

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

AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

James A. Dever School

The Board of Education will convene 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room, District Offices and it is anticipated that the Board will immediately adjourn into Executive Session for matters of personnel, negotiations and/or litigation. It plans to return into public meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Action may be taken.

- I Call to Order
- II Determination of Quorum
- III Pledge of Allegiance
- IV Approval of Minutes – Nov. 15, Nov. 19, Nov 22, Dec. 3, Dec. 8, 2016
- 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

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 & Human Resources, Gerard Antoine, 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
- 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 _____

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 a total of three minutes."

VI. Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Constance D. Evelyn

1. Instructional Technology 1:1 Initiative – (J. LaRocca, D. Farsaci, M. O’Geary)

VII. Committee Reports

A. EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, S. Douglas]

1. Certifying Lead Evaluators to Conduct Teacher and Principal Evaluations under Education Law 3012-d
BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with the provisions of New York State Education Law 3012-d and subpart 30-2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen (“District”) hereby certifies the following individuals as qualified Lead Evaluators:

- Constance Evelyn – Superintendent of Schools
- Lisa Sells-Asch – Assistant Superintendent for Special Services
- Judy LaRocca –Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
- Darren Gruen – Principal, James A. Dever School
- Frank Huplosky – Principal, Howell Road School
- Gayle Steele – Principal, Wheeler Avenue School
- Rosalie Ambrosio – Principal, Willow Road School

2. Credit for Advanced Study

To approve the credit for advanced study for the following teachers effective February 1, 2017, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract:

Alyssa Bentz	Dever	1MA to 1MA+15
Peter Gatto	Willow	15MA to 15MA+15
Natalka Michaliszyn	Dever	8.5MA+15 to 8.5MA+30
Caroline Vidakovic	Wheeler	25MA+45 to 25MA+60

3. Employment of Classroom Aide

To employ Brianna Ciambra as a Classroom Aide assigned to the James A. Dever School at a salary rate of \$16,745 effective January 25, 2017 pending Civil Service approval.

4. Employment of Classroom Aide

To employ Laleta Muneshwar as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Howell Road School at a salary rate of \$16,745 effective January 25, 2017 pending Civil Service approval.

5. Employment of Classroom Aide

To employ Yero Brockington as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Willow Road School at a salary rate of \$16,745 effective January 25, 2017 pending Civil Service approval.

6. Employment of Noon Hour Supervisor

To employ Scott McLaughlin as a Noon Hour Supervisor assigned to the Howell Road School at an hourly rate of \$40 (2 hours and 40 mins per day) effective January 25, 2017 pending background check, fingerprint clearance and Board approval.

7. Employment of Permanent Substitute Teachers

To employ the following Permanent Substitute Teachers at \$125 per day effective January 25, 2017:

- Grace Thompson – James A. Dever School
- Robyn Siegel – Howell Road School
- Kristine Pica – Wheeler Avenue School

8. Employment of Permanent Substitute Teacher

To employ Ruth Peets-Butcher as a Permanent Substitute Teacher assigned to the Willow Road School at a salary rate of \$125 per day effective January 30, 2017.

9. Substitute Rate of Pay for Teacher and Media Aides

To increase the substitute rate of pay from \$70 for Teacher and Media Aides to \$80 effective January 1, 2017.

10. Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated substitute teacher list for the 2016-2017 school year.

B. BUSINESS COMMITTEE [P. Farrell, V. Pandit]

11. Treasurer’s Report

To accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending December 31, 2016.

12. Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement – Lead Custodian

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement letter dated January 2, 2017 from James Babst, Lead Custodian at the James A. Dever School effective June 30, 2017.

13. Muslim Holiday Resolution

WHEREAS community members have expressed the desire to add Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha as holidays upon which schools will be closed; and WHEREAS the Board of Education believes that such addition is in the best interests of the District; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on motion of _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education hereby expresses its agreement the Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha should be added to the school calendar as holidays requiring the closing of schools for each school year beginning with the 2017-2018 school calendar; and FURTHER RESOLVES to undertake such steps as may be necessary in order to obtain the agreement of the appropriate employee organizations to add such holidays to the school calendar.

14. Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective January 25, 2017:

From:

A1480.420-01	Public Info-Printing	\$11,000
A1480.421-01	Public Info-Website	3,500
A2250.490-01	Special Ed-BOCES Tuition	85,000
A2250.502-01	CSE Supplies	300
A2630.150-01	Comp Assist Instruct-Salaries	130,000
A2630.400-01	Comp Assist Instruct-Contractual	32,000
A2630.460-01	State Aided Computer Software	45,570
A9020.800-01	Teachers’ Retirement	75,000

To:

A1310.400-01	Business Admin-Contractual	\$10,000
A1480.490-01	Public Info-BOCES	39,500
A2250.409-01	Special Ed-Travel & Meetings	300
A2250.470-01	Special Ed-Tuition	85,000
A2630.141-01	Comp Assist Instruct-Teaching Assist	32,000
A2630.151-01	Comp Assist Instruct-Director	130,000
A2630.160-01	Comp Assist Instruct-Support Salaries	60,000
A2630.490-01	Comp Assist Instruct-BOCES	25,570

C. POLICY COMMITTEE [T. Pomerantz, M. Vicente]

1. Policies for 2nd Reading & Adoption

To adopt the following policies after a second reading:

- 2360 Minutes
- 2510 New Board Member Orientation
- 3120 Duties of the Superintendent
- 5151 Homeless Children and 5151-R Homeless Children Regulations

D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President V. Pandit]

1. Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 11/16, 12/20, 12/21, 12/22/2016, 1/3, 1/9, 1/10/17.

2. Committee on Pre-school Special Education Review

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Special Education Review dated 12/14, 12/22/16.

3. Grant Award

To accept a NEFCU Teacher Grant for \$250 awarded to Maria L'Heureux to fund materials and supplies for the Wheeler Avenue Courtyard Classroom & Native Plant Butterfly Garden.

VIII. Report of the Attorney
John Sheahan

IX. High School Report
TBD

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

XII. Visitors