

SPECIAL MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stockbridge Valley Central School
Wednesday, November 2, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by
Board Vice President, Jonathan Strain

**Meeting Called
to Order**

Herb Bingel, Carol Garrett, Kristin Guinto,
Jaime Renner, Jonathan Strain

Members Present

Michael Gough, Doug Reed

Members Absent

Corey Graves, Superintendent; Beth Lamb, Business
Administrator; Pamela Mennig, District Clerk; Savana Bingel,
Student

Also Present

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
and on a motion by K. Guinto, seconded by H. Bingel, the Board
adopted the following resolution:

**Commencement of
E-Cigarettes & Vaping
Litigation**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMENCEMENT OF E-CIGARETTES
AND VAPING LITIGATION**

WHEREAS, the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices has increased dramatically among high school and middle school students in recent years, leading to significant risks of addiction, potentially life-threatening respiratory ailments, and other health consequences; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vapid devices by students has caused the Stockbridge Valley Central School District (the "School District") to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases; and

WHEREAS, the School District's Board of Education (the "Board") has been invited to join a nation-wide lawsuit by school districts against Juul Labs, Inc. the largest seller of e-cigarettes in the United States and other parties responsible for the production, marketing, sale and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to join this lawsuit to discourage the proliferation of e-cigarettes, end the marketing of e-cigarettes to children, and seek compensation for harm caused to the District due to e-cigarette use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby resolves:

- I. To appoint the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC and approve the agreement to provide legal services in connection with pursuing claims for damages against Juul Labs, Inc. and others consistent with the recitals above;
2. To authorize the Superintendent to take all steps necessary for the District to become an active co-plaintiff to pending litigation filed on behalf of school districts Nationwide by the Frantz Law Group against Juul Labs, Inc. and others.

There were 5 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

On a motion by C. Garrett, seconded by J. Renner, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. There were 5 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Mennig, District Clerk