

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

JULY 8, 2015

To Follow Reorganization Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education immediately followed the Reorganization Meeting.

President Trogel called the meeting to order at 8:42 PM.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Donna LaRocco to approve the minute from the June 17, 2015 meeting.

President Trogel welcome the audience and advised them to fill out a card with the District Clerk if they wished to speak about items on tonight's agenda.

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edward Fale welcomed the audience and thanked Mrs. LaRocco for doing an excellent job as Board President. He congratulated Mr. Trogel and Mrs. Pellicane as the new Board Officers. He also welcomed Mr. Jack Mitchell, our new Director of Finance and Operations, who was in the audience. Mr. Mitchell will be starting on August 1, 2015.

Dr. Fale gave a Summer School update to the Board and the community. He said that this was the first year having Summer School with the new geothermal program and it was very comfortable. Summer School has 197 students, 18 teachers, 11 aides and 8 volunteers. He also announced that this is the first year that the JCC is running a recreation program in the District after our Summer School Program ends.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by John Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation letter from Patricia Cannata, a Teacher Aide in the District, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Armando Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Alex Newman as a summer custodial worker, effective July 9, 2015, at the appropriate scale/rate of pay at Step 1. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following to work as summer school aides, at the appropriate rate of pay: Debbie Kulda and Gina Tomaszewski. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by Paul DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, 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 #: 442301540, 442301655, 442301668, 442301723, and 442301734. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by Paul DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, 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 #: 442300570, 442300938, 442300383, 442300337, 442300485, 442301632, and 442300176. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Paul DePace, 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 Internal Claims Report for May, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

There was no unfinished business.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by John Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, the Board of Education approves the Tax Levy for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$39,572,793. \$19,303,373 of this amount is levied upon the Valley Stream High School District. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Donna LaRocco, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves that the Services Agreement for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 entered into between the Valley Stream School District and The Omni Group (“OMNI”), is hereby reinstated for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. Fee Schedule is attached. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Donna LaRocco upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the President to approve and sign the Contract Renewal Agreement for Meal Services between Preferred Meal Systems, Inc. and the Valley Stream UFSD #24 for one year for the period commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Armando Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education, the cost of school meals provided for students by Preferred Meals for the 2015-2016 school year is set as follows:

Breakfast Grab and Go - \$2.00 per pupil

Lunch - \$ 3.00 per pupil per day

The cost of milk only - \$.25 per container

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by Donna LaRocco, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the President to approve an instructional Service Contract from The Hagedorn Little Village School, Jack Joel Center for Special Children (HLVS) for 1 x 30 minutes weekly of Occupational Therapy, 2 x 45 minutes weekly of Physical Therapy during the summer and fall as per the IEP dates, and Physical Therapy 1x 30 minutes weekly during school vacations of one week or more for the period 7/06/15 – 8/31/15 and 9/09/15 – 6/24/16 at the rate of \$118.00 per hour.

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by Armando Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to certify that the District has adopted a “freeze compliant budget” as required under the Real Property Tax Freeze Law. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by Paul DePace, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make all required additional transfers in the 2014-2015 Budget in order to reconcile the General Fund for the 2014-2015 year. (A copy of said Budget Transfers is attached to this Agenda). Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the President to approve and sign the contract between the District and Zycron Industries for the 2015-2016 School Year for Medicaid Loss Prevention Services. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by John Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the President to approve the agreement with Seneca Consulting Group for the 2015-2016 school year at a fee of \$15,500. If additional consulting outside of the Scope of Services is required the charge will be \$285.00 per hour. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Paul DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 accepts the bid from Graci Paving Associates for District Wide Paving Repairs at all three schools - Contract C –site work at the base bid of 99,850, plus the work for Alternate #C1 at the cost of \$14,900, for a total of \$114,750.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves and signs the 2015-2016 school year contracts with School for Language and Communication Development for services provided in accordance with the New York State Education Department Rate Setting Unit. Motion unanimously carried.

Anthony Iadevaio spoke to the audience about the \$130,000 in bullet aid that Assemblywoman Solages was able to obtain for us. That plus the \$100,000 in bullet aid obtained for us from Senator Skelos will be place in our fund balance for emergencies that may arise. We anticipate high enrollment in fourth grade at the Robert W. Carbonaro School so we may have to open another section. In late August when class sections are finalized we will know better what needs to be done.

Mrs. Morales asked to speak about the Re-registration process and the Residency Office. She would like our District to announce all residency meetings and the Valley Stream Central High School District meetings. The High School Board members advised her that she could find all that information on the High School's website. It was also discussed that once the new Residency Officer is in place we will see what kind of changes will take place.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez to enter into Executive Session to continue discussion of particular personnel matters related to employment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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