

VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 25, 2015

8:30 PM

A G E N D A

- I.** Determination of Quorum & Call to Order, President
- II.** Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance
- III.** Approval of Minutes –February 11, 2015, March 11, 2015
- IV.** Welcome to Visitors – At this time the Board of Education welcomes questions or comments relative to the items on tonight’s agenda.
- V.** Correspondence Report – District Clerk – Ms. Johanna Owen
- VI.** Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Edward Fale –

Tonight’s Program

Presentation of Superintendent’s Proposed Budget for the

2015-2016 School Year by

Dr. Edward Fale

Mr. Daniel Onorato

VII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. PERSONNEL – Mr. Lawrence Trogel, Chairperson

1. **WHEREAS**, Alice Cimler, a teacher of this District, has submitted her irrevocable written letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective close of business on June 30, 2015.

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 Alice Cimler'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 Alice Cimler shall be in accordance with Section 5.9.5 of the agreement is hereby authorized.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that seven (7) Elementary education positions and one (1) teaching position of an educator of Students with Disabilities (Grades Birth through Grade 6) be abolished, effective at the close of business on June 30, 2015, in accordance with NYS Education Law Section 2510. This action is to be taken based upon projections and budgetary constraints for the 2015-2016 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that due to this abolition of positions, the employment of the following persons will be terminated effective at the close of business on June 30, 2015: Deborah Adler, Deanna Fichtelberg, Jacqueline Roth, Denise Andersen, James Fischman, Matthew Roth, Kathleen Carter and Amy Catalano.

3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the District will carry out the excessing of teachers by seniority within the tenure area in accordance with New York State Education Law, and hereby establishes preferred eligibility lists for a period of seven (7) years as required by law effective July 1, 2015 as follows:

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Deborah Adler

Elementary Classroom Teacher
Total Service to District 7.05 years
Original Appointment Date:

September 1, 2007

Deanna Fichtelberg

Elementary Classroom Teacher
Total Service to District 5.2 years
Original Appointment Date:

September 1, 2010

Jacqueline Roth

Elementary Classroom Teacher
Total Service to District 5 years
Original Appointment Date:

September 1, 2010

Denise Andersen

Elementary Classroom Teacher
Total Service to District 4 years
Original Appointment Date:

September 1, 2011

James Fischman

Probationary Elementary Classroom Teacher
Total Service to District 3 years
Original Appointment Date:

September 1, 2012

Matthew Roth

Probationary Elementary Classroom Teacher

Total Service to District 2 years

Original Appointment Date: September 1, 2013

Kathleen Carter

Probationary Elementary Classroom Teacher

Total Service to District 1 year

Original Appointment Date: September 1, 2014

Educator of Students with Disabilities (Grades Birth through Grade 6)

Amy Catalano

Probationary Special Education

Total Service to District 2.7 years

Original Appointment Date: September 1, 2011

- 4. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that five (5) Teaching Assistant positions be abolished, effective at the close of business on June 30, 2015, in accordance with NYS Education Law Section 2510. This action is to be taken based upon projections and budgetary constraints for the 2015-2016 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that due to this abolition of positions, the employment of the following persons will be terminated effective at the close of business on June 30, 2015: Lauren Grupp, Brian Hicks, Michelle Anander, Stacey Mueller, and Lisa Granath.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the District will carry out the excessing of Teaching Assistants by seniority within the tenure area in accordance with the New York State Education Law and hereby establishes preferred

eligibility lists for a period of seven (7) years, as required by law, effective July 1, 2015, as follows:

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Lauren Grupp

Probationary Teacher Assistant
Total Service to District 3 years
Original Appointment Date:

September 1, 2012

Brian Hicks

Probationary Teacher Assistant
Total Service to District 3 years
Original Appointment Date:

September 1, 2012

Michelle Anander

Probationary Teacher Assistant
Total Service to District 2.9 years
Original Appointment Date:

October 1, 2012

Stacey Mueller

Probationary Teacher Assistant
Total Service to District 1.9 years
Original Appointment Date:

September 12, 2013

Lisa Granath

Probationary Teacher Assistant
Total Service to District 1 year
Original Appointment Date:

September 1, 2014

B. EDUCATION – Mr. John Maier, Chairperson

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, 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 #: 442301660; 442301378; 442301660; 442301668; 442301385; and 442301135.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, 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 #: 422100030; 402200130; 402200130; 442300692; 442300786; 442301246; 442301624; 442300544; 442300000; 442301136; 442301658; 442300676; 442300156; 442300451; 442300450; 422100030; 442300436; 402200130; 442301041; and 442300565.

C. FINANCE – Mr. Armando Hernandez, Chairperson

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, 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 January, 2015.

VIII: OTHER REPORTS

A. 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.

B. LEGAL REPORT – Representative from the law firm, Lamb & Barnosky, LLP

C. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – Mrs. Lisa Pellicane, Chairperson

D. LEGISLATION REPORT – Mr. Paul DePace, Chairperson

E. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Mr. Anthony Iadevaio, Chairperson

F. POLICY COMMITTEE - Mr. Anthony Iadevaio, Chairperson

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY

X. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves a contract for Health Services with the Lynbrook Union Free School District for nine students attending non public schools for the 2014-2015 school year at the cost of \$684.28 per pupil, for a total cost of \$6,158.52.
- 2. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves a contract for Health Services with the Garden City Public Schools for two students attending non public schools for the 2014-2015 school year at the cost of \$867.91 per pupil, for a total cost of \$1,735.82.
- 3. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board adopts the proposed budget for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$26,932,372.
- 4. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the award of bid for SED No. 28-02-24-02-0-002-018, Contract C - Site Work and Electrical Service Upgrade at the Brooklyn Avenue School to Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation for base bid amount of \$87,342.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the award of bid for SED No. 28-02-24-02-0-002-018, Contract E - Electrical work at the Brooklyn Avenue School to Palace Electrical Contractors for base bid amount of \$143,300.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Special Education Plan for the 2014-2016 school year.

7. **WHEREAS**, Lamb & Barnosky, LLP is the District's general counsel; and

WHEREAS, Lamb & Barnosky, LLP is also labor counsel to the Five Towns JCC; and

WHEREAS, the JCC has approached the District about utilizing District facilities for a summer program during the summer 2015; and

WHEREAS, Lamb & Barnosky, LLP, as general counsel to the District, may be asked by the District to provide advice and counsel about this arrangement including, but not limited to, reviewing proposed contracts and District policies and providing advice to the Board of Education and the District's Administration about same; and

WHEREAS, the JCC has confirmed to the District that it has been advised about the potential ethical conflict of interest in having Lamb & Barnosky, LLP serving as counsel to the District with regard to this matter while it also serves as counsel to the JCC and that, notwithstanding this situation, the JCC has no objection to and will execute appropriate documentation waiving any actual or potential conflict of interest that may arise as a result of Lamb & Barnosky, LLP's representation of the District in this matter while also serving as labor counsel to the JCC; and

WHEREAS, based upon this representation, as well as the Board of Education's desire that Lamb & Barnosky, LLP serve as the District's counsel with regard to this matter.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education waives any potential or actual ethical conflict of interest involving Lamb & Barnosky, LLP as described above; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute a letter to be prepared by Lamb & Barnosky, LLP waiving any potential or actual ethical conflict of interest as described above.

8.BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following Budget Transfers:

CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A2010.16	Curriculum Salaries	\$5,001.10	
A2010.473	Charter Schools	\$11,421.19	
A2020.4	Supervision Expenses	\$7,000.00	
A2110.12	Teacher Salaries	\$83,613.84	
A2250.151	Inclusion Teacher Salaries	\$180,722.40	
A2630.16	Computer Aide Salaries	\$55,672.39	
A9050.8	Unemployment Insurance	\$9,410.00	
A1320.4	Auditing Expense		\$37,545.18
A1620.162	Security Aide Salaries		\$18,421.19
A1910.4	Unallocated Insurance		\$15,053.00
A1981.49	BOCES Admin		\$0.50
A2010.15	Curriculum - Prof. Salaries		\$5,000.60
A2110.121	Kindergarten Teacher Salaries		\$31,015.66
A2250.477	Special Education Tuition		\$26,972.40
A2630.12	Computer Salaries		\$55,672.39
A5540.4	Transportation Expenses		\$153,750.00
A9010.8	Employee Retirement		\$9,410.00
	TOTALS	\$352,840.92	\$352,840.92

XI. DISCUSSION

XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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