

VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 1, 2015

William L. Buck School
7:30 P.M.

President LaRocco called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members Present: Donna LaRocco, Lawrence Trogel, Paul DePace, Armando Hernandez, Anthony Iadevaio, John Maier and Lisa Pellicane

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Assistant Superintendent Onorato, Director of Curriculum, Dr. Conte and Director of Special Education, Mrs. Myers

State aid and money from Gap Elimination will only give our district about \$388,000 which is not enough to offset any of the reductions already in place in the budget. \$300,000 will go into the fund balance to be used for emergencies. We are not sure we will get the full \$388,000 so we will not count on that amount at this time.

The Board discussed the possibility of piercing the tax cap but in order for it to make any changes it would have to be over a 6% increase. If we were to pierce the cap residents would not receive tax freeze checks and we would not be eligible for bullet aid. It will affect next year's tax cap also. If we were the only district piercing the cap all eyes would be on us in the media.

Dr. Fale advised the Board that they must speak to the parents and tell them if the budget isn't passed the situation will be worse.

The Board agreed to pass the proposed budget which was increased by \$300,000 to \$27,232,372 and hope that teachers will be willing to take the retirement incentive. If we had some retirements we might be able to reinstate three teachers. We are also hopeful to receive some bullet aid.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by John Maier, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the proposed budget for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$27,232,372. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lawrence Trogel, seconded by Armando Hernandez, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby ratifies an agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association regarding a Retirement Incentive for Eligible Unit Members. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by John Maier, that the Board hereby ratifies an agreement with the VSTA and a District employee pertaining to the employee's leave status. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Paul DePace, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Bruna Zappia as a home tutor for a particular student, as requested by Dr. Lucia Fabrizio, Hospital for Special Surgery, effective March 31, 2015 until approximately April 20, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by John Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves and adds Elisa Cheung, as a per diem nurse substitute for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez, to enter into Executive Session for continuation of discussion of personnel matters and particular student matters. Motion unanimously carried. The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:50 PM.

The Work Session meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.