

AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BUSINESS MEETING
November 20, 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: October 16, 2024 and November 6, 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:

Student Art Presentation and Awards
Recognition of Tenure

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 approves Stephanie Shapiro, a probationary Elementary Classroom Teacher in this District, in compliance with the provisions of Education Law Section #3012 and Part 30-1 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, having been appointed to such position by resolution of this Board effective May 5, 2021, be granted tenure as an Elementary Classroom Teacher. It having been shown that Stephanie Shapiro holds a valid New York State Public School Teacher Certificate for Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), and permitting service as indicated in the public schools of the State of New York. It further having been shown that Stephanie Shapiro's probationary service was competent, efficient and satisfactory. The Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four does hereby grant tenure and appoint tenure to Stephanie Shapiro, retroactive to September 1, 2024, to the position of Elementary Classroom Teacher.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves to appoint Ronni A. Schweitzer, holding Certificates in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), as a Temporary Substitute which may turn into a Leave

Replacement for Naomi Rashad, to be effective on or around January 2, 2025 (pending document review). The duration of this appointment will extend until the return of Naomi Rashad, but no later than June 27, 2025, or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education. Compensation will be at the daily substitute rate of pay until Ms. Rashad has exhausted all of 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, that the Board of Education approves to appoint Grace Riordan, 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 Denise Andersen, to be effective on or around November 12, 2024. The duration of this appointment will extend until the return of Denise Andersen, but no later than June 27, 2025, or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education. Compensation will be at the daily substitute rate of pay until Ms. Andersen has exhausted all of her allowable time and then will be at Step 1 BA, consistent with the provisions outlined in the Valley Stream Teachers Association (VSTA) Contract.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves to appoint Risa Pekelis, holding a Certificate in Speech and Language Disabilities, as a Part-Time (.5) Leave Replacement for Michelle Schaake, to be effective on or around November 21, 2024 (pending document review). The duration of this appointment will extend until the return of Michelle Schaake, but no later than June 27, 2025, or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education. Compensation 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 approves the extension of appointment of Carolyn Currie, as a Provisional Full Time Account Clerk, subject to the rules of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission with regard to provisional appointments. This appointment will be effective November 29, 2024. The appointment is for a nine-month period, set to expire on August 29, 2025.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Marleen Cazales St. Jean, as a Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective November 21, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Raymond Gillespie, as a School Monitor Part-Time, effective November 21, 2024, pending civil service clearance, replacing Dorann Mannion. Compensation for this appointment will be Step 1 in accordance with the agreement between the District 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 Takaiyah Cooper as a Full-Time Teacher Aide, effective November 21, 2024, pending civil service clearance, replacing Brenda King. 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 Brianna Beauchine as a Full-Time Teacher Aide, effective November 21, 2024, pending document review and civil service clearance, replacing Michael Winkowski whose appointment was rescinded. 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).

10. **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

Ronni A. Schweitzer (pending document review)
Risa Pekelis (pending document review and fingerprint clearance)
Nicholas Rogan (pending document review fingerprint review)

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDES

Raymond Gillespie (pending civil service clearance)
Umer Kamran (pending civil service clearance)

11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints the following additional teacher liaison for

clubs for the 2024-2025 school year at the appropriate Club Extra Pay Amount per the VSTA contract as follows:

William L. Buck School - Clubs:

Robotics Julia Sollin

12. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following additional teachers to teach the Learning Lab Program for ELA and/or MATH for the 2024-2025 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

Dr. Carol Wright
Stephanie Cantelmo (Substitute)
Jessica Caracciola (Substitute)

13. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Wage Agreement between the District and Brian Cleary, District Treasurer, 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.

14. **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 Joanna Gallo, Elementary Classroom Teacher, on or around January 6, 2025, until on or around April 9, 2025.

15. **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 Denise Andersen, Elementary Classroom Teacher, on or around November 12, 2024, until on or around February 3, 2025.

16. **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 Therese Morrissey, Principal Typist Clerk, on or around November 14, 2024, until on or around December 16, 2025.

17. **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 Patricia Werner, Elementary Math AIS Teacher, on or around December 3, 2024, until on or around January 13, 2025.

18. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Adriana Pachas, School Monitor Part-Time, effective October 18, 2024.

19. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Alexis Barriera, Full-Time Teacher Aide, effective October 15, 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 10/29/2024, 10/11/2024, 10/28/2024, 10/23/2024 and 10/21/2024, 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 10/22/2024, 10/10/2024, 10/30/2024, 10/10/2024, 10/28/2024, 10/22/2024, 10/22/2024, 10/25/2024, 10/29/2024, 10/28/2024 and 10/01/2024, 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 September 2024.

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 4112 – Conditional Appointments of Staff
- Policy 4350 – Staff Complaints and Grievances
- Policy 5111 – Designated School of Attendance
- Policy 5112 – Student Dismissal Precautions/Early Release
- Policy 5147 – Notification of Release of Convicted Sex Offenders
- Policy 5300 – Field Trips and Excursions
- Policy 5430 – Public Reports on Revisions to District Policies
- Policy 5435 – Special Education Personnel
- Policy 6154 – Homework

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY:

X. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the Budget Calendar for the 2024-2025 School year.

2. **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 Successful Practices Network. for consultant 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.

3. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 plans to embark upon various capital improvement projects at the William L. Buck, Robert W. Carbonaro, and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools consisting of District-Wide Door Hold Opens & Fire Alarm Upgrades; and at the Robert W. Carbonaro and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools consisting of Air Conditioning & Electrical Upgrades; and

WHEREAS, said capital improvement projects at the William L. Buck, Robert W. Carbonaro, and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, routine activities such as maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility; and replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.5 of this part; and

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that said capital improvement projects for the District-Wide Door Hold Opens & Fire Alarm Upgrades at the William L. Buck, Robert W. Carbonaro, and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools; and Air Conditioning & Electrical Upgrades at the Robert W. Carbonaro and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools are classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5 (2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that the capital improvement projects for the District-Wide Door Hold Opens & Fire Alarm Upgrades at the William L. Buck, Robert W. Carbonaro, and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools; and Air Conditioning & Electrical Upgrades at the Robert W. Carbonaro and Brooklyn Avenue Elementary Schools are a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed projects from the New York State Education Department.

4. **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>Barcode</u>	<u>Description</u>
002299	Laptop Cart: Broken
002514	Laptop Cart: Broken
002492	Laptop Cart: Broken
002499	Laptop Cart: Broken
002027	Laptop Cart: Broken
002356	Laptop Cart: Broken
002354	Laptop Cart: Broken

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards a new Transportation Contract to WE Transport, Inc., for the school year 2024-2025, commencing on November 13, 2024, and ending on June 20, 2025, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent 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 enters into an agreement with a parent to transport one student to the Children's Readiness Center (ENDO location), from November 21, 2024 to June 27, 2025 at a reimbursement rate of \$0.67 per mile, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said agreement.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and J. Hope Consulting, LLC/Assessment of Learning and Behavior Disorders for consultant 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 on behalf of the Board of Education.

XI. DISCUSSION

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT