

**VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24**  
**MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**January 27, 2016**

**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 –December 16, 2015 & January 6, 2016
- 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

**PROGRAM**

**Presentation on Parent Portal –**

**Dr. Lisa Conte & Mr. Mark Onorato**

**Presentation on Facilities Planning –**

**H2M Architects**

## **VII. LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

### **A. PERSONNEL – Mrs. Lisa Pellicane, Chairperson**

1. WHEREAS, Kathleen Carter was appointed to a three year probationary appointment in the Elementary tenure area effective September 1, 2014 and ending on August 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Education Law Section 3013, Kathleen Carter was excused from her position as a probationary teacher in the Elementary tenure area effective July 1, 2015, and was placed on the District's Preferred Eligibility list for the Elementary tenure area; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Education Law Section 3013, Kathleen Carter was recalled on August 26, 2015 from the Preferred Eligibility List in the Elementary tenure area, to fill an encumbered leave replacement position through June 30, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, a tenure track position will become available effective March 1, 2016, in the Elementary tenure area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, pursuant to Education Law Section 3013, effective March 1, 2016, Kathleen Carter will be recalled from the District's Preferred Eligibility List in the Elementary tenure area to an unencumbered position as an Elementary teacher. Ms. Carter will resume her three year probationary appointment effective March 1, 2016 and, for purposes acquiring credit toward the attainment of tenure, will be credited with her one year of probationary service in the Elementary tenure area from September 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 and her service as leave replacement in the Elementary tenure area from August 26, 2015 to February 29, 2016. Ms. Carter's probationary appointment will, therefore, end on August 31, 2017, unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by the Education Law. Compensation will be in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, 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 Leigh Nahman as a temporary leave replacement teacher for Nicole Foster, effective March 1, 2016 until the return of said teacher, but no later than June 30, 2016. Compensation will be in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education at Step 1,
3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a change in salary level, as a result of successful completion of graduate/course work for the following teachers, effective February 1, 2016:

Krista Anthony - Step 3/MA+45  
Sophia Kalemkeridis - Step 3/MA +15  
Kelly Martin - Step 11/MA +30

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following to teach the Operation Success Program for ELA and/or Math for the program commencing January 2016 to April 2016: Denise Andersen Carol Cannonito, Kelly Carr, Chris Chruma, Cathy Cipriano, Chelsea Cittadino, Deana Fichtelberg, Drew Jakubowski, Paola Gilbert, Kaitlyn Gillespie, Samantha Joltin ,Sophia Kalemkeridis, Linda Karlin, Susan Leggett, Marissa Levenberg, Dave LeWinter, Marie Malkiewicz, Vincent Milano, Thomas Ponchione, Shannon Quinn, Ana Restrepo, Jacqueline Roth, Matthew Roth, Richard Roth, Joseph Schumpf, Allison Smithwick, Andrea Sommella, Stacey Thomas, Shannon Weber and Carol Wright.

The following staff will be appointed as substitutes for Operation Success: Vincent Milano, Thomas Ponchione, StaceyThomas and Bruna Zappia. Compensation is in accordance with the appropriate hourly rate of pay as per the current Valley Stream Teachers' Association contract. .

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Teaching Assistants to provide instructional supervision after school with the Music Program, effective January 25, 2016 until May 23, 2016, at an hourly rate of pay: Thomas Ponchione and Bruna Zappia. Stacey Thomas and Alida Pesola will be substitutes, if needed.
  
6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Diana Quintana, a part-time school monitor, effective close of business January 22, 2016.
  
7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kim Latremore as a part-time Cafeteria Monitor, effective February 1, 2016. Compensation will be in accordance with the agreement between the Valley Stream School District 24 Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees' Union (UPSEU).
  
8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following as a Substitute Monitor/Aide (security/door) for the 2015-2016 school year.

**B. EDUCATION – Mr. Armando Hernandez, 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 #: 442301920; 442301813; 442301787; 442301778; and 442301736.

- 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 #:442301249; 442300000; 442301913;412200390; 412100220;442300993; 442300992;442301923; 442301904; 442301576; 442301849; 442301862; 442301866; 442301585; 442301009; and 442301903.

**C. FINANCE – Mr. John Maier, 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 Claims Auditor’s Report for November, 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** – **Mr. Paul DePace, Chairperson**

**D. LEGISLATION REPORT** – **Mr. Anthony Iadevaio, Chairperson**

**E. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – **Mrs. Donna LaRocco, Chairperson**

**F. POLICY COMMITTEE – Mr. Anthony Iadevaio, Chairperson**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education adopts the following policies that were revised and/or newly adopted:

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

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts NYS' determination of Estimated Non Resident Tuition for District #24 for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:

Regular Education K-6:	\$14,035
Special Education K-6	\$64,171

The Board of Education also accepts NYS' determination of the Actual Non Resident Tuition for District #24 for the 2014-2015 school year as follows:

Regular Education K-6:	\$14,680
Special Education K-6	\$62,060

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$30,000 from the General Fund to the Cafeteria Fund.

3. **WHEREAS**, the LIPA Reform Act of 2013 (“LIPA Reform Act”) was enacted into law by the State Legislature and Governor; and

**WHEREAS**, the District believes that Nassau County has incorrectly and illegally implemented provisions of the LIPA Reform Act to the District's detriment; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, on or about September 30, 2015, the County unilaterally, arbitrarily and without legal authority reduced the tax levy approved by the voters of the District and certified by the District to the County, to the detriment of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, the District has not received from the County its full share of the payments in lieu of taxes (“PILOTs”) paid or required to be paid by the Long Island Power Authority (“LIPA”), and the County has improperly taken the position that the “County Guarantee” does not apply to these PILOT payments.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and District legal counsel,

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that Lamb & Barnosky, LLP, as the District’s legal counsel, is hereby authorized to commence an action and/or special proceeding against the County of Nassau and its relevant officers, administrators, employees, agencies and agents seeking to challenge Nassau County’s improper implementation of the LIPA Reform Act and its refusal to hold the District harmless from its implementation, including the non-payment of PILOTs; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Lamb & Barnosky, LLP, as the District’s legal counsel, is further authorized to commence an action and/or special proceeding against LIPA, either as part of its action or proceeding against the County or a separate action/proceeding, to seek full recovery of all PILOT payments due the District; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Lamb & Barnosky, LLP will divide the legal fees and litigation costs among its school district clients that join this litigation and, accordingly, bill the District on a pro-rata basis, except for those fees and costs that are attributable solely to the District.

**XI. DISCUSSION**

**XII. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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