

Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four Minute of the Board of Education Reorganization Meeting July 8, 2015

William L. Buck School
6:00 P.M.

Annual Reorganization Meeting as Required by Law

The Work Session meeting took place at the William L. Buck School and was called to order by President LaRocco at 6:05 PM.

Motion was made by John Maier, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio to enter into Executive Session at 6:06 PM to discuss a continuing personnel matter of a particular teacher and to seek legal advice from the Board's attorney. In addition Particular student matters were discussed.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:07 PM to enter into the Reorganization Meeting.

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

Members Absent with Prior Notice: None

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Attorney Richard Zuckerman

The Reorganization Meeting was called to order by the District Clerk. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to newly re-elected Trustee, Donna LaRocco.

The District Clerk then administered the oath of office to the Superintendent.

The District Clerk then called for nominations for the Office of President for 2015-2016. Motion Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Armando Hernandez to nominate Lawrence Trogel to be President.

Motion: that Lawrence Trogel be President of the Board of Education of this District for the year 2015-2016 fiscal year. Motion unanimously carried.

The District Clerk then administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board President.

*Newly Elected President
Assumes the chairmanship
of the remainder of this meeting*

President Trogel called for nominations for the Office of Vice President for 2015-2016. Motion Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Donna LaRocco to nominate Lisa Pellicane as Vice President.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Donna LaRocco, that Lisa Pellicane be elected as Vice President of the Board of Education for the school year 2015-2016. Motion unanimously carried.

The District Clerk then administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Vice President.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by Donna LaRocco that Johanna Owen; be appointed as District Clerk for the 2015-2016 school year. The annual compensation for this position will be \$ 7,400. Motion unanimously carried.

Attorney Zuckerman administered the Oath of Office to District Clerk

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by Paul DePace, the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-four appoints three members of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-four Board of Education to the Board of Education of Valley Stream Central High School District to serve as Trustees on the High School Board of Education for a period of one year commencing on this date and expiring on June 30, 2016, as follows: as Anthony Iadevaio, Lisa Pellicane and Lawrence Trogel. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Donna LaRocco, that Brian Cleary, *be and is hereby appointed Treasurer of this District* to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Education for the 2015-16 school year at an annual salary of \$12,120. Motion unanimously carried.

The District Clerk will Administer the Oath of Office to the Treasurer within 30 days.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Armando Hernandez, that the Board of Education appoint John Maier to serve as the Acting District Treasurer, to serve without compensation whenever the Treasurer is absent from the District or otherwise unable to serve. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Donna LaRocco, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following members are appointed to the District's Audit Committee: Paul DePace, Armando Hernandez, Anthony Iadevaio, Donna LaRocco, John Maier, Lisa Pellicane and Lawrence Trogel. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by John Maier, that the firm of Lamb & Barnosky, LLP, be and is hereby appointed the District's School Attorney for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, at an annual retainer of \$31,000 and an hourly

rate of \$250.00 per hour for any adversarial relationship including negotiations, disciplinary proceedings and litigation. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by Paul DePace, that the firm of Guercio & Guercio, LLP, be and is hereby appointed as the District's Labor Counsel for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, at an annual retainer of 1/6 of the total between the Valley Stream School Districts. This share shall be \$7,583.33 and an hourly rate of \$250.00 per hour for any labor counsel services. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, that R.S.Abrams & Co., LLP be appointed as the District's Independent Auditor for the school year 2015-2016, at an annual compensation not to exceed \$ 29,500. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Lisa Pellicane, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Madison-Davis as its Claims Auditor for the 2015-2016 school year at an annual contract salary of \$8,400. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by John Maier, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Cullen & Danowski, LLP to prepare Financials and monitor the District's Fund Balance for the 2015-2016 school year, at a fee of \$8,500. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints H2M as District Architects for the 2015-16 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, that the President of the Board of Education of Valley Stream School District Twenty-four is authorized to execute all contracts approved by resolution of the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by John Maier, that in the absence of the President, the Vice President of the School Board shall be authorized to execute all contracts approved by the resolution of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-four. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, that the following Banks and/or Trust Companies be and are hereby designated as the official Depositories for the funds shown during the school year 2015-2016:

Designate Capital One Bank as the principal depository and the paying agent for school funds, and J.P. Morgan Chase as secondary depositories and the secondary paying agents for school funds, for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Paul DePace, that Angela Liatto be appointed as the District's Records Access Officer, to serve without compensation. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Armando Hernandez, to appoint the Director of Finance and Operations, Jack Mitchell, as the District's Attendance Officer to serve without compensation. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez, to appoint the District's Committee Special Education (CPSE & CSE) for the school year 2015-2016 as per the regulations of the Commissioner of Education:

- a) *Administrator/Director of Special Education*: Vanessa A. Myers
- b) *School Physician*: Dr. Giuseppe Delloruso
- c) *Parent Representatives*: Loredana Amoroso and Jennifer Levine.
- d) *School Psychologists*: Suzanne Dalal (BAS), Shira Greenblatt (RWC) Kerriann Cunningham (WLB), & Kerry McLernon (WLB .5).
- e) *Resource Room Classification* (attends only those meetings that involve children from their respective buildings): Christine Iadevaio(WLB); Sophia Kalemkeridis (BAS); Linda Karlin (RWC) Michele Rehs (Non-Resident Private & Parochial Schools).
- f) *Special Education Classes Classification* (attends only those meetings that involve children assigned to their respective Special Education Classes: Karen Kane, Kelly Martin, Donna Ruggiero, Amy Rappaport, Stacy Pagliaro, Deborah Murray, Annmarie Rachoi, Christine Anson, Donna Lifman, Jennifer Albahae, Susan Blaesi, Marissa Levenberg, Samantha Joltin,
- g) *Speech Language Therapist Classification* (attends only those meetings that involve children from their assigned case load): Karen Brass, Speech/Language Pathologist (RWC); Catherine Herr, Speech/Language Pathologist (WLB), Maria Herzner Speech/Language Pathologist (BAS); Michele Knight, Speech/Language Pathologist (WLB-CID/RWC Special Kindergarten/Non-Resident Private and Parochial Schools).
- h) New York State Approved Evaluators – when applicable a representative of Nassau County Dept. of Mental Health, Office of Children with Special Needs, Early Intervention Program, when applicable.
- i) Certified Professional from Nassau County Department of Mental Health, Office of Children with Special Needs, Early Intervention Program – when applicable
- j) Impartial Hearing Officers (to be appointed in accordance with the Commissioner's Regulations)

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by Paul DePace, to appoint the District's Board of Registry for the school year 2015-2016 as follows:

- a) Election District 24-1 -Corona Avenue Firehouse – TBD
- b) Election District 24-2 -William L. Buck School – TBD
- c) Election District 24-3 - Brooklyn Avenue School- TBD
- d) Election District 24-4 - Robert W. Carbonaro School – TBD

Motion unanimously carried

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by Armando Hernandez, the rate of pay for such registry is set as follows:

- a) Chief Election Inspectors: \$155 per day
- b) Assistant Election Inspectors: \$130 per day

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, that the President of the Board of Education will appoint the following chairpersons for the following board committees on the August 26, 2015 Agenda:

- a) Education
- b) Finance
- c) Policy
- d) Buildings & Grounds
- e) Legislation
- f) Public Relations
- g) Personnel

Motion unanimously carried to table this item until August.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Paul DePace, that the President of the Board of Education will appoint the following board members to serve on the following negotiating committees on the August 26, 2015 Agenda:

- a) Teachers
- b) Administrators
- c) Secretaries
- d) Custodians

Motion unanimously carried to table this item until August.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by John Maier, to authorize membership for the District Twenty Four Board of Education for 2015-2016 in the following associations:

- a) New York State School Boards Association
- b) Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association
- c) National School Boards Association
- d) SCOPE
- e) REFIT

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez, to appoint the President of the Board of Education as the official delegate to the New York State School Boards Association's annual meeting. In the event that the President is unable to attend, the Vice President of the Board of Education shall be the official delegate; and in the event *neither* is able to attend, the senior board member present shall be the official delegate. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by John Maier, authorizes the board members, officers of the board, and the Superintendent of Schools to attend the State and National School Board conventions, with expenses paid by the District, and the American Association of School of Administrators, with expenses paid by the District, as follows:

- New York State School Boards – October 18-20, New York City.
- American Association of School Administrators – February 26-28, 2016, San Diego, CA
- National School Boards Association – April 9-11, 2016, Boston, MA

This item will be tabled until the August 26, 2015 agenda.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by Paul DePace, to appoint Mr. Jack Mitchell as Purchasing Agent for the fiscal year 2015-2016. In the absence of Mr. Mitchell, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to assume this responsibility, at no extra compensation. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by Armando Hernandez, to appoint Dr. Giuseppe Dellorusso, as the School Physician for the school year 2015-2016 at an annual compensation for this position to be \$ 4,650. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Donna LaRocco, to appoint Ann Willoughby as Hearing Officer for the school year 2015-16, compensation to be \$175.00 per hour. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, to authorize the establishment of the District's Petty Cash funds for the school year 2015-2016 in the amounts as indicated:

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| a) Business Office | \$100 monthly |
| b) Superintendent's Office | \$100 monthly |
| c) Brooklyn Avenue School | \$100 semi-annually |
| d) Board of Education | \$100 monthly |
| e) William L. Buck School | \$100 semi-annually |
| f) Robert W. Carbonaro School | \$100 semi-annually |
| g) CSE Office | \$50 semi-annually |

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez, to appoint the Director of Finance and Operations as the “custodian/supervisor” of the petty cash funds. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by John Maier, to establish the following dates for the regularly scheduled monthly meetings of the Board of Education. The Board of Education may reschedule meetings, if conflicts arise with due notice: *July 8, August 26, September 16, October 28, November 18, December 16, 2015, January 27, February 24, March 30, April 19, May 25, and June 15, 2016.* Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, to establish the following dates for the regularly scheduled work session meetings of the Board of Education. The Board of Education may reschedule meetings, if conflicts arise with due notice: *July 8, August 26, September 9, 16, October 7, 28, November 4, 18, December 16, 2015, January 6, 27, February 3, 24, March 9, 30, April 6, 19, May 4, 17, 25, June 1, 15, 2016.* Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Donna LaRocco, to establish the reimbursement rate for mileage at the prevailing rate as established by the IRS. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Armando Hernandez, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to certify payrolls. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to make budget transfers according to Board Policy #3160. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to be responsible for the opening of all bids. In the absence of the District Clerk authorize the Director of Finance and Operations or the Superintendent to perform this function. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by Donna LaRocco, that the Board of Education authorizes the Director of Finance and Operations to prepare all necessary legal advertisements with reference to the securing of bids. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by Paul DePace, that the Board of Education authorizes the Treasurer to sign checks for the School District. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by Lisa Pellicane, that the Board of Education re-adopts Policy #3290, Investment Policies & Guidelines in effect during the 2015-2016 school year, authorizing the District Treasurer, or in his/her absence, the Director of Finance and Operations, to make investments for the District. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Armando Hernandez, the Board of Education re-adopts all policies and the Code of Ethics, in effect during the school year 2015-2016 and directs that the Code of Ethics be posted in each building. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Donna LaRocco, that the Board of Education establishes the date for the Annual Meeting and voting on the 2015-2016 School Budget and Election of School Board Trustees for Tuesday, May 17, 2016, voting Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, that the Board of Education establishes the date for the District's Budget Hearing for May 4, 2016 at 8:15 p.m. at the William L. Buck School. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by Donna LaRocco, that the Board of Education authorizes the dates to be recognized for "religious holiday adjustment" for the school year 2015-2016 for the purposes in connection with our annual State aid attendance reports. These will be dates when school is scheduled to be in session. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by John Maier, to adopt the District's Pay books listed below, authorizing salaries for the school year 2015-2016 effective July 1, 2015:

#1 Administrative Salaries	#5 School Aides
#2 Teachers' Salaries	#6 Clubs
#3 Custodian Salaries	#7 Other Civil Service Aides
#4 Clerical Salaries	#8 School Nurses
#9 Teacher Assistants	

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by Armando Hernandez, to adopt the summer custodial help hourly wage scale as follows for 2015:

Step 4 (1st Employed Pre 2011) \$12.25 - \$12.75

Pay Scale Eff. 7/1/2011:

Step #1 - \$10.25

Step #2 - \$10.50

Step #3 - \$10.75

Step #4 - \$11.00

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by Donna LaRocco, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the salary for per diem substitutes shall be \$105 per day effective September 1, 2015. \$110 per day is to be paid to the per diem substitute who continuously covers for the same absentee teacher for at least ten consecutive days, said salary of \$115 per day to begin on the eleventh day and to continue until the assignment is completed. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education establishes a sliding scale of pay for per diem substitutes, effective September 1, 2015. Within this scale, the salary for a per diem substitute shall increase to \$105-110 per day* beginning with the fifty-first day of service to the District in a school year and to \$110-\$115 per day beginning with the one hundred and first day of service in that school year, the record keeping and notification of such event(s) being the responsibility of the employee substitute. These scaled rates of pay shall not be retroactive beyond September 1, 2015 nor shall they be carried from one school year to the next. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Donna LaRocco, that the Board of Education will bond the District Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer in the amount of \$2,000,000. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, seconded by John Maier, that the Board of Education will bond the Payroll Clerk in the amount of \$2,000,000. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, that the Board of Education will bond the Principal Account Clerk in the amount of \$2,000,000. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by Armando Hernandez, that the Board of Education will bond the Sr. Account Clerk in the amount of \$2,000,000. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Anthony Iadevaio, seconded by John Maier, that the Board of Education will bond the District Courier in the amount of \$2,000,000. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Lisa Pellicane, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, that the Board of Education designates the Valley Stream Herald and the Lynbrook Herald as the official newspapers of the District. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Armando Hernandez, that as a “public entity” pursuant to Public Officers Law section 18(1).(a), the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-four hereby expressly agrees pursuant to Public Officers Law section 18(2)(b) to confer the benefits of Public Officers law section 18 upon the employees of Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-four and to be held liable for costs incurred under its provisions; and it is further RESOLVED, that these

benefits are expressly intended to supplement any and all other existing statutory protections. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Armando Hernandez, second by John Maier, that Charles Brocher, be appointed as the Asbestos Designee per AHERA regulations and Public Law 99-519. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by John Maier, that the Board of Education re-adopts its Mission Statement for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by Donna LaRocco, that the Board of Education designates Dr. Lisa Conte as the District Compliance Officer to carry out the District's responsibilities associated with Title IX pursuant to Policy 4111.1B Sexual Harassment of Employees & Section 504 without additional compensation or stipend. Motion unanimously carried.

The Reorganization Meeting ended at 8:35 PM and the Board went directly into the Regular Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Johanna Owen

Johanna Owen, District Clerk