

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

AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

REVISED

Tuesday, September 23, 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: August 19 and September 16, 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
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- 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. Only District Residents and District Personnel will be permitted to speak."

VI. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

1. Resignation of Part-time Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Lourdes Cason, Part-time Classroom Aide effective August 27, 2014.

2. Resignation of a Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Adam Kalan, Classroom Aide effective September 1, 2014.

3. Change in Employment Status

- a) To change the employment status from part time to full time for Elizabeth McMahon, Classroom Aide assigned to Wheeler Avenue School.
- b) To change the employment status from part time to full time for Barbara Kennedy, Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School.

4. Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Catherine Rainis as a Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School effective September 8, 2014 on Step 1 (\$16,498).

5. Employment of a Classroom Aide

To employ Kristina Badome as a Classroom Aide assigned to Howell Road School effective September 15, 2014 on Step 1 (\$16,498).

VII. Committee Reports

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

1. Education Report

- Summer Building Projects (M. Brosnan)
- Special Services Overview (L. Sells-Asch)

2. Authorization to Execute Agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019 dated September 8, 2014, and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the collective bargaining agreements.

3. Lead Evaluator

To certify Shirley Martin, Ed.D. Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment and Technology as a qualified Lead Evaluator for the 2014-2015 school year in accordance with the provisions of NYS Education Law 3012-c and subpart 30-2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

4. Child Care Leave of Absence – 1st Year

To approve a first-year Child Care Leave of Absence for Janis Boremski, Art Teacher assigned to the James A. Dever School, effective October 8, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

5. Rescind Resolution

To rescind the resolution approved at the July 7, 2014 Board of Education Meeting to employ Stephanie Lotito as a Replacement Classroom Teacher.

6. Employment of a Probationary Teacher

To employ Stephanie Lotito as a Probationary Classroom Teacher effective September 15, 2014 on Step 1.5 MA (\$68,784) on two years' probation, and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

7. Employment of a Replacement Speech Teacher

To employ Erica DeVito as a Replacement Speech Teacher effective September 2, 2014 through June 30, 2015, unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 MA (\$67,656) in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

8. Employment of a Replacement Teacher

To employ Pamela Crepeau as a Replacement Classroom Teacher effective September 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015, unless sooner terminated on Step 1 MA (\$67,656) in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

9. Employment of a Replacement Art Teacher

To employ Frances Cuneen-Sullivan as a Replacement Art Teacher effective October 9, 2014 through June 30, 2015, unless sooner terminated on Step 1 MA (\$67,656) in accordance with the VSTA/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

10. Employment of a Part-time Librarian

To employ Michelle Castrolifippo as a part-time (.04) Librarian on Step 1 MA (\$67,656 pro-rated for the number of hours worked) effective September 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and unless sooner terminated.

11. Employment of a Part-time Physical Education Teacher

To employ James DiLeonardo as a part-time (.08) Physical Education Teacher on Step 1 MA (\$67,656 pro-rated for the number of hours worked) effective September 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and unless sooner terminated.

12. Employment of Mentor Teachers

To employ the following as mentor teachers effective September 24, 2014 through June 15, 2015 at a rate of \$52.23 per hour for no more than 15 hours:

Johanna Land (JAD/HRS)	Joan Seidl (JAD)
Victoria Mitchell (WRS)	Maria Teh-Bradley (HRS)

13. Resignation of a Teaching Assistant

To accept the resignation of Victoria Shencup, Teaching Assistant effective September 5, 2014.

14. Employment of a Teaching Assistant

To employ Alison Cortes as a Teaching Assistant at an annual salary of \$27,321 effective September 22, 2014 on three years' probation and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the VSTA-TA/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

15. Employment of an Occupational Therapist

To employ Christina Del Gais as an Occupational Therapist at an annual salary of \$67,086 effective September 2, 2014, and unless sooner terminated.

16. Substitute Teacher List

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

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

1. Treasurer's Reports

To accept the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending July 31, 2014 and August 31, 2014.

2. Employment of a School Nurse

To employ Caroline Montalbano as a School Nurse assigned to Howell Road School on Step 2 (\$43,851) effective September 2, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

3. Employment of a School Nurse

To employ Skyy Fulcher as a School Nurse assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 (\$42,926) effective September 2, 2014 and unless sooner terminated.

4. Resignation of a School Nurse

To accept the resignation of Skyy Fulcher, School Nurse effective Monday, September 22, 2014.

5. Approve Payment for New Nurse Training

To approve payment for Diane Byrnes for new nurse training at \$150 per day effective September 2-5, 2014.

6. Authorization to Add Funds to the Reserve for Retirement Contributions effective June 30, 2014.

To add \$169,562 to the Reserve for Retirement Contributions (A827) from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance. The recommended level of funding for the ERS Reserve is a maximum of five years of expense, currently \$3,245,290. The Reserve is currently funded at \$2,012,563.19.

7. Internal Audit Reports

To approve the Internal Audit Reports ending June 30, 2014 as submitted by Nawrocki Smith, LLP.

8. Approval of Settlement Agreement

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream 13 Union Free School District approve the terms of a Settlement Agreement dated August 20, 2014, between the Board of Education, the Valley Stream 13 Union Free School District, and the employee named in Confidential Attachment "A" relating to charges brought pursuant to Section 75 of the Civil Service Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to execute said Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board.

9. Change Order – Fasco Asphalt Paving SED # 280213-02-002-019

Resolved, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves Change Order #1: Fasco Asphalt Paving SED #280213-02-002-019 in the amount of \$1,500 (increase in the original contract amount) in connection with the contract with Fasco Asphalt Paving, Inc. for the Howell Paving Project.

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

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

1. Committee on Special Education Review

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Review dated 8/18/14.

2. Committee on Pre-school Special Education Review

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Review dated 8/18 and 9/09/14.

3. 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 Shirley E. Martin, Ed.D., Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment and Technology. The adoption of this provision is intended to supplement the protection available to such individual 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.

4. CSE/CPSE Membership

To add the following as members of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Committees for 2014-2015:

Nurses:	Caroline Montalbano
OT:	Christina Del Gais
Speech:	Erica DeVito; Irene Pilavas

5. Donations

- a) To accept a donation from Patricia and Stephen Adamo of three violas with an approximate value of \$525 for use in the district music department.
- b) To accept a donation from Eleanor Kase of a piano for use at the James A. Dever School with an approximate value of \$1,000.
- c) To accept a gift from DonorsChoose.org of \$763 for a grant submission by Johanna Land (James A. Dever Music Teacher) entitled, "iPads Make Our Hearts Sing."

6. Special Education Contract

To approve the contract between the Board of Education and Gayle E. Kligman Therapeutic Resources for special education evaluations and/or services as needed during the 2014-2015 school year.

- VIII. High School Report**
Jeanne Greco Jacobs
- IX. Report of the Attorney**
Florence Frazer
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