

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

AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, November 26, 2013
James A. Dever School

- I Call to Order
- II Determination of Quorum
- III Pledge of Allegiance
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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: October 22, November 16, November 19, 2013
- 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 Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Donna Platovsky as a Noon Hour Aide at Wheeler Avenue School effective November 1, 2013.

2. Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Andrea Iervolino as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour) effective November 27, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

3. Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide

To add Donna Platovsky as a Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide.

VII. Committee Reports

A. EDUCATION

[F. Chiachiere, T. Pomerantz]

1. Education Reports

- Student Recognition - Artwork
- New Teacher Orientation & Mentoring Program (A. Robb-Fund, C. Schozer)
- NWEA Results of Fall Administration (C. Schozer)

2. Salary Gates

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

Natalie Gregorek	Step 14 to Step 15 effective October 16, 2013
Sue Simeone	Step 9 to Step 10 effective November 16, 2013

3. Employment of a Mentor Teacher

To employ Karen Higgins as a mentor teacher at a rate of \$51.79 per hour, not to exceed 15 hours, effective November 27, 2013.

4. Employment of a Part-time ESL Teacher

To employ Anna Bonventre as a part-time (.7) ESL Teacher at Willow Road School on Step 1 MA (\$67,086 pro-rated for the number of hours worked) effective December 4, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

5. Employment of a Noon Hour Supervisor

To employ Andrew Lalama as the Noon Hour Supervisor at James A. Dever School at a salary of \$40 per hour, 2 ½ hours per day, effective November 27, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

6. Child Care Leave of Absence – First Year

To approve a first-year Child Care Leave of Absence for Maria L'Heureux, Classroom Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, effective December 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

7. Employment of a Replacement Classroom Teacher

To employ Stephanie Lotito as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, on Step 1 MA (\$67,086) effective December 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

8. Salary Recommendations

To establish the 2013-2014 salaries as recommended by the Superintendent for an increase of 1.5% as listed below:

Pamela Arata, Technology Specialist I	\$50,340
Ami Anci, Occupational Therapist	\$70,447
Shirley Fils-Ami, Occupational Therapist	\$67,918
Shoshana Bazini, .8 FTE Physical Therapist	\$58,050

9. 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 accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31, 2013.

2. Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective November 27, 2013:

From: A2630.150.01 Comp Assisted Instruct-Salaries \$50,000
To: A2630.400.01 Comp Assisted Instruct-Contractual \$50,000

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

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 10/10, 10/11, 10/15, 10/18, 10/22, 10/23, and 10/29/13.

2. Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 10/28 and 11/13/2013.

3. Special Education Services Contracts

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

- Nassau Suffolk Services for Autism (NSSA)
- All Children's Therapy

4. Impartial Hearing Officers

To remove David Nydick from the Impartial Hearing Officers Rotational List, and add Patricia Phelan to the Impartial Hearing Officers Rotational List.

5. Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a donation from Target from their "Take Charge of Education" Program for Wheeler Avenue School in the amount of \$169 to purchase general school supplies.

6. Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a donation from Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund of a guitar valued at \$120.

7. Acceptance of Two Donations

To accept two donations from DonorsChoose.org to the James A. Dever School of two tubano drums (valued at \$465.91) and other assorted instruments (valued at \$363.90) in response to two grants submitted and received by the music teacher, Johanna DeJose.

8. Acceptance of a Donation

To accept the donation of a bookcase for the Wheeler library from two Wheeler Avenue School families, the Cavaliere Family and the Fratarcangeli Family, with an approximate value of \$200.

VIII. High School Report
Joseph DiSibio

IX. Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

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