

VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

The Work Session was called to order by President Trogel at 7:30 PM. Motion by Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Lisa Pellicane to enter into Executive Session to seek legal advice from the Board's Attorney regarding particular personnel matters, contract negotiations and a review of the agenda. Motion unanimously carried. Executive Session was entered into at 7:32 PM.

The Board resumed the Work Session at 8:05 PM and discussed allowing Mr. Jack Mitchell to attend New York State Conferences. The Board agreed that this would be a good idea for Mr. Mitchell to attend these workshops to assist him in his new position.

The Board also discussed the incidents of vandalism around the District that has been occurring at night. Dr. Fale recommended perhaps putting up a sliding gate to lock down parking lot at night at Brooklyn Avenue School and also for us to go back to having Security patrol the District at night on the weekends. The Board was in agreement. We will first check with our two Security/Supervisory Aides that used to patrol the District during the day and see if they would be interested in providing not Security. If not, we will contact Wisdom Security to arrange for a Security Guard to patrol.

Dr. Fale advised the Board that the other Valley Stream Superintendents have all joined the Valley Stream Chamber of Commerce and he would like our District to join. The cost is \$100 for the year. The Board was in agreement that we join.

Dr. Fale also discussed Administrative coverage of District in absence of the Superintendent. Dr. Conte would be in charge, followed by Mrs. Myers and then Dr. Comis.

The Work Session meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM

President Trogel called the business meeting to order at 9:07 P.M. This meeting took place at the William L. Buck School on September 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 and Call to Order, President

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes –August 26, 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 an invitation to the Robert W. Carbonaro School’s Student Council Election Assembly.

Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Edward Fale – welcomed the audience and formally welcomed to the District our new staff members: Mr. Jack Mitchell, our new Director of Finance and Operations who has been in the District since August 1st and doing a good job so far. He also introduced, Meghan Carey, our part-time Physical Education teacher. Dr. Fale advised them that this was an exciting time in their career and they were joining an excellent school district. He also said that the District had a smooth opening of school.

Dr. Fale spoke about the Newsday article on our Geothermal System and that Fox 5 News came to our District to interview and was hoping that it would be telecast on the news.

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, does hereby appoint Kaitlyn Gillespie as a part-time Hourly Special Education Teacher effective retroactively to September 4, 2015. Ms. Gillespie will be assigned to provide Special Education services to the Parochial Schools in the District and at the William L. Buck School, approximately 12-15 hours per week. Compensation will be in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education as follows: Step 1/BA + 30. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by John Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Kathleen Jansen as a Full time Teacher Aide, effective retroactively to September 8, 2015, at the appropriate rate of pay in accordance with UPSEU. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by John Maier upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Jacqueline Velez as a Full time Teacher Aide, effective retroactively to September 1, 2015, at the appropriate rate of pay in accordance with UPSEU. 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 per diem substitute teachers: Maria Cappuccio, Kaitlyn Gillespie, and Melissa Powers (nurse). Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by _____ upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the letter of resignation for purposes of retirement from Loretta Stanisz, effective September 1, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the letter of resignation from Brian Hicks, effective close of business September 4, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Paul DePace , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a change in salary level, as a result of successful completion of graduate/course work for the following teachers, effective September 1, 2015:

Richard Roth	-	Step 11/MA+30
Phil Testa	-	Step 5/MA+45

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 children #: 442301768; 442301790; and 442301887. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, 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 children # : 442301836; 442301884; 442300842; 442300968; 442300969; 442301038; 442301310; 442301394; 442301624; and 442301664. 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 Report for July, 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.

LEGAL REPORT – Attorney Zuckerman reported that he was working with Administrators regarding requirements on Registration and Re-Registration for the start of school

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – A copy of said report is affixed to these Minutes.

LEGISLATION REPORT – A copy of said report is affixed to these Minutes.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – A copy of said report is affixed to these Minutes.

POLICY COMMITTEE - Trustee Iadevaio said that the Policy Committee discussed the following policies:

#5110.1 – Entrance /Placement/Residency

#5110.5 – Re-Registration of Students

#9341.8 – Order of Business of Regular Meetings

#9342.41 – Emergency Executive Sessions

#9342.8 – Order of Business of Special Meeting

#9410 - Reorganization Meeting

#9342 – Special Meetings of the Board of Education

These policies will be revised and then submitted to the full Board for review in packet prior to next meeting to discuss.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by John Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Angela Liatto as

Senior Typist Clerk, effective September 17, 2015. This appointment is a promotional appointment in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service, for a 26

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week probationary appointment, said appointment to expire March 16, 2016.
Motion unanimously carried.

President Trogel asked if there were any members in the audience who wished to speak. A number of community members filled out cards requesting to speak.

Speakers spoke about board conferences and felt that in these times of fiscal constraints they did not feel that Board members should attend any conferences out of state. They felt that the money budgeted for these conferences could remain in the general fund for better use. Trogel indicated that at the August 26th Board meeting the New York State School Boards Conference being held in New York City was already approved. The audience disagreed.

Mrs. Trogel checked further and apologized to the audience for his mistake. He thought that conference was already approved.

President Trogel advised the audience that this money is put in the budget line for other items besides conferences. Various training classes are required for board members by the state and this money is used for that purpose also. Usually these conferences are approved at the Re-organization meeting but they held off for further discussion. He wanted it to be clear that the tabled vote was just that Board members could attend conferences, not that they were definitely attending.

It was asked why conferences are still being discussed when we had to cut programs.

It was also stated that while the audience was told there were music staff members being cut, they were not told that third grade music was being cut. Dr. Fale advised that we did not know until classes were put together just prior to school and after meeting with music teachers that the most equitable way was to cut third grade music.

It was asked if we could just have building concerts and not District concerts. Dr. Fale explained that was not possible because we have District band and orchestra, not building. He also advised the audience that students do not pay for instruments in this district whereas most district charge students for instruments.

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The lunch program was discussed and parents stated that students were throwing away lunches. Wanted to know if we could switch vendors. Dr. Fale advised that our vendor is the only one who will provide freezers and ovens without charge. He also stated that even though kids may throw out lunch we are obligated under Federal Government regulations to follow their regulations.

President Trogel announced that the October 7th Work Session would be a public meeting held in the all-purpose room and anyone could attend. Board conferences will be discussed at that time.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Armando Hernandez to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Johanna M. Owen

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