

VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION AND
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 11, 2015

The Work Session Meeting was called to order by President LaRocco at 6:30 PM. Dr. Fale reviewed tonight's Agenda with the Board. Mr. Onorato spoke about the budget advising that we are looking to save \$2 million dollars. Mr. Trogel asked if we knew what our tax cap was yet and Mr. Onorato advised that it was currently 1.2 but we would know the actual tax cap by Friday.

Dr. Fale recommended various cuts in staff and services.

The Board adjourned the Work Session meeting to go into the cafeteria for the Teacher Meeting with the Board. At 7:45 PM, the Board returned to the Board room and resumed the Work Session.

Budget discussion continued with different items that would be cut from the budget.

Mrs. Myers spoke of the need for a home tutor for 5 days for a special education student. An addendum will be added to tonight's Agenda.

The Work Session was adjourned at 8:35 PM to enter into the regular Board meeting.

President LaRocco called the regular meeting to order at 8:37 PM. The meeting took place at the William L. Buck School on February 11, 2015 immediately following the Work Session meeting.

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

Members Absent with Prior Notice:

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

President LaRocco approved the minutes of January 28, 2015 and the Special Meeting of January 31 2015.

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

District Clerk did not have anything to reported that several staff members had deaths in the family and sympathy cards were mailed out to them.

Dr. Fale told the audience that tonight's program was a presentation of Projected Enrollment Study prepared by Western Suffolk BOCES and presented by Barbara Graziano. During and after the presentation, the Board and audience had many questions on this study. Discussions were had on the Hawthorne Court and Sun Valley Towers developments. Fire Chief Charles Brocher advised that there were currently 35 units that were occupied at Hawthorne Court.

Motion: Trustee Paul DePace, seconded by Trustee Tony Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Lisa Granath, to serve as a home tutor for a particular student requiring services, effective February 23 through February 27 2015, for 1 hour per day for 5 days, at the negotiated rate of pay. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee John Maier, seconded by Trustee Lisa Pellicane, 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 child #: 442301540; 442301655. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee John Maier, seconded by Vice President Lawrence Trogel, 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 #: 4423006786; 442301664; 4423000140; 442300842; 442300342; 442300901; 442301482; 442301041; 442301355; 412200420; 412200230; 442301153; 412200250; 412200370; 442301037; 442301402; 412300500; 442301633; 442300188; 442300452; 402200130; 442300070; and 412200310. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee John Maier, seconded by Trustee Paul DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board shall accept the Treasurer's Report, Interest Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance Report and Internal Claims Report for December, 2014. 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. Trustee Iadevaio spoke about the High School Board meeting where NYSSMA students received certificates for their achievements.

LEGAL REPORT – Representative from the law firm, Lamb & Barnosky, LLP Attorney Zuckerman told the audience that he has been working with the District on various personnel, residency, contracts, data privacy issues and other issues during the work session.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – A copy of such report is affixed to these minutes.

LEGISLATION REPORT – A copy of such report is affixed to these minutes.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – A copy of such report is affixed to these minutes.

POLICY COMMITTEE - Trustee Iadevaio advised that we did not have a Policy Committee meeting this evening due to the Teacher Meeting with the Board. He told the audience that at our January 28, 2015 Policy Committee Meeting they worked with Attorney Mara Harvey on the Re-Registration policy and new laws that are in effect. They will continue to discuss at the March Policy Committee Meeting.

There was no unfinished business to report.

Motion: Trustee Pellicane seconded by Trustee DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of R.S. Abrams as District Auditors for the 2014-2015 fiscal year at a cost of \$29,000 plus an additional fee of \$3,500 if a Single Audit is required, with an option to renew for subsequent fiscal years ending June 30, 2016; June 30, 2017; June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019, subject to acceptance and approval by the Board of an appropriate Engagement Letter. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Vice President Trogel, seconded by Trustee DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the agreement for Health and Welfare Services with the Lawrence Public Schools for four students for the 2013-2014 school year at a cost of \$719.94 per student, for a total of \$2,879.76. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the agreement for Health and Welfare Services with the Uniondale Union Free School District for one student attending St. Martin DePorres School for the 2014-2015 school year for a total of \$615.47. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee DePace, seconded by Vice President Trogel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following two transfers (recommended by Don Hoffman of Cullen and Danowski):

\$90,231 from the General Fund to the Lunch Fund

\$197,200 from the Debt Service Fund to the General Fund

Motion unanimously carried.

Mrs. Sensale addressed the Board and the audience with a question on whether or not the District works with the Village on illegal apartments. Dr. Fale advised that the answer was yes and no since out responsibility is to educate every child whether homeless, an illegal or legal resident. There is communication with the Village but we cannot make assumptions. Trustee Iadevaio advised that Judge Bogle just issued an okay for Code Enforcement to remove 19 people from illegal apartments. Information is shared with our District-wide Residency office such as lists of names and addresses. We advise each other. Fire Department gives information on basement apartments.

Motion was made by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Maier to enter into Executive Session for lawful purposes to continue discussion at 9:33 PM.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:35 PM. At 10:21 PM the Board exited Executive Session and the District Clerk was called back in to the work session meeting.

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The District Clerk was excused from the remainder of the Board meeting at 10:40 PM.

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