



VALLEY STREAM

Union Free School District Thirteen

BOARD OF EDUCATION 2016-2017

MISSION STATEMENT

The Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen offers our life-long learners a robust curriculum through the partnership of home, school and community.

We expose our children to important literature and ideas, to master fundamental skills, and develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills. We promote social responsibility encouraging students and staff to set high personal goals.



Board Committee Meetings and Business Meetings

In July and August, the Board ordinarily meets only once a month to conduct district business. From September through June, the Board meets at least twice a month, customarily on the third and fourth Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. Board meetings are generally held in the Board Room of the district office located at the James A. Dever School.

The first of the monthly meetings, called the Committee of the Whole meeting, is a work session. At this meeting questions from the public are typically not entertained, and no action is taken regarding the educational and business operations of the district. At the second monthly meeting, the Board business meeting, the Board votes and takes action on items on the agenda. A schedule of Board business meetings is listed on the back page of this brochure. Members of the public may ask questions up to three (3) minutes at the designated time during the meeting. A majority of four of the seven board member votes is needed in order for a motion to pass.

Role of the Resident

Involvement in Our Schools

The Board of Education invites and encourages the public to become involved in our schools by attending Board meetings and budget meetings, by voting in district elections, by participating in the PTA, and by attending school events. Meeting dates for Board meetings and budget hearings are printed in the district calendar, are available on the district's website, and are published in the local newspaper. Information on registering to vote in district elections is available on the district's website and is printed in the district's budget newsletter that is distributed each year to the community prior to the school district's annual budget vote and elections.

Board Agenda

Every Board meeting proceeds in accordance with a published agenda, which is available to district residents at each meeting as well as electronically on the district's website by the morning of the meeting.

The order of business at a regular meeting is as follows:

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| I. Call to Order | X. Old Business |
| II. Determination of Quorum | XI. New Business |
| III. Pledge of Allegiance | XII. Recognition of Visitors Wishing to Address the Board |
| IV. Approval of Minutes | XIII. Motion to Adjourn |
| V. Report by the Chair or District Clerk on Correspondence | |
| VI. Report of the Superintendent | |
| VII. Reports of the Standing Committees | |
| A. Education | |
| B. Business | |
| C. Policy | |
| D. Committee of the Whole | |
| VIII. High School Report | |
| IX. Report of the Attorney | |

