 28-02-24-02-0-004-031); and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has the discretion to reject all of the aforementioned bid(s) received; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education rejects the bid submitted and received for the AC Install & Electrical Upgrade project and that the Board of Education directs District Administration to revise the bid specifications as is deemed necessary and to rebid and readvertise.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards the Transportation Contracts beginning on July 1, 2025, through August 15, 2025, as set forth in the Schedule below:

BUS COMPANY	SCHOOL	# OF STUDENTS	SUMMER COST/PER PUPIL PER DAY	MATRON COST/DAY	TOTAL SUMMER COST
FIRST STUDENT	Hagedorn Little Village	0	\$273.21 + CPI	\$193.20 + CPI	\$1.00
	Variety Children's Learning Center	2	\$208.05 x 2 + CPI x 30 days	\$193.19 + CPI x 30 days	
	Cherry Lane School	0	\$156.20 + CPI	188.19 + CPI	\$1.00
	Clearstream Avenue School	0	\$234.3 + CPI	\$188.19 + CPI	\$1.00
	Martin Avenue School	0	\$150.55 + CPI	\$188.19 + CPI	\$1.00
	John H. West School	0	\$150.55 + CPI	\$188.19 + CPI	\$1.00
	Carle Place Middle School	1	\$175.00 + CPI x 28 days	\$200.00 + CPI x 28 days	
	Martin de Porres School	1	\$188.00 + CPI x 30 days	\$200.00 + CPI x 30 days	
INDEPENDENT	Waverly Park	0	\$207.80 + CPI	\$114.29 + CPI	\$1.00
	William L. Buck School	3	\$220.04 intital + \$220.04 add'l x 3 + CPI x 30 days	\$142.89 + CPI	
	Old Mill Elementary	0	\$177.00 + CPI	\$133.00 + CPI	\$1.00
	Shaw Avenue School	0	\$177.00 + CPI	\$133.00 + CPI	\$1.00
SUBURBAN BUS COMPANY	Children's Learning Center UCPA	1	\$259.48 + CPI x 30 days	\$182.90 + CPI x 30 days	
	Harold D. Fayette	4	\$380.00 intial + \$10.00 add'l x 3 + CPI x 28 days	\$169.00 x 28 days	

WE TRANSPORT	Henry Viscardi	0	\$258.25 + CPI	\$194.32 + CPI	\$1.00
	Mill Neck Manor for the Deaf	0	\$410.41 + CPI	\$207.80 + CPI	\$1.00
BOCES	SCHOOL	# OF STUDENTS	SUMMER COST FOR PROGRAM		TOTAL SUMMER COST
	Carmen Road School	3	\$3,379.00pm x 3 = \$10,137.00	\$6,781.00	\$16,918.00
	Children's Readiness Center	4	\$1,602.00pm x 4 = \$6,408.00	\$6,781.00	\$13,189.00
	Children's Readiness Center (ENDO)	1	\$1,602.00pm x 1 = \$1,602.00	\$6,781.00	\$8,383.00
	Jerusalem Avenue School	6	\$1,602.00pm x 6 = \$9,612.00	\$6,781.00 group matron + \$6,781.00 1:1 = \$13,562.00	\$23,174.00
	Willet Avenue School	3	\$1,602.00pm x 3 = \$4,806.00	\$6,781.00	\$11,587.00
				TOTAL BOCES	\$73,251.00
Parent Mileage Reimbursement Contracts	Children's Readiness Center	1	\$.70 x 42.1 miles/day = \$29.47/day x 30 days		\$884.10
	Children's Readiness Center (ENDO)	1	\$.70 x 40.4 miles/day = \$28.28 day x 30 days		\$848.40
	Children's Readiness Center (ENDO)	1	\$.70 x 40 miles/day = \$28/day x 30 days		\$840.00
				TOTAL PARENT MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,572.50

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards the transportation consultant contract in cooperation with the Nassau County Southwest Transportation Consortium, to JN Business Services, Pupil Transportation Consultant (Nancy Nunziata) for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$2,750.00.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education renews the contract for the provision of school food services to Whitson's Culinary Group at a price per meal of \$2.50 for Breakfast and \$3.83 per meal for Lunch for the 2025-2026 School Year, in accordance with the terms and conditions of Bid # FS-23/24-A-01.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the use of the EBALR 2024- 2025 accumulated sick leave payout in the estimated amount of \$170,813.

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the allocation of up to \$1,500,000 to the Capital Reserve for the 2024-2025 school year.

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the agreement between the District and Tiegerman School 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 same on behalf of the Board of Education.

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the agreement between the District and Zycron 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 same on behalf of the Board of Education.

12. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the agreement between the District and United Staffing Solutions for nursing services for the 2025-2026 School Year, and

further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate same on behalf of the Board of Education.

13. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the agreement between the District and Michele Tritschler 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 same on behalf of the Board of Education.

14. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Principals of Valley Stream School District Twenty-Four for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

15. **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		
	DATE: June 11, 2025		
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A5540.4	Transportation Expenses	\$27,860.00	
A5581.49	BOCES/Transp Expense June Invoice		\$27,860.00
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$156,500.00	
A2815.49	BOCES-Health Serv		\$148,000.00
A2815.4	Health Services Expenses UPK Nurse		\$8,500.00
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insur	\$53,025.00	
A1620.407-51	Security-BAS		\$17,675.00
A1620.407-52	Security-RWC		\$17,675.00
A1620.407-53	Security-WLB May/June Invoices		\$17,675.00
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insurance	\$75,000.00	
A1621.450-1	Materials & Supplies-BAS Vision 2030 - Workspace Interiors - BAS Classroom		\$75,000.00
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insurance	\$75,000.00	
A1621.450-2	Materials & Supplies-RWC Vision 2030 - Workspace Interiors - RWC Classroom		\$75,000.00
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insurance	\$75,000.00	
A1621.450-2	Materials & Supplies-WLB Vision 2030 - Workspace Interiors - WLB Classroom		\$75,000.00
	TOTALS	\$ 462,385.00	\$462,385.00

XI. DISCUSSION

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT