

**VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24  
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION and the  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**October 18, 2017**

The Work Session was called to order at the William L. Buck School by President Maier at 7:32 PM.

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

Members Absent with prior notice: None

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Attorney Zuckerman, Director of Finance and Operations Mr. Mitchell, and Director of Special Education Ms. Peterson

On the motion of Vice President Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:35 PM for the purpose of seeking legal advice from the Board's attorney regarding the employment history of a particular person.

On the motion of Vice President Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee LaRocco, to adjourn Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

President Maier, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 8:35 PM.

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

Members Absent with prior notice: Vice President Iadevaio

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Attorney Zuckerman, Director of Finance and Operations Mr. Mitchell, and Director of Special Education Ms. Peterson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Conte.

President Maier welcomed visitors.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 27, 2017 and October 4, 2017 by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee LaRocco. Motion unanimously carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Edward Fale welcomed visitors. He congratulated the Board of Education and spoke of how they are all wonderful individuals who are dedicating their time, some not only on this Board, but the High School Board as well. He gave each Board Member a Certificate of Appreciation.

Dr. Fale then introduced each Principal, Mr. Iacono, Dr. Comis and Mrs. Leggett, each of the Principals introduced their Student Council Advisers, who brought up the students to present the Board of Education with beautifully prepared speeches and plaques.

Dr. Fale then introduced Mr. M. Onorato who gave a Technology Presentation along with Mr. Neri.

Motion to move the entire agenda (Personnel #1-9, Education #1-2, Finance #1, Policy #1-2 below) by consent, by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Hernandez. Motion unanimously carried.

## **PERSONNEL**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of **Marlina Commisso**, as Part-time school monitor in the District, effective October 6, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of **Ann Corrao**, as Part-time School Monitor in the District, effective August 31, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of **Jill Baldasarri**, as Part-time School Monitor in the District, effective October 10, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints the following teacher liaisons for clubs/departments for the 2017-2018 school year at the appropriate Club Rate per the VSTA contract as follows: Motion unanimously carried.

**Teacher Liaisons for Departments:**

ENL - Kathleen Murray  
Nurses - Estelle Dempsey

**Science**

WLB - Christine Brenneis  
RWC - Andrea Sommella  
BAS - Ana Restrepo

**Clubs**

**William. L. Buck School**

Art Portfolio Project Club - Nicole Barci  
Safety Patrol - Joseph Schumpf  
Student Government - Carol Cannonito/Christine Iadevaio  
Fitness Club - Jeannie Gavigan/Kerriann Pieper

**Brooklyn Avenue School**

Art Portfolio Project Club - Jane Berzner  
Book Club - Paola Gilbert/Marie Malkiewicz  
Library Club - Stephanie Cuzzo  
Student Council - Karen Kane/Krista Kinirons

**Robert W. Carbonaro School**

Art Portfolio Project Club - Jessica Rosenthal  
Library Club - Katherine Lallier  
Safety Patrol - Drew Jakubowski  
Student Council - Pamela Fowler/Catherine Haufler

**District – Instrumental Music**

Jr. Orchestra-B Club - Gary Garzetta  
Sr. Orchestra - B Club - Gary Garzetta

Jr. Band -B Club -	Nicholas Shmorhun
Sr. Band -B Club -	Nicholas Shmorhun
Music C Club Coordinator	Nicholas Shmorhun

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, The Board of Education approves the following as per diem Substitute Teachers: **Lori Levy and Jaclyn Warren**. Motion unanimously carried.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the creation of a Substitute Teacher Aide Part-time list for the 2017-2018 school year with the following candidates: **Megan Cahill, Bridget Dolan\*** and **Samantha Mangual\***. \*Board approval is contingent upon fingerprint clearance. Motion unanimously carried.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Ana Perez**, as a Part-time School Monitor, effective October 19, 2017, at Step 1. Compensation will be in accordance with the agreement between the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) and the Valley Stream School District 24. Motion unanimously carried.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Motion # 3, approved at the June 14, 2017 Board meeting, is hereby amended and revised as follows:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Kaitlyn Gillespie**, effective August 31, 2017, as an Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions Teacher holding a Certificate for Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) for a three year probationary period (recognizing one year's Jarema credit). Her probation expiration will be August 30, 2020.\* Compensation will be at Step 1a MA in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education.

\*To be eligible to receive tenure, the probationer must receive composite or overall APPR ratings of either effective or highly effective in at least three of the four preceding years, and if the probationer receives an ineffective composite or overall APPR rating in the final year of the probationary period, she will not be eligible for tenure at that time. Motion unanimously carried.

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Motion #2, approved at the August 23, 2017 Board meeting, is hereby amended and revised as follows:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints **Leigh Nahman**, effective August 31, 2017, as an Elementary Classroom Teacher, holding a Certificate for Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), for a three year probationary period (recognizing one year's Jarema credit). Her probation expiration will be August 30, 2020.\* Compensation will be at Step 1a MA in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the Valley Stream Teachers' Association and the Board of Education.

\*To be eligible to receive tenure, the probationer must receive composite or overall APPR ratings of either effective or highly effective in at least three of the four preceding years, and if the probationer receives an ineffective composite or overall APPR rating in the final year of the probationary period, she will not be eligible for tenure at that time. Motion unanimously carried.

## **EDUCATION**

1. 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 # 442302245; 442302382; and 442302393. Motion unanimously carried.
2. 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 # 442301010; 442301038; 442301394; 442301613; 442301675; 442301813; 442301914; 442302198; 442302268; 442302432; 442302442; 442302452; 442302461; 442302475; and 442300305. Motion unanimously carried.

## **FINANCE**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board shall accept the Treasurer's Report, Interest Report, Collateral Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance Report and Internal Claims Report for August, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

**VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

None

**LEGAL REPORT**

None

**PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

Trustee Wheeler read the report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

**LEGISLATION REPORT**

None

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Trustee LaRocco read the report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board adopts the following Policies:  
Policy #4216.8 - Job Description – Director of Finance & Operations  
Policy #4216.10 –Job Description – Director of Curriculum  
Policy #4216.2 – Job Description- Principals  
Policy#4216.4 – Job Description – Director of Instructional Technology and Data  
Policy #4216.6 – Job Description – Director of Special Education  
Motion unanimously carried.

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board abolishes the following Policies:

Policy # 1100 - School Community Relations  
Policy# 1110 - Communication with the Public  
Policy # 1111.1 - Official Board Periodical  
Motion unanimously carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Hernandez that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make all required transfers in the 2017-2018 Budget in order to reconcile the General Fund for the 2017-2018 year.

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BOARD APPROVAL

DATE: October 4, 2017

CODE DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
A9060.8 Hosp & Med Insur	\$100,000.00	
A2250.477 Special Ed-Tuition		\$100,000.00

Transfer needed to complete purchase orders for Special Education Tuition

Motion unanimously carried.

2. Motion by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee DePace, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Audit Committee (the Board as a Whole), the Corrective Action report is hereby accepted by the Board for the response to the Management Letter from RS Abrams for the year ending June, 2017. The Board authorizes a copy of this report be posted and sent to the Office of the NY State Comptroller. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Hernandez to open a public hearing on proposed revisions to the District Code of Conduct (Policy # 5131.1)

Motion by Trustee Wheeler, seconded by Trustee DePace to close the public hearing on proposed revisions to the District Code of Conduct (Policy #5131.1).

3. Motion by Trustee Hernandez, seconded by Trustee DePace after a public hearing on the proposed changes to the District Code of Conduct (Policy #5131.1), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education adopts the revised District Code of Conduct (Policy #5131.1). Motion unanimously carried.
4. Motion by Trustee Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Wheeler, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board approve during the 2017-2018 school year, a pilot of an online reading program called Max Scholar, at a cost not to exceed \$1000. Motion unanimously carried.

**VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

None

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:**

A member of the audience stated that many of clocks are not calibrated for Daylight Savings Time. Dr. Fale, noted that he will look into and make sure that they are done.

A member of the audience gave a suggestion to the Board that a letter should go home to parents regarding pick up and drop off etiquette, creating a safe environment for students being picked up and dropped off at Robert W. Carbonaro School.

A member of the audience asked the time that students are marked late in the classroom in the morning. It was stated that the students need to be in the classroom by 8:25 AM.

A member of the audience asked if the marking period dates could be posted to the website.

A member of the audience stated that they encountered an open door at Robert W. Carbonaro. Dr. Fale stated that we will look into the matter.

A member of the audience stated that there was no update regarding the re-registration packet. Dr. Fale, stated that as of now, it was confirmed that we will not require anything extra in a re-registration packet than in a registration packet.

**ADJOURN**

On the motion of Trustee LaRocco, seconded by Trustee Wheeler and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lana Plinto*

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