

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

AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, March 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: February 25, March 18, 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."

VI. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

1. Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Francine Taliercio, a Classroom Aide at Howell Road School effective March 14, 2014.

2. Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Anthony Inguarta as a Classroom Aide assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$16,498) effective March 26, 2014, pending civil service clearance, and unless sooner terminated.

3. Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aides

To add Rabia Bano and Fanela Jean as substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aides.

VII. Committee Reports

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

1. Education Report:

Common Core Implementation – ELA & Math Update (A. Robb-Fund, C. Schozer)

2. Resignation of a Music Teacher for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, in accordance with Section 5.9 of the VSTA Agreement, for Mary Ann Cali, music teacher assigned to the James A. Dever and Howell Road Schools effective July 1, 2014.

3. Resignation of a Classroom Teacher for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, in accordance with Section 5.9 of the VSTA Agreement, for Rosemary Dellapina, classroom teacher assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School effective July 1, 2014.

4. Resignation of a Classroom Teacher for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, in accordance with Section 5.9 of the VSTA Agreement, for Madeline Roblin, classroom teacher assigned to the James A. Dever School effective July 1, 2014.

5. Resignation of a Classroom Teacher for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, in accordance with Section 5.9 of the VSTA Agreement, for Joseph Pitts, classroom teacher assigned to the Howell Road School effective July 1, 2014.

6. Resignation of a Classroom Teacher for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, in accordance with Section 5.9 of the VSTA Agreement, for Alba Verambeck, classroom teacher assigned to the Howell Road School effective July 1, 2014.

7. Resignation of a Classroom Teacher for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, in accordance with Section 5.9 of the VSTA Agreement, for Elizabeth Silz, classroom teacher assigned to the Willow Road School effective July 1, 2014.

8. Salary Gates

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

Step 9 to Step 10

Catherine Ricchiuti (H)

Step 14 to Step 15

Paula Barnick (H)

Michelle DiScala (D)

Melissa Gresser (H)

Andrea Hildenbrand (H)

Kathleen Ianuale (Wh)

9. Child Care Leave of Absence – 1st Year

To accept a 1st year Child Care Leave of Absence for Elizabeth Abballe, a reading teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, effective March 21, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

10. Child Care Leave of Absence – 1st Year

To accept a 1st year Child Care Leave of Absence for Janet Hoffner, a music teacher assigned to Willow Road School, effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

11. Child Care Leave of Absence – 2nd Year

To accept a 2nd year Child Care Leave of Absence for Jennifer Frances, a Classroom Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

12. Employment of a Replacement Reading Teacher

To employ Angelique Scarpinato as a replacement reading teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School effective March 24, 2014 through June 30, 2014 on Step1MA+15 (\$69,771).

13. Home Tutoring

To appoint Guy Jacob as a home tutor, not to exceed 5 hours per week, effective March 10, 2014 through June 30, 2014

14. Summer School Principal

To appoint Denise DeMeo as the 2014 Summer School Principal with a salary of \$7,000.

15. 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 Report for the month ending February 28, 2014.

2. Property Tax Report Card

To approve the Property Tax Report Card for the 2014-2015 Annual Meeting.

3. 2014-2015 Proposed Budget (Proposition #1)

That the Board of Education adopts the 2014-2015 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$45,811,975 and that the budget be presented to the voters in our District; and that the District Clerk be directed to place this budget, in the above amount, on the ballot in accordance with previous instructions.

4. 2014-2015 Proposed Budget Valley Stream Central High School District (Proposition #2)

That the proposed budget of expenditures of Valley Stream Central High School District, Nassau County, New York for the year 2014-2015 be approved in the amount of \$108,447,470 and that the sum be raised through a levy upon the taxable property in the Valley Stream High School District, after first deducting the monies from state aid and other sources, as provided by law. Adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase of 1.49% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of .047% for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent of the qualified voters present and voting.

5. Budget Transfers

To approve the following Budget Transfers effective March 26, 2014:

From A1980.400.01 Refund of Taxes \$45,000

To A5540.401.01 Contract Buses \$20,000

A5540.404.01 Contract Buses Special Education \$25,000

6. Approval of an Engagement Letter

To approve an Engagement letter with BookSmart Accounting to provide a Senior Consultant at \$135 per hour as needed.

7. Health & Welfare Contracts

To approve the Health & Welfare Contracts for the 2013-2014 school year for those Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen students attending schools in the following school districts:

- Garden City UFSD at a rate of \$847.64 per student; total cost for 36 students is \$30,515.04.
- Lynbrook UFSD at a rate of \$955.60; total cost for 16 students is \$15,289.60.

- Uniondale UFSD at a rate of \$611.40 per student; total cost for 7 students is \$4,279.80.
- Valley Stream UFSD 24 at a rate of \$1,154.64; total cost for 36 students is \$41,567.04.

8. Amendment to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o empowers municipal corporations, including school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns, and villages, to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves, or one for the other, of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (“Board”) of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen (“District”) has heretofore approved and authorized the District’s participation in, and the investment of certain of its available investments funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to, a Municipal Cooperation Agreement dated as of October 20, 1999 (“Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Agreement, the Governing Board has approved and given notice of an Amended and Restated NYCLASS Municipal Cooperative Agreement (the “Amended Agreement”), effective January 13, 2014, which amends the current Agreement to accommodate and conform to certain changes in New York State Law regarding cooperative investments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board approves the proposed amendments and authorizes the Board President to execute the Amended Agreement on behalf of the District; and further directs the District Clerk to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Governing Board or its designee.

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

1. Policies for 1st Reading:

- 0330 Evaluation of Professional Staff (NYSSBA 9420)
- 1145 Dissemination of Materials Through the Schools (NEW)
- 1221 Relations with Parental Organizations
- 1530 Smoking on School Premises
- 1910 Volunteers in the Schools (NEW)
- 2230 Appointed Board Officers
- 2710 Communication Among Individual Board Members (NEW)
- 4321 Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA and NY Ed Law Article 89
- 4321.1 Allocation of Space for Special Education (NYSSBA 4321.3)
- 4321.4 Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation (NYSSBA 4321.8)
- 4321.12 Programs & Services for Parentally-Placed Nonpublic School Students w/Disabilities (NYSSBA 4321.10)
- 4321.13 Precautions Regarding Student Elopement (NEW)
- 5420 Student Health Services
- 5500 Student Records (Replaces our 5500, 5500-R, and Exhibit 5500-E.1)
- 5500-R Student Records Regulations
- 5500-E.1 Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice Regarding Access to Student Records & Student Information

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 2/3, 2/11D, 2/11Wi, 2/25, 2/26D, 2/26Wi, 2/27, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5, 3/10D, 3/10H, 3/10Wh, 3/11, 3/12, and 3/13/14.

2. Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews (2) dated 2/28/14.

3. Change in Impartial Hearing Officer List

To change the alphabetical listing of the Impartial Hearing Officers list for Tina Wasserman to Tina Milliman for the 2013-2014 school year.

4. SCOPE 2014 Summer Enrichment Program

To approve the SCOPE 2014 Summer Enrichment Program and authorize the Board President to sign the License Agreement.

5. Syntax Letter of Intent

To approve the Letter of Intent from Syntax for the 2014-2015 school year.

6. Special Education Contracts for 2013-2014

To approve the following Special Education Contracts for the 2013-2014 school year:

- a) Health Source Group
- b) Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
- c) Bellmore UFSD – revised contract

7. Additional Voter Registration

To approve the following registrars to work the voter registration at the spring concerts on the following dates:

Howell Road on March 13 - Lillian Wade James A. Dever on March 18 - Angelina Emmanuale
Wheeler Avenue on March 19 - Gil Deninger Willow Road on March 27 - Marilyn Honstedt

8. Acceptance of Donations

To accept the following donations:

- a) Donation of 62 Dell Optiplex computers from Computer Recycling for Education and Technology Enhancement (CREATE) with an approximate value of \$18,000.
- b) Donation of eleven (11) Disney, Warner Brothers and Jim Henson (Muppets) movie videos with an approximate value of \$55 from Mrs. Linda Betz.
- c) Donation from the Muhammad Family of nine (9) Disney, Scholastic, and Nickelodeon movie videos with an estimated value of \$45 for use at the Wheeler Avenue School.

9. Acceptance of a Donation

Donation to the James A. Dever School of musical instruments worth \$334 received in response to a grant submitted by Johanna DeJose entitled “Mallets for Musicians”

VIII. High School Report
Joseph DiSibio

IX. Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

XII. Visitors

XIII. Adjourn