

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

**January 28, 2015**

The Work Session Meeting was called to order by President LaRocco at 7:04 PM. Dr. Fale discussed the possibility of the JCC – Five Towns Y Program using our one of buildings for their Summer Recreational Camp Program. They would run the program after our Summer School Program ended from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This would be contingent on whether or not the budget passes and we are able to hold summer school. The Board said they would be supportive of the possibility of this program pending certain criteria. The Board reviewed the agenda for this evening.

Trustee Maier made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the financial history of employees. Seconded by Trustee Iadevaio. Entered into Executive Session at 7:13 PM.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Don Hoffman from Cullen and Danowski presented his Forensic Audit Report to the Board. Mr. Hoffman concluded his report at 8:15 PM and the Board thanked him for his service.

Trustee DePace made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of an employee. This motion was seconded by Trustee Maier. The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:16 PM.

Executive Session and Work Session was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

President LaRocco called the regular meeting to order at 8:36 PM. The meeting took place at the William L. Buck School on January 28, 2015 immediately following the Work Session meeting.

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

Others Present: Superintendent Fale, Attorney Mara Harvey and Assistant Superintendent Onorato.

President LaRocco approved the minutes of December 10, 2014 and January 7, 2015.

President LaRocco welcomed questions or comments relative to the items on tonight's agenda from visitors.

District Clerk did not have anything to report on correspondence.

Superintendent Fale welcomed the audience and told them that we were presenting our outgoing President Paul DePace with a gift for his service on the Board. President LaRocco told Mr. DePace that this gift was a token of appreciation for all the work you do and continue to do for the children, the District and the community. The Superintendent thanks him for his outstanding service. Mr. DePace thanked the Board and Administrators and said he was honored to be on the school board and thanked the community for their continued support.

Dr. Fale introduced Dr. Conte and Mrs. Karen Mylan to present the video that they submitted to the Follett Challenge. Dr. Conte worked with the Library Media Specialists to put together a video to be submitted for grant money. This was a nationwide contest sponsored by Follett and our District was one of three from Long Island to submit entries. They asked that we continue to vote every day until midnight on January 30<sup>th</sup> for this video.

Dr. Fale introduced Beth Ferrigno & Samantha Stanley from SuperKids, a Reading Program that is currently being piloted in Kindergarten at the Robert W. Carbonaro School.

Dr. Fale and President LaRocco thanked all of our presenters this evening.

Motion: Trustee Iadevaio, and seconded by Trustee Maier for a Consent Agenda. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a change in salary level, as a result of successful completion of graduate/course work for the following teacher, effective February 1, 2015:

Krista Anthony	Step 2A/MA +30
Jason Wasloff -	Step 12A/MA +15

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following to teach the Operation Success Program for ELA and/or Math for the program commencing January 2015 to April 2015: Carol Cannonito, Kelly Carr, Alice Cimler, Cathy Cipriano, Chelsea Cittadino, James Fischman, Jeannie Gavigan, Christine Iadevaio, Drew Jakubowski, Samantha Joltin, Sophia Kalemkeridis, Linda Karlin, Dave LeWinter, Marie Malkiewicz, Kelly Martin, Michael Neri, Shannon Quinn, Ana Restrepo, Jacqueline Roth, Matthew Roth, Richard Roth, Joseph Schumpf, Jason Wasloff, Shannon Weber and Carol Wright.

The following staff will be appointed as substitutes:

Paola Gilbert, Helene Kanellis, Judy McClusky, Vincent Milano, Jean Oestreich, Thomas Ponchione, Stacey Rogers and Bruna Zappia.

Compensation is in accordance with the appropriate hourly rate of pay as per the current Valley Stream Teachers' Association contract. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves and adds the following to the per diem substitute list: Emily Dulka and Atofa Samad for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Teacher Assistants to provide instructional supervision after school with the Music Program, effective January 26, 2015 until May 12, 2015, at an hourly rate of pay: Thomas Ponchione and Bruna Zappia. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Thomas Ponchione, to serve as a home tutor for a particular student requiring services effective approximately January 23, 2015 for a period of 5 days. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: 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; 442301483; 442301261; 442301185. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: 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 #: 442300364; 442301169; 442300822; 412100390; 312100310; 412100460; 442300427; 412100320; 402300140; 442301236; 412300040; 412200310; 412100000; 442301028; 402300410; 412300230; 442300493; 442300676; 442300050; 442300377; 442301031; 442301249; 442301249; 442301005 and 412100170. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board shall accept the Treasurer's Report, Interest Report, Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance Report and Internal Claims Report for November, 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.

LEGAL REPORT – Representative from the law firm, Lamb & Barnosky, LLP

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – A copy of such report is affixed to these minutes.

LEGISLATION REPORT – A copy of such report is affixed to these minutes.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – A copy of such report is affixed to these minutes.

POLICY COMMITTEE - A copy of such report is affixed to these minutes

Motion: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education adopts the following policies that were revised and/or newly adopted:

- Policy # 9220 - Vice-President
- Policy # 9240 - District Treasurer
- Policy # 9280 - The Board of Education
- Policy # 9341 - Board of Education Meetings
- Policy # 9341.1 - Regular Meetings and Notice Thereof
- Policy # 9341.7 - Quorum

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education abolishes the following policy:

Policy # 9341.2 – Board of Education Meetings and Notice Thereof  
Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the NYS determination of Estimated Non Resident Tuition for District #24 for the 2014-2015 school year is as follows:

Regular Education K-6:	\$15,588
Special Education K-6	\$69,445

The Actual Non Resident Tuition for District #24 for the 2013-2014 school year is as follows:

Regular Education K-6:	\$15,762
Special Education K-6	\$61,632

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts and approves the Engagement Letter from Cullen and Danowski to provide Financials for the District for the 2014-2015 school year at a flat fee of \$8,500, plus quarterly work and assistance expenses billed at the following hourly rates: Partner (\$200); Manager (\$165); Senior Accountant (\$135); and Staff Accountant (\$115). Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves and ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association (Registered Nurses' Unit) effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the District Calendar for the School Year 2015-2016. Motion unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, on or about October 8, 2014 the District's auditors advised the board of Education that they had identified a shortfall in the General Fund budget line for employee Retirement System payments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and consistent with the Board's longstanding practice, the Board of Education, on June 18, 2014, adopted a resolution authorizing "the Superintendent of Schools to make all required transfers in the 2013-2014 Budget in order to reconcile and close the district books for the district to be compliant for the end of the year external audit; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and consistent with the Board of Education's June 18, 2014 direction, the Superintendent of Schools, in July and September 2014, implemented various budget transfers (see Attachment "A" in order to ensure that the General Fund was reconciled and balanced at the end of the 2013-2014 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to ensure continued transparency and accountability in its budget processes.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the Superintendent of Schools' Implementation of the budget transfers set forth in Attachment "A" for the purposes outlined above.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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