

VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

MINUTES OF THE

MEETING OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECEMBER 16, 2015

The Work Session was called to order by President Trogel at 7:33 PM.

The Board discussed the policies reviewed during the Policy Committee meeting. Policy 5210 will be on the January 27th agenda for first reading. Policy #1111.1 will be deleted. Trustee Iadevaio asked that Policies #1100 – 1222 be sent to the entire Board in draft format to review. Discussion will continue at the next Policy Committee meeting.

Mr. Iadevaio advised the Board that he and Mr. Maier attended the Residency meeting and Mr. Trogel appointed Mr. Maier to represent District 24 at future meetings since Mr. Iadevaio represents the High School District. It was agreed that they will schedule a Residency meeting in the Spring that will be held in the evening.

The Board also discussed the fact that we are having problems getting substitutes since District 13 raised their substitute pay to \$125 per day and the subs are taking jobs in that district. The Board agreed to raise substitute pay to a flat payment of \$125 per day for substitutes in our District effective December 17, 2016.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Donna LaRocco to amend Resolution # 53 and 54 from the Reorganization meeting to make a flat fee of \$125 for substitute pay effective December 17, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board nominated Jean Fichtl for NYSSBA's Area 11 Director. Motion was unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 PM to discuss the employment history of particular personnel and other matters. Executive Session ended at 8:30 PM.

President Trogel called the business meeting to order at 8:35 P.M. This meeting took place at the William L. Buck School on December 16, 2015 immediately following the Work Session meeting.

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

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

Determination of Quorum & Call to Order, President

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2015

Welcome to Visitors – At this time the Board of Education welcomes questions or comments relative to the items on tonight's agenda.

Correspondence Report – District Clerk – Ms. Johanna Owen advised the Board that they received holiday cards and a letter of resignation from a nurse in the District.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Edward Fale – welcomed the audience and announced that substitute teacher pay would be raised to \$125 per day to make us competitive with other districts. He also advised the audience that we would be rotating Board meetings amongst the buildings in an effort to have more people attend. He asked the audience to encourage as many people as they could to attend the January 27th meeting since H2M our architects would be reporting on the conditions of our buildings and grounds and what repairs are needed.

January 30th will be our annual Facilities Tour of the buildings starting at 9:30 AM at the William L. Buck School. We will go around to each building to see their condition.

The Superintendent advised that he will be attending PTA meetings with Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Brocher since there is anticipated growth in enrollment with the apartments being built and we will address classroom needs and raise awareness of major items of repair and get feedback from the community.

Dr. Fale also discussed that Governor Cuomo formed a panel to advise him on Common Core implementation and why opt-outs are so great. The panel reported to the Commission and the recommendation was to reduce state testing, moratorium of 4 years on counting state tests, redefining the curriculum and much focus was put on stress on young children in grades 1 and 2. At this point we still have to follow what we have been following according to the Education Transformation Act signed last year by Governor with his budget. Legislation would have to be passed. State tests will not have an impact on students or adults. Curriculum remains as is until official notice. Teacher growth scores will just be advisory and will not count.

Legal Report – Attorney Zuckerman advised Dr. Fale that he had just provided the audience with his legal report.

Dr. Fale continued with his comments and advised the audience that that every school district is in the same position and it will be a while before we have answers. A parent asked how will the District handle testing imposed on kids. Dr. Fale advised that student performance is still part of the APPR (Teacher Evaluation) and we are awaiting written guidance from the New York State Education Department NWEA and other diagnostic testing will still be necessary so teachers can see how the kids are doing. Diagnostic testing gives us good information on your children to show how they are doing. It is part of our APPR Rplan and we are not allowed to make changes. As a parent you make decisions for your child and the District tries to see how each child is doing.

Opt outs are only for state tests not for local Diagnostic testing so technically it is an illegal absence to keep your child out during this testing. As soon as a parent agrees to send their child to a public school you agree to follow curriculum and you have the right to opt out of state tests. Superintendents do not agree with the State and they feel it is up to the parent on what they feel is best for their child.

A parent asked why the district does not advise parents of their child's scores. Dr. Fale advised that he thought this was being done and would look into it. Dr. Conte advised that a letter just went home to parents of students who need some help based on their scores.

A consent agenda was agreed on as follows:

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Armando Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, appoints the following leave replacement teacher on a temporary basis. This appointment is effective January 25, 2016, and will expire upon the return of Mrs. Diane McKeon, but no later than June 30, 2016. Compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education, as follows: Allison Smithwick – Step 1, BA. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Armando Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, appoints the following leave replacement teacher on a temporary basis. This appointment is effective January 15, 2016, and will expire upon the return of Mrs. Amy Rappaport, but no later than June 30, 2016. Compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education, as follows: Kaitlyn Gillespie, Step 1, MA. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Armando Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation letter from Maria Griffin, School Nurse at the Brooklyn Avenue School, effective close of business on December 23, 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 following as a substitute for the 2015-2016 school year: Lauren Pontrello. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by Donna LaRocco, 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; 442301894; 442301900; and 442301901. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by Donna LaRocco 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 #: 442301921; 442301542; 442301837; 442301596; 442300485; 442301766; 442301808; 442301884; 442301876; 442300441; 442300599; 442301109; and 442300831. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board shall accept the Treasurer's Report, Interest Report, Collateral Report and Statement, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance Report and Claims Report for October, 2015. 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. There was a Consent Agenda at the High School meeting so the meeting was very quick and there was nothing to report.

Legal Report– Representative from the law firm, Lamb & Barnosky, LLP – Attorney Zuckerman advised that Dr. Fale covered all information.

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 -

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Donna LaRocco, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the adoption of the following revised policy:

Policy # 4111.1a – Non Discrimination

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Donna LaRocco, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following policy for first reading:

Policy # 5210 - Cooperation with CPS Investigations of Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting

Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY - None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by John Maier, that the Superintendent of Schools of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 in the County of Nassau, New York, be authorized to transfer an amount not to exceed \$40,000, from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund to fund cash payments made or to be made from accrued and accumulated but unused sick leave, personal leave, holiday leave, vacation time and other benefits earned by employees and payable upon termination or retirement. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Donna LaRocco, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the contract with Valley Stream School District 13 for tuition for one student at \$61,581 for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by John Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following budget transfer in the amount over \$5,000, to correct payroll and negative codes as follows:

CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A2820.151-7	Instructional Sal - Psychologist	\$24,027.39	
A1240.16	Central Office Salaries		\$9,370.67
A1310.15	Business Manager Salaries		\$14,656.72
A2110.16	LCH/CRM/CPY Aides Salaries	\$14,417.24	
A1620.162	Security Aide Salaries		\$14,417.24
A2110.12	Teachers 1-6 Salaries	\$90,713.00	
A2110.121	Kindergarten Salaries		\$90,713.00
A2110.160-5	LCH/CRM/CPY Aides Salaries	\$47,659.10	
A2250.161	Inclusion Aides Salaries		\$47,659.10
A2250.151	Inclusion Teacher Salaries	\$48,173.41	
A2630.12	Computer Salaries		\$48,173.41
A2820.155-0	Early ID Aides Salaries	\$7,176.32	
A2815.16	School Nurses Salaries		\$7,176.32
	TOTALS	\$232,166.46	\$232,166.46

Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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