

VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24
MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

The Work Session Meeting took place at the William L. Buck School and called to order at 7:35 PM. The Board discussed the side letters with VSTA, Operation Success, Staff Development Outside the School Day and Flexibility with Extra Help, that are being revised by Labor Counsel. There are no changes to the side letters except for the rate of pay. The Board confirmed the date for the Board Retreat as December 6, 2014.

Motion: Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the use of Wisdom Security when our security aides are out. Motion unanimously approved.

Trustee DePace made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:57 PM, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, to discuss the following matters: a particular student matter; a particular personnel matter regarding employment; negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the nurses and clerical units; and to meet with the School Attorney to discuss Attorney/Board relations.

Motion: Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, to adjourn Executive Session at 8:33 PM and enter into public session to continue review of tonight's agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

The work session was adjourned at 8:40 PM

After the regular meeting, the Board returned to Executive Session to discuss the particular student matter addressed at the meeting.

Motion: Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Pellicane, to deny a parent's appeal concerning the denial of her request that the Board waive the December 1st cut-off date for Kindergarten enrollment for her child. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: President LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Pellicane to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:15 PM. Motion unanimously carried.

President LaRocco called the business meeting to order at 8:41 P.M. This meeting took place at the William L. Buck School on September 17, 2014 immediately following the Work Session meeting.

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

Members Absent with Prior Approval: Vice President Trogel

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Assistant Superintendent Onorato, Attorney Richard Zuckerman, Director of Curriculum, Dr. Lisa Conte, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Vanessa Myers.

Determination of Quorum and Call to Order, President

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes –August 27, September 3, and September 10, 2014

Welcome to Visitors – At this time the Board of Education welcomes questions or comments relative to the items on tonight's agenda.

Correspondence Report – District Clerk – Ms. Johanna Owen had nothing to report

Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Edward Fale – welcomed the audience and formally welcomed to the District our new staff members: Gary Garzetta (Instrumental Music, Kathleen Carter (Probationary Classroom – Grade 5), Lisa Granath (probationary Teacher Assistant), Jessica Correale (Leave Replacement Inclusion – Grade 5) and Joanna Gallo (Leave Replacement for Classroom – Grade 1). Dr. Fale advised them that this was an exciting time in their career and they were joining an excellent school district.

Dr. Lisa Conte presented the District Comprehensive Education Plan for 2013-2016.

Motion: Vice President Trogel, seconded by Trustee DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following as part-time monitors, effective September 18, 2014, at the appropriate rate of pay in accordance with UPSUE:

Gina Durand

Debra Schaefer.

Motion unanimously carried

Motion: Vice President Trogel, seconded by Trustee Pellicane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a change in salary level, as a result of successful completion of graduate/course work for the following teachers, effective September 1, 2014:

Karen Brass	-	Step 7A/MA+45
Chelsea Cittadino	-	Step 2A/ MA+30
Kerriann Cunningham-		Step 3A/ MA+60
Donna Lifman	-	Step 6A/MA+15
Jean Rennhack	-	Step 12A /MA+60
Richard Roth	-	Step 10A/MA+15
Phil Testa	-	Step 4A/MA+30

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee 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 children #: 442301395; 442301421; and 442301385. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee 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, and Trial

Balance Report for June, 2014 and July 7, 2014. For July, 2014, there is also a Collateral Report. 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.

LEGAL REPORT – Representative from the law firm, Lamb & Barnosky, LLP – Discussed policies with the Board that would be revised or updated.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – was read by Mrs. Lisa Pellicane and a copy of this report is affixed to the minutes.

LEGISLATION REPORT – was read by Mr. Paul DePace, Chairperson, and a copy of this report is affixed to the minutes.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – was read by Mr. Anthony Iadevaio, Chairperson, and a copy of this report is affixed to the minutes.

POLICY COMMITTEE- was read by Mr. Anthony Iadevaio, Chairperson, he advised that the Board met for the first time this year and has been working on a new policy #3450 – Retention of Records. This policy relates to when an employee leaves their position or the District any materials such as hard drives, emails, etc. belong to the District. This policy will be adopted at one of the future meetings. The Board will be revising policies regarding Board Member School Visits, and the 9000 section of the policy manual removing any policies that are obsolete and cross referencing policies. Mr. Iadevaio welcomed Mr. John Maier as the newest member of the Policy Committee

There was no unfinished business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: Trustee Pellicane, seconded by Trustee DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved a Transportation contract for: Outdoor Education trips for the 2014-2015

school year between Nassau BOCES and Valley Stream School District 24 at an anticipated annual cost of \$13,380.49. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Agreement between the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD #13 and the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD #24 for one student attending District 13 for the 2014-2015 school year at the estimated tuition rate of \$61,187. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the disposal of a Sohmer & Company of New York Piano 32-85, Serial # 106094 #32M from the Brooklyn Avenue School. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes that the following Transportation Contracts for 2014-2015 school year be approved at new amount (original contract already approved August 27, 2014) as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>School</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Monthly Cost</u>	<u>Matron</u>
Independent	HAFTR-Elementary (Hebrew Academy Of Five Towns)	2 New	\$1,134.00	
Veterans	HAFTR	1 New	\$ 511.00 pppm x 2 =	
New Monthly Total \$ 1,022.00-				Revised Contract (AMOUNT)

These amounts are approximate awaiting bills and adjustments.

Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS – Mrs. Laura Diaz and Mr. Mauricio Monge wished to address the Board regarding an issue with their daughter. President LaRocco advised them they cannot discuss or comment on this matter in a public session and they would make their decision during the Executive Session after the Board meeting, and notify them.

The Board broke for a brief reception for the new staff members at 9:20 PM.

Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee DePace, made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:36 P.M. to continue to discuss the particular student matter, as well as particular personnel matters and negotiations of nurses and clerical units.

President LaRocco adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:35 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted

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