

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

AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, December 16, 2014
James A. Dever School

- I Call to Order
- II Determination of Quorum
- III Pledge of Allegiance
- IV Approval of Minutes
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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: November 25, 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
- XII. New Business
- XIII. 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 Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Naila Khalid as a noon hour aide at James A. Dever School effective November 25, 2014

2. Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide

To add Marie Alcindor, Maria Crimi and Asha Persaud as substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides.

VII. Committee Reports

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

1. Education Report

Long Island Consortium for Excellence and Equity (LICEE) – Overview (A. Robb-Fund)

2. Gate Advancement

To approve the Gate Advancement for Lisa Smaldon from Step 19 to Step 20 effective January 16, 2015 in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract.

3. Employment of Teaching Assistants

To employ the following as Teaching Assistants assigned to Howell Road School effective December 17, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at \$27,321(pro-rated) and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the VSTA Teaching Assistants Contract in effect on the date of employment:

Valerie D’Annunzio
Adam Kalan
Catherine Randazzo

4. 2014-2015 Salary for Information Technology Specialist I

To establish the 2014-2015 salary for Pam Arata, Information Technology Specialist I at \$51,231 and to authorize the Board President to sign the Employment Agreement.

5. 2014-2015 Salary for the Physical Therapist

To establish the 2014-2015 salary for the Physical Therapist Shoshana Bazini at \$59,211 for the 2014-2015 school year.

6. 2014-2015 Salary for the Occupational Therapist

To establish the 2014-2015 salary for the Occupational Therapist Sheryly Fils-Aime at \$69,276 for the 2014-2015 school year and to authorize the Board President to sign the Employment Agreement.

7. Employment Agreement for an Occupational Therapist

To authorize the Board President to sign the Employment Agreement for Christina Del Gais, Occupational Therapist.

8. Substitute Teacher Rate of Pay

To approve an increase in the per diem rate of pay for substitute teachers of \$25 making the rate of pay \$125 per day; and establish the rate of pay for long-term substitute teachers at \$140 per day effective December 17, 2014.

9. Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2014-2015 school year.

B. BUSINESS COMMITTEE [J. Greco Jacobs, P. Farrell]

1. Treasurer’s Report

No report this month.

2. Board Resolution to Adopt Affordability Safe Harbors Under The Affordable Care Act

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Affordable Care Act ("ACA") added a new Section 4980H to the federal Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") requiring employers with at least 50 full-time employees and/or full-time equivalent employees ("FTEs") to either pay a penalty or offer affordable health care coverage that provides minimum essential coverage and minimum value; and

WHEREAS, to determine whether health care coverage is affordable for purposes of determining liability under Section 4980H, employers may adopt a "safe harbor"; and

WHEREAS, in order to apply the affordability safe harbor options, the employer must designate which safe harbor option(s) will be used.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education ("Board") of the Valley Stream 13 USFD ("District"), upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby designates the Form W-2 safe harbor option for the following categories of District employees:

Employee Category: Aides

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Schools to take any and all necessary steps to implement the affordability safe-harbor option(s) and apply the safe harbor(s) in accordance with all applicable laws, District policies and relevant employment agreements.

3. Transportation Contract 2014 –2015

To approve the following new transportation contract bid at June CPI of 1.9% as bid on October 24, 2014.

Veterans

Fred Sparkes School	1 student	\$ 832.52 per pupil per month
	1 matron	\$1988 per pupil per month

4. Public School Fire Safety Reports

To accept the Public School Fire Safety Reports performed on September 23, 2014 for the 2014-2015 school year.

5. Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective December 17, 2014:

From:

A9952.900-01	Transfer-Special Aid Fund	\$12,350
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To:

A1620.500.01	Custodial Supplies	\$2,000
A1621.440-07	Architect/Engineer Consultant	8,950
A1910.405-01	Insurance Appraisal	1,400

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

1. Policies for a 1st Reading

- 1000 Community Relations Goals
- 5405 Wellness Policy on Nutrition and Physical Activity

D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President T. Pomerantz]

1. Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 11/25, 11/26, 12/2, 12/3, 12/4, 12/9, and 12/10/14.

2. Committee on Pre-school Special Education Review

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Review dated 11/24/14.

3. Special Education Contract

To approve a contract with Bellmore UFSD for special services for the 2014-2015 school year.

4. Impartial Hearing Officer

To remove Robert Mackreth from the rotational list of Impartial Hearing Officers.

5. Coach Bus Contracts

To approve the contracts between Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and the Fantasy Charters Bus Company for coach bus services to be provided to the James A. Dever School and the Howell Road School in accordance with the terms of said contract; and to authorize the Board President to sign the contracts.

6. BOCES Budget Advisory Committee

To appoint the following residents as additional liaisons to the BOCES Budget Advisory Committee for 2014-2015:

Jay Ellis Wesley Mathurin Jennifer Oliveri Sarwat Paracah

7. Donation

To approve a donation from Independent Physical Exam Referrals, Inc. of 20 four-drawer file cabinets at an approximate value of \$2,800.

VIII. High School Report
Jeanne Greco Jacobs

IX. Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

XII. Visitors

XIII. Adjourn