

# **MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY 4, 2016**

**Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-Four  
William L. Buck School**

The meeting took place at the William L. Buck School on May 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Lisa Pellicane at 7:30 PM

In Attendance: Vice-President Pellicane, Trustees: DePace, Hernandez, Iadevaio, LaRocco and Maier

Absent with Prior Notice: President Trogel

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Director of Curriculum, Dr. Lisa Conte, Director Of Special Education, Mrs. Vanessa Myers and Director of Finance & Operations, Mr. Jack Mitchell.

Dr. Fale discussed the water testing results with the Board and advised them that he sent letters home to parents as well as a robocall and response to the communication on this matter was very good. He also advised the Board that a second round of first draw water testing was taking place soon and he would notify them with the results.

Dr. Fale also advised the Board that there were bags for them to take home with the new Reading Program ("Journeys"). He asked the Board to please review them because we would like to approve this program for adoption for grades 3-6.

Dr. Fale also asked the Board to review their packet on Space Needs for further discussion at the next meeting. The next topic was to see who would be interested in serving on the High School Board. There was ongoing discussion that will continue at the May 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

A parent was concerned that her child's photo was on the Parent Portal along with their name. Dr. Conte is investigating with BOCES on how a parent can remove their photo if they would like to do so.

Motion: Donna LaRocco, seconded by Anthony Iadevaio, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following persons to serve as election inspectors for the Annual Budget Vote Meeting on May 17, 2016, compensation at the rate of \$130.00 for the day:

Brooklyn Avenue School  
Joan Greig and Johanna Murphy

South Corona Firehouse  
Karen Simek

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: Paul DePace, seconded by John Maier, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following person to serve as Chief Election Inspector for the Annual Budget Meeting on May 17, 2016, compensation at the rate of \$155.00 for the day: Diane Johnson (will replace Dorothy Kirchner)

Motion: John Maier, seconded by Paul DePace, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a particular student matter. Entered into Executive Session at 8:00 PM.

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 8:12 PM.

The Budget Hearing started at 8:15 PM with Dr. Bill Heidenreich presenting the High School budget. The presentation was over at 8:25 PM and Dr. Heidenreich answered questions from the audience. At 8:30 PM Dr. Fale and Mr. Mitchell presented the Valley Stream School District 24's Budget. The presentation was over and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The Work Session resumed at 8:55 PM and Kathy Beatty, President of Syntax Corp. spoke to the Board about the procedures and steps necessary if the District would like to expand and repair its buildings and how to prepare for a possible bond. Mrs. Beatty completed her discussion with the Board at 10:10 PM.

Dr. Fale discussed with the Board the possibility of bringing in the second firm of Edelson-Zimmerman to meet with the Board to give their input on the same matter. We will arrange to schedule that meeting for a future Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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