

**MINUTES OF THE
June 17, 2015 MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

William L. Buck School

7:30 PM

The Work Session meeting was called to order by President LaRocco at 6:00 PM. Fire Inspector Kevin Herbst presented the results of his fire inspection to the Board. There were few violations to be corrected and they were completed. He advised the Board that New York State will now have Superintendents sign off on fire reports and make report to the state.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person, matters leading to the discipline of a particular person and legal advice from the attorney. Entered into at 6:03 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:47P.M.

The regular Work Session continued and some teachers from the District spoke to the Board about the Retirement Incentive. The Board reviewed their request and decided against allowing the Incentive since we did not meet the criteria of five people. The Superintendent discussed class size projections with the Board, the third grade music program, announcing Board meetings through the one call system and the determination of the time of the Reorganization Meeting on July 8th. The meeting will start at 6:00 PM. The Board also reviewed tonight's agenda and decided that they would take a break after student awards, retirement recognition and tenure recognition.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio to enter Executive Session to discuss the financial history of a particular person at 7:20 PM.

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

President LaRocco called the regular meeting to order at 7:41 PM. The meeting took place at the William L. Buck School on June 17, 2015 immediately following the Work Session meeting.

Members Present: Paul DePace, Armando Hernandez, Anthony Iadevaio, Donna LaRocco, John Maier, Lisa Pellicane, and Lawrence Trogel.

Members Absent With Prior Notice: None

Others Present: Superintendent F Ale, Attorney Richard Zuckerman, Attorney Sharon Berlin, Assistant Superintendent Onorato, Director of Curriculum Dr, Lisa Conte and Director of Special Education, Mrs. Vanessa Myers.

President LaRocco approved the minutes of May 27, 2015.

President LaRocco welcomed questions or comments relative to the items on tonight's agenda from visitors.

District Clerk announced that various correspondence was received.

Dr. Fale welcomed the audience and advised that we would be presenting Student Awards this evening as well as Retirement and tenure recognition.

Dr. Fale introduced members of Friends of Bridge to present the awards for the Diana Pirrone Essay Contest on Healthy Living. The Principals presented the Presidential awards. The Art teachers presented the art awards and the music teachers presented the music awards.

Retirement speeches were read by Dr. Fale for Mr. Daniel Onorato; Dr. Scott Comis for Alice Cimler, Helen Lynch and Lisa Sutter; Mr. Mark Onorato read a speech for Alf Rasmussen and Mr. Rosario Iacono read speeches for Faye Egge and Helen Kanellis. All were wished well in their retirement.

Lauren Grupp and Brian Hicks both received tenure as Teaching Assistants and were congratulated.

President LaRocco announced a short intermission for refreshments.

The meeting resumed after refreshments.

MOTION: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Paul DePace, Daniel Onorato, an Assistant Superintendent of this District, has submitted his written letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective close of business August 31, 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the irrevocable letter of resignation for retirement purposes of Daniel Onorato, effective close of business August 31, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent of Schools is directed to calculate the number of days to Daniel Onorato's eligibility for a leave of absence with pay prior to retirement, at the appropriate time, pursuant to Daniel Onorato's Salary Agreement and that the lump sum payment thereof to Daniel Onorato is hereby authorized.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Paul DePace, Faye Egge, a teacher of this District, has submitted her irrevocable written letter of resignation for retirement purposes, effective close of business on June 30, 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the irrevocable letter of resignation for retirement purposes of Faye Egge, effective close of business June 30, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent of Schools is directed to calculate the number of days to Faye Egge'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 Faye Egge shall be in accordance with Section 5.9.5 of the agreement is hereby authorized.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, Helene Kanellis, 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 hereby accepts the irrevocable letter of resignation for retirement purposes of Helene Kanellis, effective close of business June 30, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent of Schools is directed to calculate the number of days to Helene Kanellis' 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 Helene Kanellis shall be in accordance with Section 5.9.5 of the agreement is hereby authorized.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Lisa Pellicane, Alf Rasmussen, a School Psychologist of this District, has submitted his 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 hereby accepts the irrevocable letter of resignation for retirement purposes of Alf Rasmussen, effective close of business June 30, 2015.

Motion unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, Lisa Sutter, 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 hereby accepts the irrevocable letter of resignation for retirement purposes of Lisa Sutter, effective close of business June 30, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent of Schools is directed to calculate the number of days to Lisa Sutter'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 Lisa Sutter shall be in accordance with Section 5.9.5 of the agreement is hereby authorized.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by John Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation letter from Helen Lynch, a Teacher Aide in the District, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2015.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Armando Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Mr. Jack Mitchell as Director of Finance and Operations, effective August 1, 2015, for a three year probationary period, said probationary period to expire on July 31, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Lauren Grupp, a probationary Teaching Assistant in this district, to tenure at the expiration of her probationary period on August 31, 2015. Tenure will become effective September 1, 2015.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by John Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Brian Hicks, a probationary Teaching Assistant in this district, to tenure at the expiration of his probationary period on August 31, 2015. Tenure will become effective September 1, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Paul DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the amendment of the Resolution on the March 25, 2015 Agenda and Minutes as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that two (2) 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: Matthew Roth, Kathleen Carter and Amy Catalano.

Motion unanimously carried.

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

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

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by John Maier , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the amendment of the Resolution on the March 25, 2015 Agenda and Minutes as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that three (3) 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: Michelle Anander, Stacey Mueller, and Lisa Granath.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Armando Hernandez, 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

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

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Lisa Pellicane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Theresa Shanahan as a full time 1 x 1 aide for a particular student effective June 11, 2015 until June 25, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Paul DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby ratifies an agreement between the District and James Fischman extending his probationary period. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Armando Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby ratifies and agreement between the District and Matthew Roth extending his probationary period. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by John Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following to be assigned as custodial summer helpers, effective June 22, 2015, at the appropriate rate/scale:

Anthony Corona	-	Step 2
Matthew English	-	Step 4
Chris Kulda	-	Step 1
Sam Palleschi	-	Step 4
Joseph Tomaszewski	-	Step 2

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by John Maier, 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: Amy Corke, Jane Cooper, Ana Mueller, Brenda Paneto, Bibi Razack, Marijo Sensale, Margaret Sommella, Grace Covelli, and Catherine Conklin. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by John Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following to work as a summer school nurse: Cathy Hicks, at the appropriate rate of pay. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez, 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 #: 442301415, 442301263, 442301703, 442301736, and 442301571. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez , 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 #: 442301624, 442301658, 442301664, 442300392, 442300862, 442301249, 442301444, 442301273, 442301310, 442301312, 442301311, 442301135, 442301035, 442301378, 442301198, 442301394, 442301766, 442300706, 442300485, 442301378, 442301251, 442300342, 442300841, 2300842, 442300855, 442301031, 442300967, 442300972, 442300977, 442300997, 442301038, 442300831, 442301120, 442300992, 442300993, 442301109, 442300396, 442300467, 442300509, 442300599, 442300736, 442300493, 442301252, 442300030, 442300039, 432100040, 432300020, 442300676, 442300024, 442300290, 442300291, 412100220, 442301351, 442300710, 442300315, 442301252, 442300901, 442301328, 442301346, 442301371, 442301374, 442301479, 442301349, 442301554, 442301414, 442301434, and 442301005. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by John Maier , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board shall accept the Treasurer's Report, Interest Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance Report and Internal Claims Report for April, 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. Mr. Iadevaio said that awards were presented at the last High School Board meeting.

LEGAL REPORT – Representative from the law firm, Lamb & Barnosky, LLP said there would not be a report this evening.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – A copy of such report is affixed to these minutes.

LEGISLATION REPORT – A copy of such report is affixed to these minutes.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – A copy of such report is affixed to these minutes.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Mr. Iadevaio reported that Policy Committee did not meet in May and June due to the early start of the meetings. Policy Committee would resume in September.

There was no unfinished business to report.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves and signs the Annual Services Agreement from Gayle E. Kligman Therapeutic Resources for the 2015-2016 school year (Rate schedule is attached). Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Superintendent of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 in the County of Nassau, New York, be authorized to utilize the Retirement Reserve Fund for \$389,410.00 to pay the District's entire annual obligation to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Paul DePace, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make all required 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: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education ratifies the agreement between the Valley Stream Association of Educational Office Personnel and the District. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board approve the renewal of the District's APPR Plan for 2014-2015 until June 30, 2016, except as may be required by law. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by John Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following Transportation Contracts for the Summer 2015-2016:

<u>Company</u>	<u>School</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Summer Cost</u>	<u>Matron</u>
First Student	Variety Child Learning	(2)	\$43.00 pppd (+) CPI % for 2015-2016 \$	\$90.00 per day per 30 days
First Student	Children's Learning UCP	(1)	\$201.00 pppd (+) CPI % for 2015-2016 \$	inc. matron Agenda June 17, 2015 Page 11 per 30 days
Veterans Trans.	Willow Road-SD13	(1)	\$139.00 pppd \$ 4,170.00 Per	inc. matron 30 days
BOCES	Seaman Neck School	(1)	\$ 925.00	Summer Cost
BOCES	Jerusalem Ave School	(2)	\$ 1,850.00	Summer Cost

TOTAL ESTIMATED SUMMER COST: NOT AVAILABLE

PENDING THE CPI % INCREASE WHICH WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED UNTIL JUNE 18TH, 2015. CHARGES ARE FOR 30 DAYS IN TOTAL: JULY 1, 2015 – AUGUST 11, 2015.

Mrs. Morales asked to speak to the Board regarding the Band and Music Program being eliminated. The Superintendent explained that 4th, 5th and 6th grade music programs would not be affected, however there would not be a 3rd grade summer music program due to the budget cut of the two part-time music teachers. He advised the audience that the District discussed the best options with the music teachers and did not want any cuts to the grades 4 through 6. We will see if we receive any kind of additional grants that might allow us to restore 3rd grade music.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez to return to Executive Session. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted

Johanna Owen

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