

VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

MINUTES OF THE

MEETING OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OCTOBER 22, 2014

The Work Session Meeting took place at the William L. Buck School and was called to order at 7:30 PM. The Board discussed the New York State School Boards' Association Conference to be held in New York City from October 26 through October 28th. Dr. Fale reminded the Board that the Valley Stream District 13 chorus would be performing at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 28th and that both he and Dr. Frank Chiachiere would be making a presentation from 12:15 to 1:30 PM and he hoped the Board would attend. Dr. Fale also advised the Board that we enclosed information about the Modular classrooms in their packets, as John Maier had requested. The used classrooms might not work for students but might possibly work for office space. Tony Iadevaio asked if we were affected by "Unaccompanied Minors" like Hempstead but we are not at this time. Westbury, Hempstead, Elmont, Freeport and Island Park have been affected by "Unaccompanied Minors" and must accommodate children. Commissioner King will be meeting with these districts to come up with a state plan to educate these children.

Trustee Maier asked if the Board members who wished to do so would be able to walk through the buildings while school is in session to see the crowded cafeterias, the basement at Brooklyn Avenue, doorways and hallways, etc. to see how we can accommodate overcrowding. Dr. Fale advised the Board that the District Clerk would set this up for sometime in November.

The Board was advised that we sent out RFPs for Auditors and Forensic Auditors. The Board Retreat was discussed and we will be looking into various locations. Dr. Fale told the Board that in a Friday packet a form would be sent to them to fill

in regarding any topics they wish to discuss at the Retreat. The Principals will attend for half day and the District Clerk is not required to attend.

While reviewing tonight's agenda, Vice President Trogel questioned what Liaisons are? Dr. Fale advised that they are the point person for each department since we don't have chairpeople. He also asked if there were two people in the same position was the stipend split between them and the answer was yes. He also asked about the new .2 music teacher and why couldn't Mark Huestis fill both positions. Mr. Huestis would exceed the tax cap in retirement if he filled both positions.

Motion: Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Maier, to enter into Executive Session at 8:20 PM to discuss a continuing matter regarding and Administrative employee and a particular student matter. Motion unanimously carried.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

President LaRocco called the business meeting to order at 8:41 PM. This meeting took place at the William L. Buck School on October 22, 2014 immediately following the Work Session meeting.

Members Present: President laRocco, Vice President Trogel, Trustees Paul DePace, Armando Hernandez, Anthony Iadevaio, John Maier and Lisa Pellicane.

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

Determination of Quorum & Call to Order, President

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes –September 17, and October 8, 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 read an invitation sent to the Board inviting them to the Robert W. Carbonaro Student Council Election Assembly.

Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Edward Fale

President LaRocco thanked the PTAs for the delicious dinner they provided in honor of Board Recognition.

Dr. Fale welcomed students and guests who were in the audience to honor our Board in recognition of School Board Recognition month. He thanked the Board for working tirelessly for the students and adults in our District. With increased educational demands being made on educators by the New York State Education Department for curriculum implementation to keep up with the new standards, it is not easy to do with limited state aid and the property tax cap. Dr. Fale presented certificates to each of the Board members. He then introduced the Principals from each building and they introduced their Student Council teachers and students who were presenting to the Board.

President LaRocco thanked the students, teachers, principals and parents for the program tonight. She advised the audience that the Board would be attending the New York State School Boards' Association Conference this weekend and that Mrs. Berzner's student art work would be on display at The Sheraton Hotel from 5:00 to 7:00 PM with a reception.

President LaRocco called for a five minute break for students and parents who wish to leave at 8:55 PM.

President LaRocco resumed the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Motion: Vice President Trogel, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the Board of Education appoints the following teacher liaisons for clubs/departments for the 2014-2015 school year at the appropriate Club Rate per the VSTA contract as follows:

Teacher Liaisons for Departments:

Art - Jane Berzner
ESL - Kathleen Murray
Instrumental Music -Nicholas Shmorhun- - C-Club
Library - Kate Lallier
Math - Catherine Cipriano
Music - Joan Blyskal
Nurses - Cathy Hicks
Phys Ed - Joseph Mangini
Reading - Laurie Arnone
Spanish - Christina Sciglibaglio
Speech - Katie Herr
Sixth Grade – Joseph Schumpf

Science

WLB - Christine Brenneis
RWC - Andrea Sommella
BAS - Susan Leggett

Clubs

William. L. Buck School

Art Club - Laura Donovan
Newspaper Club - Katie Herr
Safety Patrol - Joseph Schumpf
Student Government - Joe Mangini/Christine Iadevaio

Brooklyn Avenue School

Art Club - Jane Berzner
Math Olympiads - Alice Cimler
Student Government - Denise Andersen/Linda Biley
Safety Patrol - Susan Leggett

Robert W. Carbonaro School

Art Club - Jessica Garfinkel
Drama Club - Kate Lallier/Andrea Sommella
Safety Patrol - Drew Jakubowski
Student Council - Pam Fowler/Catherine Haufler

District – Instrumental Music

Jr. Orchestra – B Club – Gary Garzetta

Sr. Orchestra – B Club – Gary Garzetta

Jr. Band – B Club – Nick Shmorhun

Sr. Band – B Club - Nick Shmorhun

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Vice President Trogel, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Sophia Kalemkeridis, a probationary Special Education teacher in this District, in compliance with the provisions of Section #2509 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, having been appointed to such position by resolution of this Board effective as noted, be appointed to tenure to the position noted. Furthermore, it having been shown that she holds a valid New York State certificate permitting her service as indicated in the public schools of the State of New York and it being shown that the probationary period listed to serve in this District will expire on November 30, 2014, the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-four does hereby grant tenure and appoints Sophia Kalemkeridis listed to tenure, effective December 1, 2014, to the following position designated: A teacher of education of children with handicapping conditions. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Vice President Trogel, seconded by Trustee Maier, 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:

Jessica Garfinkel - Step 2A/MA+15

Sophia Kalemkeridis - Step 2A/BA+30

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Vice President Trogel, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Bernard Jones as a part-time (.2) Instrumental Music Teacher effective October 28, 2014. Compensation for this appointment will be in accordance with the VSTA Agreement between the District and the Board of Education, at Step 1, MA. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Vice President Trogel, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education added the following to the per diem substitute list: Alida Pesola. 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 as part-time monitor, effective October 23, 2014, at the appropriate rate of pay in accordance with UPSEU: Luz Ascarruz. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Vice President Trogel, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following as part-time monitor, effective November 3, 2014, at the appropriate rate of pay in accordance with UPSEU: Kimberly Latremore. 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 #: 442301564, 442301185, 442301540, 442301571, 442301429, 442301321 and 442301574. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee Maier, the Board of Education accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education seconded by Trustee DePace, 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 #: 442301554, 442301616, .

442301337, 442300710, 442300901, 442301298, 442300371 and 442301633.
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 August, 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 reported that at last week's Board meeting 290 AP scholars received awards and past President, Elise Antonelli received a plaque.

LEGAL REPORT – Attorney Zuckerman reported that the District is engaged in litigation. A district resident filed an Appeal to the Commissioner after the appeal to the District was denied to allow the child to attend Kindergarten. Commissioner already has denied this appeal. If the parent re-files the Appeal we will respond. Attorney Zuckerman also advised that the law allows employees up to four hours time for breast cancer and prostate screenings.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT was read by Mrs. Pellicane and a copy of this report is affixed to the minutes.

LEGISLATION REPORT was read by Mr. Paul DePace and a copy of this report is affixed to the minutes.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS was read by Mr. Iadevaio and a copy of this report is affixed to the minutes.

POLICY COMMITTEE Mr. Iadevaio reported that at the policy committee meeting earlier this evening, a number of revised policies and one new policy were reviewed. They will be presented to the full Board and then placed on the November 19th Agenda for adoption.

There was no unfinished business to report.

Motion: Trustee Pellicane, seconded by Trustee Iadevaio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the President to approve a revised tuition for an instructional Service Contract for 2014-2015 from Variety Child Learning Center of \$38,544.00 per pupil per school year. This is a revision in the New York State Education Department rates. (Original contract approved July 7, 2014). Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Trustee DePace, seconded by Trustee Maier, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the disposal of the following equipment:

- Meyer snow plow E-5 8H (1)
- Side rail bins for 1997 Ford pick- up truck (2)

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion; Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Vice President Trogel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following transportation contract for a child under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act who currently attends the William L. Buck School, to provide transportation for the 2014-2015 school year, effective October 23, 2014 as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>School</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Monthly Cost</u>
ACME BAUMANN SCHOOL	William L. Buck	1	\$1,190.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST: \$ 10,115.00

Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS – President called upon Mr. Rosado, a Brooklyn Avenue parent who filled out a card to speak to the Board. He is concerned with overcrowding going on in other districts with 60 students in a classroom and doesn't want the situation at Brooklyn Avenue School to get like that. The third grade at Brooklyn Avenue is filled to the brim. President LaRocco advised that

this topic is of concern to the Board also and they are taking everything into consideration. The Board is planning a retreat in December and this is one of the main topics they will be discussing. Trustee Iadevaio advises that immediate relief could be provided, if necessary, by putting classrooms in the cafeterias and libraries.

ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Iadevaio made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Pellicane. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

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