

**VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TWENTY-FOUR**

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION AND**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OF THE**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**AUGUST 27, 2014**

The Work Session meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President LaRocco.

Interviews for the position of Treasurer were conducted. The Board interviewed three candidates.

The Board voted to hire Brian Cleary as Treasurer at an annual salary of \$12,000, prorated to September 2, 2014, with Vice President Trogel abstaining from the vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Vice President Trogel, seconded by Trustee DePace, to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:30 PM to discuss the VSTA Memorandum of Agreement, dated September 8, 2014; particular personnel matters regarding staff, evaluations of principals and a particular student matter. Motion unanimously carried

Motion: Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Pellicane, to conclude Executive Session 8:40 PM with the intention to resume Executive Session to continue with this discuss after the business meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

President LaRocco called the regular meeting to order at 8:45 PM.

The meeting took place at the William L. Buck School on August 27, 2014 immediately following the Work Session meeting.

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

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

Motion: President LaRocco approved the Minutes of July 7, 2014.  
Motion unanimously carried.

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

Correspondence Report was given by District Clerk, Ms. Johanna Owen, who read thank you letters.

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edward Fale, discussed the construction of the Geothermal System being installed at the William L. Buck School.

Dr. Lisa Conte did a presentation on the 2014 Student Test Data.

MOTION: Vice President Trogel for a Consent Agenda, including the two Addendums. Seconded by Trustee Iadevaio. Motion unanimously carried.

### **LIST OF ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents hereby appoints Kathleen Carter as an Elementary Classroom Teacher for a three year probationary period, effective September 1, 2014. Said probationary period will expire on August 31, 2017. Compensation

will be in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education as follows: Step 1/MA. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, hereby appoints Jessica Correale as an Elementary Special Education Teacher Leave Replacement for Mrs. Amy Catalano, effective September 1, 2014 until June 30, 2015. Compensation will be in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education as follows: Step 1/MA. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents hereby appoints Joanna Gallo as an Elementary Classroom Teacher Leave Replacement, effective September 1, 2014 until June 30, 2015. Compensation will be in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education as follows: Step 1/MA. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents does hereby appoint Lisa Granath, as a probationary Teacher Assistant, effective September 1, 2014. This is a three year probationary appointment, which probationary period will expire on August 31, 2017. Compensation will be in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the Valley Stream Teaching Assistants and the Valley Stream Central High School District as follows: Step 1 Certified. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, The Board of Education added the following to the per diem substitute list: Nina Alsofrom, Anna Jean Amiel, Sheri Antony, Courtney Babcock, Lois Bernard, Jennifer Blyskal, Lawrence Brenner, Maria Cappuccio, Marlene Coyle, Jennifer DeGrace, Julie DePace, Yasheka Ellis, Susan Faber, Michelle Forni, Kenneth Forte, Stephen Franzino, Joanna Gallo, Kaitlyn Gillespie, Lisa Granath, Ellen Gutwein, Narlini Harnanan, Frederick Haslett, Teresa Iadevaio, Jennifer Jacoby, Ann Jeffrey-

Wilensky, Thomasina Jordan, Michelle Jurasits, Adam Kalan, Jaelyn Kazubski, Sandeep Kaur, Kendal Kohlasch, Jenna Leventhal, Erica Librizzi, Jessica Lifman, Randy Link, Robin Lipman, Lisa Lobell, Jennifer McAvoy, Kelly McDaniel, Marissa MacDermott-Klimek, Noreen McDougal, Terence Meaney, Kelly O'Connor, Audrey Osmani, Maud Pierre, Meaghan Potter, Roslyn Prince, Sarah Profeta, Michelle Rehs, Joyce Sellitti, Victoria Shencup, Jessica Shuldiner, Jill Simens-Cole, Lauren Sorrentino, Whitney Amanda, and Dena Zornberg.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the retroactive appointment of Leigh Nahman, as a Leave Replacement Teacher for Mrs. Jean Rennhack, effective June 1 through June 26, 2014, but no later than June 30, 2014, or upon the return of Mrs. Rennhack. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board of Education, does hereby appoint Brian Cleary as District Treasurer effective September 2, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Compensation for this position will be \$12,000 annually, so that Mr. Cleary's salary will be pro-rated effective September 2, 2014.

The Board of Education accepted the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education, pertaining to students being considered for pre-school special education services and the Board approved and ratified the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education presented for children #: 442301135, 442301159, 442301185, 442301232, 442301234, 442301272. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board of Education accepted the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, pertaining to students being considered for special education services and the Board approved and ratified the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education presented for children # : 442301273, 442301283, 442301291, 442100200, 402100060, 442300842. Motion unanimously carried.

Dr. Edward Fale, Mr. Daniel Onorato and Dr. Lisa Conte are hereby certified as Qualified Lead Evaluators of Valley Stream UFSD #24 (classroom teachers/building principals) having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR Sec 30-2.9(b):

- (a) The New York State Teaching Standards, and their related elements and performance indicators/the Leadership Standards and their related functions;
- (b) Evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research;
- (c) Application and use of the student growth percentile model and the value-added growth model as defined in 8 NYCRR Sec 30-2.2;
- (d) Application and use of the State approved rubrics selected by the Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four for use in the evaluation of classroom teachers/building principals, including training on the effective application of such rubric to observe classroom teacher's building principal's practice;
- (e) Application and use of the assessment tools that the Valley Stream UFSD and BOCES utilizes to evaluate its classroom teacher/building principals, including but not limited to structured portfolio reviews; student, parent, teacher, community feedback/professional growth goals\*; school improvement goals, etc.;
- (f) Application and use of the State approved locally selected measures of student achievement used by the Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four to evaluate its classroom teachers/principals;
- (g) The scoring methodology utilized by the Department and the Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four to evaluate a classroom teacher/building principal under 8NYCRR Sec 30-2, including:
  - 1. How scores are generated for each subcomponent and the composite effectiveness score of classroom teachers/building principals, and
  - 2. Application and use of the scoring ranges prescribed by the Commissioner for the designated rating categories used for the overall rating of classroom teachers/principals and their subcomponent ratings; and

- (h) Specific considerations in evaluating classroom teachers/building principals of English language learners and students with disabilities.

Training on the use of the Statewide Instructional Reporting System, also required by 8NYCRR Sec 30-2.9 (b), will be provided once the NYS Education Department makes available the information required for such training.

This certification has been issued in accordance with the process for certifying lead evaluators described in the Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four's annual professional performance review plan.

*\*Professional growth goals constitute one of the assessment tools available for the evaluation of classroom teachers under the "other measures of effectiveness" subcomponent of annual professional performance reviews conducted during the 2014-2015 school year only.*

Motion unanimously carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopted the 2014-2015 APPR Plan as a rollover from 2013-2014 plan. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tuition contract for the 2 month Summer 2014 session and the 10 month School Year for 2014-2015 with United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County, Inc. (UCPN), according to rates set by the NYS Education Department. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes its President to sign the contract for services provided by Caryl Oris, M.D. for the 2014-2015 school year, as a psychiatric consultant to evaluate students in their school building and provide a diagnostic assessment. The fee for an evaluation will be \$1,100 and the fee for participation in CSE meetings will be \$325 per hour.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes its President to sign the 4201 Service Agreement with the Henry Viscardi School for services provided for students for the 2014-2015 school year according to rates set by the NYS Education Department, at approximately \$60,000 per year. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes its President to approve the Renewal Agreement between Preferred Meal Systems, Inc. and the Valley Stream UFSD 24 for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Budget Transfer as follows:

CODE	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A9060.8	Hosp & Med Insurance	\$50,000	
A2250.477	Special Ed-Tuition		\$50,000

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following Transportation Contracts for the 2014-2015 school year. These amounts are approximate awaiting bills, adjustments and contracts:

<u>Company</u>	<u>School</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Monthly Cost</u>	<u>Matron</u>
<u>ACME</u>	Beth Rivkah	1	\$ 4,183.14 Van	
	Hamza	6	\$ 2,320.12 pm	
	Ideal Montessori	1	\$ 633.00 pppm	
	Brandeis School	4	\$ 1,385.84 pm	
	UCP-Children's Learning	1	\$ 1,560.00 pppm	(1) \$ 990.00
	Henry Viscardi	1	\$ 1,360.00 pppm	(1) \$1,400.00

FIRST STUDENT

Variety Child Learning	3	\$ 1,892.28 pm	(1) \$ 1,426.60
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INDEPENDENT

Holy Family	1	\$ 3,606.84 Van	
Crescent School	2	\$ 1,786.06 pm	
Progressive School	2	\$ 4,133.06 pm	

VETERAN'S

WLB/RWC (2 bus)	27	\$ 3,191.38 1 <sup>st</sup> ppm	(2) \$ 2,212.35 ea.
		\$ 401.70 ea. add'l ppm	
Hebrew Academy of Five Tns	1	\$ 511.00 ppm	
LI Hebrew Academy	1	\$ 999.00 ppm	
St. Agnes Cathedral	1	\$ 322.00 ppm	
Willow Road School	1	\$ 344.00 ppm	(1) \$ 1,910.00

WE TRANSPORT

St Anne's	2	\$ 740.34 pm	
Lawrence Woodmere Acad	2	\$ 1,115.92 pm	
Linden SDA	2	\$ 1,222.80 pm	

BOCES

Jerusalem Avenue	5	\$ 2,731.50 pm	(1) \$2,550.00 * Matron cost
Michael F. Stokes	1	\$ 546.30 ppm	(1) \$ 2,550.00

**TOTAL STUDENTS: 65**



The Agreement between the County of Nassau and Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 24 in relation to Inter-Municipal Cooperation is approved and the President of the Board of Education is authorized to issue an Environmental Impact Statement, if required, upon the recommendation of the District Architect.

Vice President Trogel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 PM, seconded by Trustee DePace and to adjourn to Executive Session to continue to discuss the VSTA Memorandum of Agreement, dated September 8, 2014; particular personnel matters regarding staff, evaluations of principals and a particular student matter. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Johanna Owen