

VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION AND
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brooklyn Avenue School

March 30, 2016

8:30 PM

The Work Session Meeting was called to order by President Trogel at 7:30 PM. The Board began to review tonight's agenda.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez, that the Board adjourn to Executive Session, at 7:35 PM to discuss the employment history of particular individuals and to seek legal advice from the Board's attorney.

The Board returned to the regular work session at 8:16 PM.

Mr. Mitchell gave a budget update and piercing of the tax cap was discussed.

The work session was adjourned at 8:32 PM and the Board entered into the regular Board meeting.

President Trogel called the regular meeting to order at 8:37 PM. The meeting took place at the Brooklyn Avenue School on March 30, 2016 immediately following the Work Session meeting.

Members Present: Paul DePace, Armando Hernandez, Anthony Iadevaio, Donna LaRocco, John Maier, Lisa Pellicane and Lawrence Trogel.

Members Absent with Prior Notice: None

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Attorney Richard Zuckerman, Director of Curriculum Dr. Lisa Conte, Director Special Education Mrs. Vanessa Myers and Director of Finance and Operations Mr. Jack Mitchell.

President Trogel approved the minutes of February 24 and March 9, 2016.

President Trogel welcomed questions or comments relative to the items on tonight's agenda from visitors.

District Clerk reported that letters of retirement were received from a letter from a Teacher Aide requesting unpaid maternity leave.

Dr. Fale welcomed the audience and thanked Dr. Comis for hosting this meeting at the Brooklyn Avenue School.

He discussed lead in drinking water and advised the audience that we do not believe we have any problems with lead in our water since previous tests have all come out negative, we will be doing water testing within the next 2 weeks to make sure that our children and adults are safe.

Dr. Fale advised the audience that we would present the budget at the April 6th work session and the Board will adopt the budget at that time.

Motion: Lisa Pellicance, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, that, WHEREAS, Vanessa Myers, a Director of Special Education of this District, has submitted her written letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective close of business July 15, 2016.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the irrevocable letter of resignation for retirement purposes of Vanessa Myers, effective close of business July 15, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent of Schools is directed to calculate the number of days to Vanessa Myer's eligibility for a leave of absence with pay prior to retirement, at the appropriate time, pursuant to Section 5.5 of the Agreement with the Principals and Vanessa Myers' Agreement and that the lump sum payment thereof to Vanessa Myers is hereby authorized. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Paul DePace, that, WHEREAS, Lena LaFleur, a teacher of this District, has submitted her irrevocable written letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective close of business on June 23, 2016.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts her letter of resignation for retirement purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent of Schools is directed to calculate the number of days to Lena LaFleur's eligibility for a leave of absence with pay prior to retirement, at the appropriate time, pursuant to Section 5.9 of the agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education and that the lump sum payment thereof to Lena LaFleur shall be in accordance with Section 5.9.5 of the agreement is hereby authorized. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Paul DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a request from Nicole Foster for unpaid childcare leave for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by John Maier, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following as a substitute teacher for the 2015-2016 school year, effective March 31, 2016: Richard Pittelli. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by John Maier, the Board of Education accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education, pertaining to students being considered for pre-school special education services and the Board approves and ratifies the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education presented for child #: 442301723, 442301929, 442301933, 442301920, 442301901, 442301643, 442301655, 442301734, 442301768, 442301790, and 442301894. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by Paul DePace, the Board of Education accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, pertaining to students being considered for special education services and the Board approves and ratifies the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education presented for child #: 442301896, 442300485, 442301921, 442300151, 442301585, 442300290, 442300396, 442301921, 442301924, 442301613, 442300151, 442300478, 442300509, 442300436, 442300493, 442301041, 442300901, 442301036, 442300315, 442301378, 442300701, 442301937, 442300030, 442301896, 442301273, 442301322, 442300290, 442300846, 442300613, 442300901, 432100020, 432000070, 42300024, 42300275, 442301249, 442300613, 442301000, 442300369, 442300862, 432200020, and 442301827. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board shall accept the Treasurer's Report, Interest Report, Collateral Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance Report and Claims Auditor's Report for January, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT - There are three delegates from Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four on the Central High School Board of Education, Mr. Iadevaio, Mrs. Pellicane and Mr. Trogel. Lisa Pellicane said that at the last meeting music awards were given out and the High School Budget was approved and was tax compliant.

LEGAL REPORT – Attorney Richard Zuckerman from the law firm, Lamb & Barnosky, LLP discussed the lawsuit regarding the LIPA Pilot and the money that is due the district. He advised that in February the judge ordered LIPA to pay money to Nassau County to distribute to the school districts. As of this date nothing has been paid out and on April 13th there will be another court appearance. The Judge asked LIPA and the County to settle this matter. The Judge's order only pertains to the 2015-2016 school year. There will be another lawsuit for the 2016-2017 school year and future years.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – A copy of this report is affixed to these minutes.

LEGISLATION REPORT – A copy of this report is affixed to these minutes.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – A copy of this report is affixed to these minutes

POLICY COMMITTEE - Mr. Iadevaio advised that the Policy Committee met this evening and there are 6 policies that will be sent to the entire Board for review for first reading or adopting at a future meeting.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Donna LaRocco, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following policies:

Policy # 1330 – Community Use of School Facilities and Equipment

Policy # 5144 – Wellness Policies on Physical Activity and Nutrition

Policy # 9241 – Job Description – District Clerk

Motion unanimously carried.

Donna LaRocco introduced Dr. Scott Comis who announced that the Health and Wellness Committee which is comprised of all four school districts and works to better educate children with social media use, will be holding a meeting on May 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Central High School Auditorium. Police Officer Galvin from the Nassau County Police Department will be doing a presentation.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by Paul DePace that,, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves a contract for Health Services with the North Merrick Union Free School District for one student attending non public schools (Progressive School) for the 2015-2016 school year at the total cost of \$ 1,229.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by Armando Hernandez,that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves a contract for Health Services with the Garden City Public Schools for three students attending non public schools (St. Anne's School) for the 2015-2016 school year at the cost of \$896.72 per pupil, for a total cost of \$2,690.16. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by John Maier, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Change Orders from H2M Architects for SED No. 28-02-24-02-0-002-018, Contract E - Site Work and Electrical Service Upgrade at the Brooklyn Avenue School in the amount of \$515.21, bringing the total amount to \$143,815.21. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Paul DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendation from H2M Architects for the award of bid for SED No. 28-02-24-02-0-002-019 , for Contract H for HVAC Upgrades at the Brooklyn Avenue School, to Inshallah Mechanical Group, Melville, New York for the Base Bid amount of \$209,302. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by John Maier, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendation from H2M Architects for the award of bid for SED No. 28-02-24-02-0-004-020 , for Contract H for HVAC Work/Mechanical Upgrades at the Robert W. Carbonaro School, to Premier Mechanical Services, Inc., Bohemia, New York, for the Base Bid amount of \$327,000 and H1 for \$37,000, and H2 for \$50,700 with a total bid of \$414,700. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendation from H2M Architects for the award of bid for SED No. 28-02-24-02-0-004-020 , for Contract G for General Construction Work/Mechanical Upgrades at the Robert W. Carbonaro School, to Valco, Inc., East Williston, New York, for the Total Bid amount of \$210,900 which includes alternates G1 and G2. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by Paul DePace, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to approve and execute the contract with Management Advisory Group of New York, Inc. for STAC Services for 2016-2017 at the cost of \$5,570 payable in 12 monthly installments of \$464.17. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by Armando Hernandez, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the grant for the Brooklyn Avenue School, in the amount of \$1,593.00 from Donorschoose.org for the Olympics of the Visual Arts Project, to purchase a 3D printer and 3D printer supplies. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Paul DePace, that, WHEREAS; the Valley Stream UFSD #24 pursuant to the authority granted in General Municipal Law, Article 5A (Public Contracts), Section 103 desires to participate in the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Alliance. Said Alliance is sponsored by the New York State Association of Counties; Association of School Business Officials International; the National Association of Counties; the National Institute of

Governmental Purchasing; the National League of Cities; and the United States Conference of Mayors;

WHEREAS; Section 103 of the General Municipal Law permits Valley Stream UFSD #24 to make purchases of apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies, or to contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies, may make such purchases, or may contract for such services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies, as may be required by Valley Stream UFSD #24 therein through the use of a contract let by the United States of America or any agency thereof, any state or any other county or political subdivision or district therein if such contract was let to the lowest responsible bidder or on the basis of best value in a manner consistent with this section and made available for use by other governmental entities;

WHEREAS; the Valley Stream UFSD #24 desires to participate for the purpose of fulfilling and executing its respective public governmental purposes, goals, objectives, programs and functions;

WHEREAS; the Valley Stream UFSD #24 has reviewed the benefits of participating in this program and based on this review has concluded the program will provide the best value to taxpayers of this Valley Stream UFSD #24 through the anticipated savings to be realized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Valley Stream UFSD #24 is authorized to participate in the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance and that the Board of Education President or designee is authorized to register for the U.S. Communities program on behalf of Valley Stream UFSD #24. Motion unanimously carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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