

WORK SESSION BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four
William L. Buck School
Minutes of the Meeting of
January 6, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

Determination of Quorum and Call to Order, President Lawrence Trogel

The Work Session meeting of the Board of Education took place in the William L. Buck Conference Room on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:28 PM by President Trogel.

Members Present: President Trogel, Vice President Pellicane, Trustees DePace, Hernandez, Iadevaio, LaRocco, and Maier.

Also Present: Superintendent Fale, Director of Curriculum Dr. Lisa Conte, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Vanessa Myers and Director of Finance & Operations, Mr. Jack Mitchell.

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby appoint Amanda Whitney, as a part-time Hourly Special Education Teacher to provide Special Education services to the Parochial Schools in the District and at the William L. Buck School, effective January 15, 2016 until no later than June 30, 2016. Compensation will be at \$49.76 per hour. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Paul DePace, that the District approve the appointment of Warren Meierdiercks to serve as Budget Development Mentor to Jack Mitchell, effective January 7, 2016, at \$100 per hour for a maximum of 80 hours. Motion unanimously carried.

Dr. Conte presented a report on the School Report Card for 2014-2015 and details on sub groups and AYP, advising that we did not make AYP in many groups because of “opt-outs.”

Diagnostic Testing was also discussed and Dr. Fale advised the Board that some teachers advise parents of results of diagnostic testing in writing to parents while others advise them verbally. If it is found that a student requires services a letter is sent home to parents inviting the students to attend “Operation Success.” During parent teacher conferences, teachers show result pages of diagnostic testing to parents indicating there difficulties are. The Board asked Dr. Fale to emphasize the importance of NWEA and diagnostic tests at our public meetings so parents are aware.

Mr. Mitchell commenced a preliminary budget discussion with the board indicating that he just used a rollover budget at this time and flat rates. The Superintendent also discussed us possibly piercing the tax cap this year. More detailed discussions will continue.

Dr. Fale asked the Board to take their budget books home and go over the budget line by line making a list of their questions to discuss with Mr. Mitchell.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by John Maier, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Motion unanimously carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:46 PM.

The Board resumed the regular Work Session at 9:39 PM.

The meeting was adjourned by 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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