

**VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**OF NOVEMBER 19, 2014**

The Work Session meeting took place at the William L. Buck School and was called to order at 6:30 PM. Interviews were held for a Forensic Auditor. Interviews were completed by 8:00 PM and President LaRocco called the actual Work Session meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

Social Media was discussed and the Board was advised that Ms. Wong is setting up a FaceBook account for the District. Attorney Zuckerman advised the Board that there is a New York State Law governing websites (PO8-005) regarding meeting the minimum requirements of handicapped accessibility for websites and social media pages. We must also retain a printed page of every page on FaceBook for 7 years. Ms. Wong will contact Mr. Zuckerman's law firm to review requirements.

The Board decided to hold off on discussion of the Non-Affiliated salaries until after all contracts are settled.

Motion: Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter related to and administrator. Executive Session was entered into at 8:05 PM.

Motion: Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio to adjourn Executive Session and enter into the regular Work Session meeting at 8:26 PM. The Board Retreat was discussed and Dr. Fale advised that he is busy preparing documents to be discussed at the retreat.

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

President LaRocco called the business meeting to order at 8:40 PM. This meeting took place at the William L. Buck School on November 19, 2014 immediately following the Work Session meeting.

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

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Assistant Superintendent Onorato and Attorney Zuckerman.

Determination of Quorum & Call to Order, President

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes –October 22, and November 5, 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 – Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Edward Fale – Dr. Fale welcomed the audience advising that we do not have a program tonight or an official report.

Motion: Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, 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:

Ashley Wilkey - Step 6A/MA+15

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Pellicane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education added

the following to the per diem substitute list: Emily Davies. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee Trogel, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation from Luke Sheppard, a Cleaner in the District, effective December 1, 2014. 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 child #: 442301394, 442301385, and 442301135. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee Maier, seconded by Trustee 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 #: 442301485, 442300642, 442301198, 442300046, 442300701, 442301153, and 442301038. 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, Collateral Report and Statement, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance Report and Claims Report for September, 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.

**LEGAL REPORT** – Representative from the law firm, Lamb & Barnosky, LLP, Richard Zuckerman, Esq., reported on the new law taking effective March 2015 allowing school employees to administer EpiPens in an emergency and allowing students to self-administer prescribed medical treatment.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT** – was read by Mrs. Lisa Pellicane, Chairperson 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 as follows:

Motion: Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Trogel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the adoption of the following revised policies:

- Policy #1240 - Visitors to the Schools
- Policy #8345 - Board of Education – Self Assessment
- Policy #9000 - Designation of District
- Policy #9130 - Officers and Election Thereof Policy
- Policy #9210 - President
- Policy #9220 - Vice President Policy
- Policy #9226 - Appointed Board Officers
- Policy #9341.4 - Executive Sessions Policy

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the adoption of the following policy:

- Policy #3450 - Retention of District Owned Records and Materials

Motion unanimously carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS, IF ANY**- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion: Trustee Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Trogel,  
**WHEREAS**, the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions (the “Plan”) for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law\* and

**WHEREAS**, the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax-favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirement;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby:

**RESOLVED**, that the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the appropriate officials of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the Plan; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Administrative Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission.

**Adopted** the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, at a meeting of the Board of Education.

I hereby certify that the Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 is a local public employer within the meaning of Section 5 of the State Finance Law and that the adoption of the Plan has received all required approvals of any local governing body or officer and otherwise complies with local law. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Hernandez,  
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District # 24 desires to embark upon a capital improvement project at the Robert W. Carbonaro School for Mechanical Upgrades and

**WHEREAS**, said capital improvement project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

**WHEREAS**, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in Section 617.4 of this part, are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (2)); and

**WHEREAS**, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement project and has determined that

it is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the capital improvement project is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Vice-President Trogel

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District # 24 desires to embark upon a capital improvement project at the Brooklyn Avenue School for Mechanical Upgrades and

**WHEREAS**, said capital improvement project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

**WHEREAS**, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in Section 617.4 of this part, are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (2)); and

**WHEREAS**, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement project and has determined that it is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the capital improvement project is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Vice President Trogel, seconded by Trustee Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following charities for the 2014-2015 school year:

- a. Island Harvest
- b. Pennies for Patients – Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- c. Ronald McDonald House

Motion unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that for the purpose of implementing the Affordable Care Act's look-back measurement method, the Board of Education designates the following: a standard measurement period covering the period November 1 through October 31; an administrative period covering the period November 1 through December 31; and a stability period covering the period January 1 through December 31.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for the purpose of determining the full-time status of new variable hour and seasonal employees, the Board of Education designates the following: a 10-month initial measurement period commencing on the first day of the first month following the employee's date of hire; a two-month administrative period; and a 12-month stability period.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for the purpose of determining whether, pursuant to the Affordable Care Act, the District offered affordable health insurance coverage, the District elects to determine affordability based upon each employee's Form W-2. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee Hernandez, seconded Trustee DePace, that the Board hereby ratifies the salary agreement for Dan Onorato for the period July 1, 2014-August 31, 2015; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby authorizes Board President LaRocco to execute the Agreement on the Board's behalf. Motion unanimously carried.



Motion: Trustee Pellicane, seconded by Trustee DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the disposal of a Sohmer & Company Piano, Model # 106098#32m (Tag #000077), and a Fellowes Power Shred 220, currently at the William L. Buck School. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee DePace, seconded by Vice President Trogel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the disposal of the following items:

**Defective Batteries (14)**

MacBook Non-unibody  
iBook  
MacBook Pro

**Defective Optical Drives /CD Drive) - 5**

**Obsolete iBooks:**

iBook UV30408BN5B  
iBook UV43729GR73  
iBook UV30408MN5B  
iBook UV2299HKM4R  
iBook UV30406FN5A  
iBook UV12600SLCD  
iBook 4H52503LS85  
iBook UV4112J8PGW  
iBook 4H52503YS85  
iBook UV305014N5A  
iBook UV304089N5B  
iBook UV304093N5B  
iBook UV230088LQ5  
iBook UV3320QRPF2  
iBook top case UV2260S9LQ2  
iBook top case UV125253LCD

iBook top case UV2390H1LQ2  
iBook top case UV4263J7B12  
iBook top case UV1254C2LCD  
iBook top case UV1251Y8LCD  
iBook UV4253G6R12  
iBook UV1254BULCD  
iBook 4H63736GSEB  
iBook UV4252S7R12  
iBook UV4253KVR12  
iBook UV4253KJR12  
iBook UV30408SN5B

### **MacBook Parts**

MacBook Non-Unibody	W8727PSSYA3
MacBook Non-Unibody	W88323SS0P1
MacBook Non-Unibody	45925AKE9GU
MacBook Non-Unibody	W8924VWA9GU
Top Case	W8727TU2YA3
Top Case	W872332SYA5
Top Case	W89279MW9GU
Top Case	W8727TW6YA3

### **Defective Hard Drives - 15**

#### **Obsolete iMacs**

iMac G5 W85386UDSDY  
iMac G5 W85386THSDY  
17" iMac W853841TSDX

#### **Obsolete Server**

2007 XserveQP33208CN9A

**Obsolete eMacs**

eMAC G85371WKSCF

eMAC G853704MSCF

**Defective Projectors**

UF-45 S/N 83635461

UF-45 S/N 62639754

NEC VT480 S/N 6401484FG

NEC VT595 S/N 7403574FD

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Vice President Trogel, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, that the Board hereby appoints Cullen & Danowski, LLP to provide special auditing services to the District, for a fee not to exceed \$7,000. Motion unanimously carried.

President LaRocco adjourned the Business meeting at 8:40 PM and the Board returned to the Work Session meeting.

The Work Session meeting resumed at 8:45 PM. Preliminary discussion on the Budget timeline was touched upon. We will have a clearer picture in January when the state budget comes out.

President LaRocco excused Assistant Superintendent Onorato and District Clerk from the meeting at 9:20 PM.

The Board discussed conferences and a motion was made by the Board as follows:

Motion: Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Vice President Trogel, that no Board member should book a conference until it is discussed with the full Board. A consensus was taken and the vote was 6- 1 in favor of this resolution. Trustee Iadevaio voted against this resolution.

The Work session was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Johanna Owen*

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