

**VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT TWENTY-FOUR
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE
WORK SESSION OF
MARCH 11, 2015**

William L. Buck School

**Determination of Quorum and Call to Order,
President Paul DePace
7:30 P.M.**

The meeting took place at the William L. Buck School.

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

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

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

Motion: Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Lisa Granath as a substitute to teach Operation Success through April 2015. Compensation will be in accordance with the agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Vice President Trogel, seconded by Trustee Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Amanda Whitney as a 1:1 Teacher aide, effective March 12, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Fale discussed his trip to Albany and meeting with the Governor's staff regarding the budget and other issues. It appears that the Governor has alienated everyone. The APPR Plan is currently working but the Governor wants to dismantle the part of the APPR Plan that bases evaluations on tests and feels that student performance should be 60% of the teacher's evaluation.

Dr. Fale met with Assemblyman Curran, Assemblywoman Solages and Senator Skelos and all meetings were very positive. Senator Skelos excused himself from meetings that he was in to elect Regents to he could meet with Dr. Fale. They are asking for elimination of the GEA and an increase in state aid to \$1.9 billion. The Assembly is looking to eliminate the GEA in 2 years instead of all at once but they are sympathetic to our needs. Dr. Fale

advised that they would continue to push Legislators at the Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, March 14, 2015. Tony Iadevaio will also be meeting with the Legislators again on March 16th in Albany to press for more aid.

Mr. Onororato reviewed the budget speaking about the proposed cuts we will be making to help us meet our deficit. Capital Projects were restored to \$400,000. Mr. Onorato advised that the budget was financially sound. Mr DePace asked if there were any programs we could put back in the budget but Dr. Fale advised that our most important factor was to build fund balance. Additional items would be discussed in Executive Session.

President LaRocco asked if anyone would like to be nominated for the BOCES board. The Board discussed whether or not they wanted to nominate anyone for the BOCES School Board Seat. The Board decided not to nominate anyone.

Motion was made by Trustee DePace, seconded by Vice President Trogel to enter into Executive Session for personnel and negotiation discussion as well as legal advice pertaining to a possible retirement incentive. The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:55 PM.

The District Clerk was excused from the remainder of the meeting at 9:20 PM. Executive Session continued and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 PM.