

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

**AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Tuesday, August 18, 2015  
James A. Dever School

- I Call to Order
- II Determination of Quorum
- III Pledge of Allegiance
- IV Approval of Minutes
- V Correspondence
- VI Report of the Superintendent
- VII Committee Reports
  - A. Education
  - B. Business
  - C. Policy
  - D. Committee of the Whole
- VIII Report of the Attorney
- IX High School Report
- X Old Business
- XI New Business
- XII Visitors
- XIII Adjourn

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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: June 16 and July 1, 2015
- V. Correspondence
- VI. Report of the Superintendent
- VII. Report of Standing Committees
- VIII. Report of the Attorney
- IX. Old Business
- X. 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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

Constance D. Evelyn

### 1. Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Christine Higgins as a classroom aide at James A. Dever School effective August 12, 2015.

### 2. Employment of Noon Hour Aides

To employ Maria Crimi and Tyrell Coon as noon hour aides assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 2, 2015 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour).

### 3. Employment of a Bus Monitor

To employ Trina Scheiler as a bus monitor effective September 2, 2015 at a salary of \$10.50 per hour.

### 4. Emergency Conditional Employment

To conditionally employ Jean Giuliantie as a bus monitor effective September 2, 2015 at a salary of \$10.50 per hour, pending fingerprint clearance.

5. Superkids K-2 English Language Arts (ELA) – C. Evelyn, Teacher Leaders

6. Facilities Update (1<sup>ST</sup> day of school) – A. Groveman

## VII. Committee Reports

### A. EDUCATION

[T. Pomerantz, F. Chiachiere]

#### 1. New Teacher Orientation

The following teachers will be presenting as part of New Teacher Orientation, and will be paid at their hourly rate of pay:

Corinne Cortes	2 hours
Danielle Dodge	2 hours
Anne Marie Gunn	2 hours
Louise Marchesi	2 hours
Debora O'Connor	2 hours
Melissa O'Geary	3 hours
Michael Rogers	2 hours

#### 2. Credit for Advanced Study

To approve the credit for advanced study effective September 1, 2015, as listed in accordance with the VSTA/Board Agreement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Deborah DiBona (H)	11.5MA+45	12MA+60

#### 3. Resignation of a Reading Teacher

To accept the resignation of Allison Wasserman, Reading Teacher at James A. Dever School, effective July 16, 2015.

#### 4. Change in Probationary Status

Upon review of Marcella Capobianco's APPR Scores for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years and confirmation of her having been granted tenure by the New York City School District, the probationary term of Ms. Capobianco, appointed as an ESL Teacher at the July 1, 2015 Board of Education Meeting, is modified to a three year probationary term effective September 1, 2015.

#### 5. Change in Salary Step

Upon review of official transcripts for Shareen Best, change the salary step from 1 MA to 1 MA+15 (\$70,962), appointed as a classroom teacher at the July 1, 2015 Board of Education Meeting, effective September 1, 2015.

#### 6. Change in Salary Step

Upon review of official transcripts for Debra Kornfeld Marchuck, change the salary step from 4 MA to 4 MA+30 (\$40,682.50), appointed as a part-time (.50) Social Worker at the July 1, 2015 Board of Education Meeting, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

7. Employment of a Special Education Teacher

To employ Alyssa Bentz as a Special Education Teacher (Tenure Area: Students with Disabilities Birth- Grade 6), assigned to Willow Road and James A. Dever Schools on Step 1MA (\$68,231), on three years probation commencing on September 1, 2015 and expiring on August 30, 2019. (\*See note below)

8. Employment of a Classroom Teacher

To employ Elizabeth Currell as a Classroom Teacher (Tenure Area: Childhood Education 1-6), assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1MA (\$68,231), on four years probation commencing on September 1, 2015 and expiring on August 30, 2019. (\*See note below)

9. Employment of a Classroom Teacher

To employ Rachel Jean-Claude as a Classroom Teacher (Tenure Area: Childhood Education Birth – Grade 6), assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1MA (\$68,231), on four years probation commencing on September 1, 2015 and expiring on August 30, 2019. (\*See note below)

*\*In order to be granted tenure, the teacher must have received composite or overall APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either “effective” or “highly effective” in at least three (“3”) of the four (“4”) preceding years, and, if the classroom teacher receives an “ineffective” composite or overall APPR rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.*

10. Employment of a Replacement Music Teacher

To employ Nicole Boyle as a Replacement Music Teacher assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1 MA (\$68,231) in accordance with the VSTA/Board Agreement on the date of employment, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and unless sooner terminated.

11. Employment of a Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Sharon Kapitansky as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to James A. Dever School on Step 1 EDD (\$78,594) in accordance with the VSTA/Board Agreement on the date of employment, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and unless sooner terminated.

12. Employment of a Teaching Assistant

To employ Kerri Collura as a Teaching Assistant effective September 1, 2015, on four years probation, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$27,731) in accordance with the VSTA-TA Contract in effect on the date of employment:

13. Employment of a Part-time Art Teacher

To employ Sarah St. John as a Part-time (.08) art teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue and Howell Road Schools on Step 1BA (\$58,669 pro-rated for the number of hours worked) effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, and unless sooner terminated.

14. Change in Summer Recreation Employment

To make the following changes to the Summer Recreation Employments effective July 1, 2015:

- a) change the salary for Breanne Casucci from (JC1) \$635 to (NC1) \$785;
- b) remove Tyrell Coon, Michael Trager, and Samantha Wilder;
- c) add Kristen Lynch (NC1) \$785 and Callestie Wong (JC1) \$635

15. Resignation of Teaching Assistants

To accept the resignations of Christine Randazzo and Joseph Viola as teaching assistants at Willow Road School effective August 17, 2015.

**B. BUSINESS COMMITTEE** [P. Farrell]

1. Treasurer’s Report

No Treasurer’s Report this month.

2. Centralized Textbook Distribution Services for 2015-2016

To approve the Agreement between Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen and Textbook Central for Centralized Textbook Distribution Services for the 2015-2016 school year for students attending non-public schools and authorize School Board President to sign said Agreement.

3. Summer 2015 Special Education Transportation Contracts

To approve the extension of the 2015 Summer Transportation Contracts for Special Education with a CPI of -0.1 % and the new bid awarded by the Southwest Quadrant dated May 21, 2015. (Contracts remain at the previous years' price with negative CPI – per NYSED.)

**BOCES**

Jerusalem Avenue	1 Student	\$ 925 per pupil per month
	1 Matron	3,837 per matron per month
Jerusalem CRC	1 Student	925 per pupil per month
	1 Matron	3,837 per matron per month
Rosemary Kennedy	1 Student	\$ 925 per pupil per month
	1 Matron	\$3,837 per matron per month

4. Health & Welfare Contract

To approve the Health and Welfare Contract for those Valley Stream UFSD #13 students attending schools in the East Rockaway UFSD at a rate of \$1,119.58 per student for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

5. Consulting Services

To approve the Consulting Services Agreement between US Employee Benefits Services Group and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

**C. POLICY COMMITTEE** [W. Stris, S. Douglas]

**D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President P. Farrell]

1. Committee on Special Education Review

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Review dated 6/29 and 7/2/15.

2. Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 7/8BOCES, 7/8TBD, 7/13, 8/5, and 8/11/15.

3. Impartial Hearing Officers

To remove the following Impartial Hearing Officers from the Rotational List: Beryl Blaustone and Lorraine Ferrigno.

4. Labor Counsel Retainer and Agreement

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute the Labor Counsel Contract between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and Guercio and Guercio, LLP, covering the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

5. Stipulation of Settlement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Settlement resolving fully a matter between the District and the parents of a child with a disability, identified in confidential attachment “A”, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the Stipulation of Settlement on Behalf of the Board.

6. Board Member and Administrator Liability

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 hereby adopts and extends the coverage provided by Section 18 of the New York State Public Officers Law to the following titles: members of the Board of Education; Superintendent of Schools; Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business; Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment & Technology. The adoption of this provision is intended to supplement the protection available to such individuals by virtue of already existing statutory provisions or other sources. The Superintendent or her designee shall take steps necessary to obtain insurance protection against the potential liability to the District arising out of the adoption of this provision.

7. Disposal of District Property

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 hereby declares the following property to be obsolete and hereby directs the Superintendent to dispose of, or recycle the items on Attachments 1, 2 and 3 in accordance with Board Policy 6900:

8. Bond Counsel

To retain Hawkins, Delafield and Wood to act as the District’s Bond Counsel in connection with a new project under consideration by the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education for possible submission to the voters.

9. Financial Advisors Services Agreement

To approve the Financial Advisors Services Agreement between Capital Markets Advisors, LLC and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for financial services in connection with a new project under consideration for possible submission to the voters.

10. Consulting Services

To approve the Consulting Services Agreement between US Employee Benefits Services Group and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

**VIII. Report of the Attorney**  
Florence Frazer

**IX. High School Report**  
TBD

**X. Old Business**

1. Appoint Standing Board Committees (by the President)

Education Committee	_____	Policy Committee	_____
	_____		_____
Business Committee	_____		
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**XI. New Business**

1. Board Retreat Discussion (C. Evelyn)

**XII. Visitors**

**XIII. Adjourn**