

Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen
585 N. Corona Avenue
Valley Stream, NY 11580-2099

AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, February 25, 2014
James A. Dever School

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Freedom of Information

Under Freedom of Information Law, residents may request to see specific information such as Board of Education Policies and Regulations, staff assignments, employee contracts and salaries, and budget information. Residents interested in such information must contact Assistant Superintendent for Business, Meredith Brosnan, Records Access Officer.

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I. Call to Order

In compliance with New York State Law, you are advised to take note of the location of the nearest exit. In the event of a fire, or other emergency that requires evacuation from the building, use the nearest available exit.

Please obey all instructions in a prompt and orderly manner.

Also be advised that tape recorders may be in use, by members of the public and the press, during all or portions of this meeting.

- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of unofficial minutes: January 28, February 12, 2014
- V. Communications
- VI. Report of the Superintendent
- VII. Report of Standing Committees
- VIII. High School Report
- IX. Report of the Attorney
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business
- XII. Recognition of Visitors

It is expected that visitors wishing to address the Board concerning items on the agenda will be heard when the pertinent item is being considered and before action is taken. Visitors wishing to address the Board concerning items, which do not appear on the agenda, will normally be invited to speak at the conclusion of regular business.

If you wish to address the Board, please fill out the following form and give it to the district clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting:

SUBJECT _____

GROUP _____

DISTRICT RESIDENT Yes No DISTRICT PERSONNEL Yes No

PRINT/SIGNATURE _____

Note: Board Policy 1230 Public Participation at Board Meetings states in part that "Presentations should be as brief as possible. No speaker will be permitted to speak for longer than three minutes."

PUBLIC HEARING FOR VETERANS EXEMPTION

Hearing to be held on the anticipated proposed resolution adopting a Veterans' property tax exemption

PUBLIC HEARING FOR GOLD STAR PARENT EXEMPTION

Hearing to be held on the anticipated proposed resolution adopting a Gold Star Parent property tax exemption

VI. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

1. Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide

To add Deanna Ventura as a substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide.

VII. Committee Reports

A. EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz]

1. Education Report:

District Library Program and Online Databases (C. Schozer, District Librarians)

2. Salary Gates

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for gate increases effective on the dates listed according to the Board/VSTA contract:

<u>Step 9 to Step 10</u>	<u>Step 14 to Step 15</u>	<u>Step 19 to Step 20</u>
Janis Boremski (D) (effective 5/1/14)	Josette Green (D) (effective 3/16/14) Lisa Mulqueen (H) (effective 5/16/14)	Susan Nissen (D) (effective 3/1/14) Cynthia Shannon (Wi) (effective 2/1/14)

3. Child Care Leave of Absence – 1st Year

To accept a 1st year Child Care Leave of Absence for Mary Frances Scott, the music teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, effective March 8, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

4. Employment of a Replacement Music Teacher

Employment of Matthew Spinks as a replacement music teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School effective March 9, 2014 through June 30, 2014 on Step1BA (\$57,684).

5. School Calendar 2014-2015

To approve the school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year.

6. Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2013-2014 school year.

B. BUSINESS COMMITTEE [J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

1. Treasurer's Report

To approve the Treasurer's Reports for the month ending January 31, 2014.

2. Veterans' Exemption

Whereas, a public hearing was held on February 25, 2014 in the Auditorium of the James A. Dever School, and

Whereas, the Board wishes to extend real property tax exemptions to eligible and qualified property owners pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, section 485-a(2), now, therefore

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen hereby adopts the definitions of “qualified owner,” “qualifying residential real property” and “veteran” as provided in the Real Property Tax Law, section 458-a(1)(c),(d) and (e), respectively, and

Be it further resolved that eligible recipients shall be entitled to the exemptions provided in Real Property Tax Law, section 485-a(2)(a), (b) and (c) to a maximum of twelve thousand dollars, eight thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, respectively, and

*Be it further resolved that tenant-stockholders of eligible cooperative corporations, shall be eligible to receive such exemptions as provided in Real Property Tax Law 485-a(6), and

**Be it further resolved that recipients of these exemptions shall be permitted to transfer, on a pro-rata basis, the exemption to another home purchased within the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen as provided in Real Property Tax Law 485-a(8).

- * Extends, to residents of cooperatives, this exemption on the same basis as owners of real property.
- ** Allows recipients of this exemption who sell their home and purchase another home within the district to transfer the exemption on a prorated basis.

3. Gold Star Parent Exemption

Whereas, a public hearing was held on February 25, 2014 in the Auditorium of the James A. Dever School, and

Whereas, the Board wishes to extend a real property tax exemption to the parent(s) of a child who died in the line of duty while serving in the United States armed forces during a period of war as permitted by Real Property Tax Law, section 458-a(7), now, therefore

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen hereby adopts the definitions of “Gold Star Parent” as provided in the Real Property Tax Law, section 485-a(7)(a), and

Be it further resolved that such a Gold Star Parent shall be entitled to the exemptions provided pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, section 485-a(7), to a combined maximum of twenty thousand dollars, and as limited by Real Property Tax Law, section 485-a(7)(c).

4. Disposal of Obsolete, Surplus or Unusable District Property: Computer Equipment Disposal of Obsolete, Surplus or Unusable District Property

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 hereby declares the articles of property listed on attachment "1" to be obsolete, surplus or unusable property whose market value is indeterminate, and hereby directs the Superintendent to sell said property for market value at a public sale, if possible, and to otherwise dispose of any remaining unsold property in an appropriate manner.

5. State Environment Quality Review Negative Declaration, Notice of Non-Significance

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen is the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required determinations respecting the proposed Capital Improvement Projects as follows:

- a. James A. Dever School
 - 1. Door Replacement SED # 28-02-13-02-0-001-030
- b. Howell Road School SED # 28-02-13-02-0-002-019
 - 1. Basketball Court Reconstruction
 - 2. ADA Ramp Construction
 - 3. Door Replacement
- c. Wheeler Avenue School SED # 28-02-13-02-0-003-021
 - 1. Door Replacement
- d. Willow Road School SED # 28-02-13-02-0-004-015
 - 1. Gym Roof Replacement
 - 2. Parking Lot/Playground Reconstruction

WHEREAS, in 1995, amendments were made to the SEQRA Regulation (Part 617) to classify projects, which will be excluded from the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (Type II Actions). The project mentioned above is now classified as Type II Actions as determined by NYCRR Section 617.5 and

WHEREAS, these projects fall under the following categories:

- A. Routine Maintenance and Repair 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (1): Maintenance or repair involving no substantial change in an existing facility.
- B. Replace or Rehabilitation 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (2): Replacement or Rehabilitation or Reconstruction of a structure of facility, in kind, on the same site, unless the work excess a threshold for a Type I action in 6NYCRR Section 617.4.
- C. 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (8); Routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings.

THEREFORE, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, the above referenced projects fall under Categories “A” or “B” above. The procedure for Type II Actions, with regard to the SEQRA Process for Capital Projects noted above is “No Additional Action under 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (a)”.

C. POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, J. Greco Jacobs]

- 1. Policies for 2nd Reading and Adoption
 - 0150 HIV/AIDS
 - 0330 Evaluation of Professional Staff (NYSSBA 9420)
 - 1100 Public Information Program
 - 2210 Board Reorganization
 - 2230.1 Appointed Board Officers/Letters of Intent (NEW)
 - 2310 Regular Meetings
 - 2510 New Board Member Orientation
 - 3220 Administrative Council, Cabinets, Committees
 - 3240 Line and Staff Relations
 - 4315.1 AIDS Instruction
 - 4513-R Regulation - Library Materials and Selection
 - 4710 Grading System
 - 5100 Attendance Policy

D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President D. Evans]

1. Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 1/23, 1/24D, 1/24Wh, 1/27H, 1/27H, 1/28, 1/30Wh, and 1/30/14Wi.

2. Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 1/23, 1/28, and 1/31/14.

3. Additional Voter Registration

To approve additional voter registration at the spring concerts on the following dates:

Howell Road	Thursday, March 13	6:30 - 7:30 PM
James A. Dever	Tuesday, March 18	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Wheeler Avenue	Wednesday, March 19	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Willow Road	Thursday, March 27	6:30 - 7:30 PM

4. Special Education Contract

To approve a special education contract between the Bellmore UFSD and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for the 2013-2014 school year.

5. Donation

To approve the donation of two desks and a hutch to the Howell Road School from National Financial Network, LLC with an approximate value of \$150.

6. Donation

To accept a donation from Mr. & Mrs. Akbar Muhammad of seven Disney movie videos with an estimated value of \$50 for use at the Wheeler Avenue School.

7. District Shared Decision Making Team – Additional Members

To add the following members to the District Shared Decision Making Team:

Noele Villa Ruth Palazzolo Deborah Kalb

8. District Shared Decision Making Plan

To approve the District Shared Decision Making Plan for 2014 through 2016.

9. Informational

Petitions are available for three Board seats that will expire on June 30, 2014, namely, Frank Chiachiere, Sean Douglas, and Debra Evans. This is a 3-year term of office effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. Petitions are available in the District Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday when school is in session. Petitions require 34 District Thirteen resident signatures and must be returned to the District Clerk by Monday, April 21, 2014 by 5 PM. Please take note that school will be closed for spring break from April 14 through April 18, 2014 and there will be no one available to accept petitions during this time. The District Office will be open on Monday, April 21, 2014 from 9 AM to 5 PM, the date petitions are due.

VIII. High School Report

Joseph DiSibio

IX. Report of the Attorney

Florence Frazer

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

XII. Visitors

XIII. Adjourn