

**VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION and the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

February 15, 2017

The work session was called to order at the Brooklyn Avenue School by President Pellicane at 7:35 PM.

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

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

Budget lines were discussed.

The Code of Conduct policy # 5131 was discussed, a consensus was taken that the wording should be changed to read “Detention in lieu of suspension”.

Motion by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Wheeler to enter into Executive Session, to discuss UPSEU negotiations and a particular person’s employment and potential litigation, at 7:40 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:15 PM.

President Pellicane, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 8:35 PM.

President Pellicane welcomed visitors.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2017 and February 8, 2017 by Trustee Iadaviao seconded by Trustee Wheeler. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence Report:

District Clerk stated we received one letter of resignation.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Fale stated that the reason that we closed the schools on Friday, February 10, 2017 was because of the hazardous road conditions, the schools were all plowed and ready to open.

The District is working hard to complete the budget and stay under the tax cap. The budget lines are being discussed at each work session.

Dr. Fale stated that the Smart Bond money that was voted on two years ago has not come in yet. He is trying to expedite this, as there is a technology plan in place.

Dr. Conte is working on new math series that matches the New York State Standards.

We are working to get a resolution with the Green Acres PILOT.

Dr. Fale and Trustee Maier attended the Village Hall meeting today regarding the new PILOT for the Honda Dealership. Dr. Fale stated as District 30's High School assessments go down ours goes up. He is working with Assembly member Brian Curran, Assemblywoman Michaele Solages, and Senator Todd Kaminsky to change the formula that the High School District uses.

The convention that Vice President Maier and Trustees LaRocco and Hernandez were supposed to attend Feb 11&12 was cancelled due to the snowstorm. Appointments had been scheduled to meet with various legislators while at the convention; we will try to reschedule these meetings.

Motion to move the entire agenda (# 1-5 below) by consent by Trustee LaRocco seconded by Trustee Hernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation letter of Concetta Possidel, as Account Clerk in the District, effective February 17, 2017.

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Marlina Commisso, as a Part-time School Monitor, effective February 27, 2017 at Step 1. Compensation will be in accordance with the agreement between the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) and the Valley Stream School District 24.
3. 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 children #: 442301643, 442302237, 442302239, 442302244, and 442302272.
4. 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 children #: 442302289, 422300030, 432100020, 432200070, 432300020, 442300676, 442300024, 442300369, 442300478, 442300509, 442300436, 442300803, 442300831, 442301120, 442301036, 442300315, 442301328, 442301351, 442301249, 442301414, 442301005, 442301444, 442301921, 442301923, 442301937, 442302030, 442302098, 442302108, 442302263, 442301723, 442301542, 442302030, 442301914, 442301874, 432100040, 442300676, 442300290, 442300411, 442300436, 442301351, 442301414, 442301444, 442301540, 432100020, 432200070, and 442300383.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board shall accept the Treasurer's Report, Interest Report, Collateral Report, Claims Auditor's Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, and Trial Balance Report for December, 2016.

VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Trustee Iadevaio reported that the High School Board gave out Music Awards and voted on the Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha holiday.

LEGAL REPORT

Attorney Zuckerman reported that he is working closely with the Board and Administration to find a way to solve the Green Acres PILOT issue.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Wheeler read the report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

LEGISLATION REPORT

No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Vice President Maier read the report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Motion by Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio to the Code of Conduct Policy 5131 to add a line, which states "Detention in lieu of suspension". Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee DePace upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the President to enter into an Agreement with Nassau BOCES for the purpose of the participation in the Nassau BOCES Regional Summer School Program from July 5 to August 1, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Trustee DePace upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board enters into an agreement for Health Services for students attending non-public schools in Uniondale Union Free School District (Kellenberg High School) for the 2016-2017 school year, for a cost of \$686.15 per student, for a total amount of \$686.15. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Maier, seconded by Trustee LaRocco RESOLVED, that the Board hereby requests that a Joint Board meeting be scheduled as soon as possible for the purpose of further Village-wide discussions about the Green Acres Pilots issue. Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

A member of the audience stated that Trustee Grasso (Village of Valley Stream) said that the Honda PILOT is a 12-year proposal with a three-year freeze. Attorney Zuckerman stated that the High School looks at the money raised from property taxes and not PILOT's. This is why it is throwing the percentage out of whack. The High

School is still getting the same amount of money so the percentages have to be shared by the Elementary Districts. There is a New York State law that authorizes PILOTs in New York.

A member of the audience asked if Learning Farm program was still being used. Dr. Fale stated that the Board approves programs, that are \ offered are New York State Curriculum based.

The same member also asked about a program Sumdog. Dr. Conte stated that the free subscription did not meet the NYS privacy act requirements, so it was shut off temporarily, the paid subscription does meet the requirements and will be up and running soon.

The same member also asked about the GREAT program. Dr. Fale explained that approximately five years ago a group of parents had concerns about the program and was temporarily put on hold. The Board at the time decided to cancel the program. The Board agrees that it is a valuable program and is open to restore district wide.

On the motion of Trustee LaRocco seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, the Board entered into Executive Session at 9:05 PM for the purpose of seeking the advice of counsel with regard to potential litigation involving the PILOT and potentially amending the school calendar consistent with the VSTA CBA. Motion unanimously carried.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Trustee DePace seconded by Trustee Hernandez and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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