

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

July 6, 2017

Following Reorganization Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education immediately followed the Reorganization Meeting.

President Maier called the meeting to order at 8:40 PM.

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

Members Absent with Prior Notice: None

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Edward Fale, Attorney Richard Zuckerman, and Director of Finance and Operations, Jack Mitchell.

Motion: Vice President Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee LaRocco to approve the minutes of May 27, June 7, 14 and Special Meeting June 19, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edward Fale congratulated the new Board Officers and gave a special thanks to Lisa Pellicane for doing an awesome job as Board President.

Dr. Fale stated that Summer School is going well and that there are 183 students attending.

Dr. Fale stated that SCOPE will be the new before and after school program and that part of their program is academics.

Dr. Fale attended a meeting regarding the IDA and the PILOT is staying in effect until after the litigation is solved.

Attorney Richard Zuckerman stated that the High School Board of Education hired new attorneys and that the District is suing each of our Board Members personally and the District Treasurer. District 24 was not given the courtesy of reviewing the court papers first so the judge made no ruling and will make a ruling in August.

PERSONNEL:

1. Motion by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of **Susan Leggett** as Teacher in the district, effective close of business June 30, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.
2. Motion by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Pellicane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Susan Leggett** as Building Principal, effective retroactive to July 1, 2017, at an annual salary of \$140,000, for a 4 year probationary period, unless terminated prior thereto, and subject to the requirements of the Education Law, the Rules of the Board of Regents and fingerprint clearance. Her probation will expire on June 30, 2021*. Ms. Leggett has initial certification as School Building Leader.

*To be eligible to receive tenure, the probationer must receive composite or overall APPR ratings of either effective or highly effective in at least three of the four preceding years, and if the probationer receives an ineffective composite or overall APPR rating in the final year of the probationary period, she will not be eligible for tenure at that time. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Motion by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the letter of resignation, from **Laura Donovan**, effective close of business July 5, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to move the entire agenda (Personnel #4-10) by consent by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee LaRocco. Motion unanimously carried.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the withdrawal of School Nurse position by **Melissa Power**, effective September 1, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation letter of **Marilyn E. Stravinskis**, as Teacher Aide in the District, effective June 23, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation letter of **Janice Ervolino**, as Teacher Aide, effective June 23, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.
7. 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, as per the agreement between the Valley Stream School District 24 and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU): **Gina Tomaszewski, Deborah Kulda, Renee Nelson and Grace Covelli**. Motion unanimously carried.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Janaya Hunt** as a leave replacement for **Kerrian Pieper** retroactively effective May 30 through June 23, 2017. Compensation for this appointment will be in accordance with the agreement between, the Valley Stream School District 24 Board of Education and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association, at Step 1 MA. Motion unanimously carried.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Alyssa Orgera**, as a leave replacement for **Catherine Herr** retroactively effective June 7 through June 23, 2017. Compensation for this appointment will be in accordance with the agreement between the Valley Stream School District 24 Board of Education and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association, at Step 1 MA. Motion unanimously carried.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following additions to the per diem substitute clerical list for the 2017-2018 School Year: **Maureen Smyth**. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to move Education #1-2, by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee DePace. Motion unanimously carried.

EDUCATION

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, 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 #: 442301816; 442301894; 442301901; 442301929; 442301984; 442302023; 442302072; 442302226; 442302245; 442302329; 442302340; and 442302230. Motion unanimously carried.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, 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 #: 422300030; 442301378; 442301447; 442301730; 442302087; 442302267; 442302272; 442302360; 442302378; 442300912; 442300949; 442301038; 442301109; 442301185; 442301198; 442301394; 442301487; 442301613; 442301664; 442301914; 442302041; 442302155; 442302189; and 442302263. Motion unanimously carried.

FINANCE

1. Motion by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee DePace, 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 and Cash Flow Report for May, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Service Agreement entered into between the Valley Stream School District 24 and The Omni Group ("OMNI"), for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018, at a fee not to exceed \$1,932.00. Motion unanimously carried.
2. Motion by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education

approves the contract between the District and Variety Child Learning Center for two students for the 2017-2018 school year, at the tuition rate of \$7,197.00 per pupil per summer, \$43,664.00 per pupil per School Year and \$3,325.00 for 1:1 aide per pupil if indicated on IEP per summer and \$19,951.00 for 1:1 per school year. Rates are established provided in accordance with the New York State Education Department Rate Setting Unit. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Motion by Vice President Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Wheeler, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the contract between the District and The Hagerdorn Little Village School for one student for the 2017-2018 school year, at the tuition rate of \$43,047.00, and \$19,951.20 for a 1:1 Aide. Total tuition 10 months is \$62,998.20. Rates are provided in accordance with the New York State Education Department Rate Setting Unit. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to move New Business #4-9, by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Trustee DePace. Motion unanimously carried.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the March 7, 2017 Memorandum of Agreement between the Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 and Alice Cimler, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign the March 7, 2017 Memorandum of Agreement. Motion unanimously carried.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to certify that the District has adopted a "Property Tax Relief Credit" as required under the Real Property Tax Law #606(N-1). Motion unanimously carried.
6. That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make all required additional transfers in the 2016-2017 Budget in order to reconcile the General Fund for the 2016-2017 year. (A copy of said Budget Transfers is attached to this Agenda). Motion unanimously carried.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the President to approve the agreement with Seneca Consulting Group for the 2017-2018 school year at a fee of \$10,500. Motion unanimously carried.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the President to approve and sign the contract for nurse services from Veehop

Nursing Agency, LLC., for the 2017-2018 school year, for a child receiving Special Education services, at the rate of \$43 per hour for LPN services seven and a half (7 1/2) hours daily, five (5) days weekly, or on the basis of the number of days that the student is present in school. Motion unanimously carried.

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves and signs the 2017-2018 school year contract with School for Language and Communication Development for services provided in accordance with the New York State Education Department Rate Setting Unit. Motion unanimously carried.
10. Motion by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Vice President Iadevaio, to table the first bullet and approve the remaining three bullets, that the Board of Education authorizes the following:
 - The allocation of funds to the Unassigned Fund Balance in an amount that is within 4% of the 2017-18 budget; **Tabled**
 - The transfer of up to \$175,000 from the ERS Reserve Fund to the General Fund; Motion unanimously carried.
 - The transfer of up to \$41,000 from the EBALR Reserve Fund to the General Fund; Motion unanimously carried.
 - Allocate the balance of available funds \$41,000.00 to the ERS Reserve Fund. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to move New Business #11-12, by Trustee Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Hernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Frontline Education (Formerly IEP Direct), renewal proposal, at the cost of \$10,718.75 for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion unanimously carried.
12. After the meeting we discovered that this resolution was a duplicate of #6.
13. Motion by Vice President Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Pellicane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Sandra Hernandez as a per diem Temporary Substitute effective July 6, 2017 until August 30th, 2017. Compensation will be at the rate of \$17.40 per hour. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Wheeler to enter into Executive Session at 9:16 PM for the purpose of discussing the financial history of a particular person. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee DePace, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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