

**VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24  
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION / AUDIT COMMITTEE  
AND  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 21, 2016**

The work session was called to order at the William L. Buck School by President Pellicane at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: President Pellicane, Vice President Maier, Trustees DePace, Hernandez, LaRocco and Wheeler.

Members Absent with Prior Notice: Trustee Iadevaio.

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

**Meeting of the Audit Committee  
(the Board as a Whole)  
September 21, 2016**

Mrs. Marianne Van Duyne from R.S. Abrams, our independent auditor, presented the final audit report of financial reports for the 2015-2016 school year at 7:00 PM. The District received an “Unmodified Opinion” which is the best opinion that a school district can receive.

The Board discussed the auditor’s findings and asked questions of the auditor.

Motion: Vice President Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Audit Committee (the Board as a Whole), the report from R.S. Abrams is hereby accepted by the Board for the year ending June, 2016. The Board authorizes a copy of this report to be sent to the State Education Department in accordance with Section 107.2(r) of the Commissioner’s Regulations by the required filing date. Motion unanimously carried.

At 7:30 PM Senator Todd Kaminsky, Assemblyman Brian Curran and Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages discussed the Green Acres Mall/District 30 PILOT and committed to trying to find ways to minimize the impact on District 24 taxpayers and to provide notice about future PILOTS.

The Board then entered into Executive Session at 8:25 PM on motion by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Vice President Maier, and unanimously carried, to seek advice from counsel about the PILOT and to discuss the Local 74 contract negotiations. The Board then exited from Executive Session to enter into the regular Board Meeting.

President Pellicane, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 8:40 PM.

Members Present: President Pellicane, Vice President Maier, Trustees DePace, Hernandez, LaRocco and Wheeler.

Members Absent with Prior Notice: Trustee Iadevaio.

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Attorney Zuckerman, Director of Finance and Operations Mitchell, Director of Curriculum Dr. Conte, Director of Special Education Peterson.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 2016 and September 7, 2016 by Trustee LaRocco seconded by Vice President Maier. Motion unanimously carried.

District Clerk Plinto reported that two letters of resignation were received.

Dr. Fale welcomed and introduced new staff to the District.

Dr. Fale introduced Mr. Vincent Milano Assistant Principal of the Summer School, who gave a presentation regarding the 2016 Summer School Program. There was a total of 222 students who attended, William L. Buck School 64 students, Robert W. Carbonaro School 88 students, Brooklyn Avenue School 68 students, Holy Name of Mary School 2 students.

Motion to move the entire agenda by consent by Vice President Maier seconded by Trustee DePace. Unanimously carried.

This included the following motions:

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation letter from **Stacey Thomas**, as Teaching Assistant, effective close of business September 21, 2016.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of **Renee Nelson**, as a Part-time Monitor, effective, September 15, 2016.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following as Full-time Teacher Aide/Technology effective September 16, 2016

**Renee Nelson**

**Step 4**

Compensation will be in accordance with the agreement between Valley Stream District 24 and the United Public Service Employees Union, at Step 4.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of **Erica Posligua**, as a Part-time Monitor, effective close of business on September 21, 2016.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following as Full-time 3:1 Teacher Aide effective September 22, 2016.

**Erica Posligua**

**Step 1**

Compensation will be in accordance with the agreement between Valley Stream District 24 and the United Public Service Employees Union, at Step 1.

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of **Gina Durand**, as a Part-time Monitor, effective August 31, 2016.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Part-time Lunch Monitors, effective as follows:

**Ann Carrao – Step 1- Effective September 19, 2016**

**Cynthia Duran – Step 1- Effective date to be determined after fingerprint clearance**

**Maryum Masood – Step 1- Effective date to be determined after fingerprint clearance**

**Antonia Estrella- Step 1- Effective September 22, 2016**

Compensation will be in accordance with the agreement between Valley Stream District 24 and the United Public Service Employees Union.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, The Board of Education approves the following as the per diem substitute:

**Kim Latremore** (Security/Door Monitor)

**Jean Scarmozzino** (Clerical).

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves a change in salary level, as result of successful completion of graduate/course work for the following teachers effective September 1, 2016.

**Carol Cannonito Step 8, MA +45**

10. 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 #: 442300562, 442302144.

11. 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 July, 2016.

### **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. Maier.

Vice President Maier reported an update regarding the PILOT and that there will be a Bond Vote scheduled for December 6, 2016.

### **LEGAL REPORT**

Attorney Zuckerman reported about a new tax exemption for veterans who served in the Cold War.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

Trustee Wheeler read the Report.

### **LEGISLATION REPORT**

No Report

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Vice President Maier read the Report.

**POLICY COMMITTEE- Trustee Donna LaRocco, Chairperson**

**Motion was made by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Wheeler,**  
that the Board of Education adopt the following revised policies:

Policy # 3301 – Non-Bid Procurement of Goods and Services

Policy # 9135 – Appointment to the High School Board

Motion unanimously carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Vice President Maier, the Board authorizes the President to approve and sign the contract for a nurse service from, Serene Home Nursing Agency, for the 2016-2017 school year, for one designated student requiring an LPN for 5 to 6 hours per day, at the rate of \$45.00 per hour. In accordance with the attached rate schedule set by the District Purchasing Consortium for Health and Welfare Services. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Vice President Maier, the Board resolves that: WHEREAS, Valley Stream Union Free School District # 24 (herein called the “District”), in the County of Nassau, New York has received a copy of a resolution adopted on September 13, 2016 (herein called the “Resolution”) by the Board of Education of Valley Stream Central High School District (herein called “Valley Stream CHSD”), which resolution calls a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of Valley Stream CHSD to be held on December 6, 2016 (herein called the “Special District Meeting”) for the purpose of voting on a Bond Proposition adopted by Valley Stream CHSD;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That receipt of the Resolution of Valley Stream CHSD is hereby acknowledged, which identifies the District as an election district of Valley Stream CHSD with

voting to be held at the Brooklyn Avenue School located on Brooklyn Avenue, William L. Buck School located on Horton Avenue, Robert W. Carbonaro School located on Hungry Harbor Road and So. Corona Firehouse located on South Corona Avenue in Valley Stream, New York, on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock A.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) for the purpose of voting on a Bond Proposition adopted by Valley Stream CHSD.

That the District Clerk shall be authorized to and shall implement the Resolution of Valley Stream CHSD in accordance with Education Law Section 1906 and the Legal Notice adopted by Valley Stream CHSD, and shall ensure the proceedings are the same as if the voting were held in one place, including, but not limited to, the registration of voters, preparation of registration books, rental and use of voting machines, appointment and payment of registration board members, election workers (including ballot clerks and poll watchers), and preparation, printing and distribution of absentee ballots.

All District costs relating to said Special District Meeting shall be borne by Valley Stream CHSD, and the District’s business office is directed to maintain an account of such costs and to submit such costs to Valley Stream CHSD for payment and/or reimbursement. This resolution shall take effect immediately. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board shall approve the following Transportation Contract for 2016-2017. These prices are approximate awaiting bills and contracts will follow.

Company	School	#/student	Monthly Cost	Monthly	Matron
Yearly cost					
<b>Independent</b>	<b>W.L. Buck</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$3599.00</b>	<b>\$1950.00</b>	<b>\$55,490.00</b>

**(2 hour, wheelchair, van includes 1 wheelchair and 1 autistic child).**

Motion unanimously carried.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS- None**

**ADJOURN**

On the motion of Trustee Hernandez seconded by Vice President Maier and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of seeking legal advice from counsel about the PILOT issue.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lana Plinto*

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