

**AGENDA FOR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
585 N. Corona Avenue  
Valley Stream, NY 11580-2099

Tuesday, October 27, 2020  
**8:00 pm**  
James A. Dever School

- I. Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. Correspondence
- VI. Report of the Superintendent
- VII. Committee Reports
  - A. Education
  - B. Business
  - C. Policy
  - D. Facilities
  - E. Committee of the Whole
- VIII. Report of the Attorney
- IX. High School Report
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business
- XII. Visitors
- XIII. Adjourn

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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 and 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 – August 21, 2020 – BOE Mtg;  
September 14, 2020 – Special Mtg;  
September 22, 2020 – Committee &  
Special Mtg.  
September 29, 2020 – BOE Mtg.
- V. Correspondence
- VI. Report of the Superintendent
- VII. Report of Standing Committees
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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT RESIDENT Yes  No  DISTRICT PERSONNEL Yes  No

PRINT/SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
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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**

[Dr. Constance D. Evelyn]

### **1. Superintendent's Report**

- Learning Models and Teacher Professional Development [Dr. J. LaRocca]
- Board Appreciation Presentation [Dr. C. Evelyn]

## **VII. Committee Reports**

### **A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

[F. Chiachiere, Chairperson; G. Cavaliere]

#### **1. Tenure Granted – Teaching Assistant**

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, the Superintendent recommends Deanna Gisonda, Teaching Assistant assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective October 1, 2020.

#### **2. Tenure Granted – Social Worker**

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, the Superintendent recommends Debra Kornfeld, Social Worker assigned to James A. Dever School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2020.

#### **3. Leave of Absence**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a leave for health to the employee listed on Confidential Schedule "A" pursuant to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between the District and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association.

#### **4. Appointment of Part-Time Speech Teacher**

To appoint Jennifer Martin as a Part-Time (.5) Speech Teacher on Step 1MA (\$72,173), prorated for the number of hours worked, effective October 28, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and unless sooner terminated.

#### **5. Appointment of Noon-Hour Supervisors**

To appoint Imani Tutt as a Noon-Hour Supervisor assigned to the Willow Road School at \$40 per hour for 2 hours and 40 minutes per day, effective October 28, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and unless sooner terminated.

To appoint Regla Belizaire as a Noon-Hour Supervisor assigned to the James A. Dever School at \$40 per hour for 2 hours and 40 minutes per day, effective October 28, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and unless sooner terminated.

#### **6. Appointment of Classroom Aide**

To appoint Deanna Bartolomeo as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$17,468) effective October 28, 2020, pending civil service approval and unless sooner terminated.

#### **7. Amendment of Resolution**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby increases the position of Orchestra Teacher Jeremy Arndt from .6 to 1.0 on Step 1 MA (\$70,576), on four years' probation commencing on October 28, 2020 and expiring on October 27, 2024. (\*See note below)

#### **8. Appointment of Part-Time Remote Librarian**

To appoint Heather Meditz as a Part-Time (.2) Remote Librarian on Step 1MA (\$72,173), prorated for the number of hours worked, effective October 27, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and unless sooner terminated.

#### **9. Appointment of Part-Time Remote Physical Education Teacher**

To appoint Mert Sonmez as a Part-Time (.4) Remote Physical Education Teacher on Step 1BA (\$62,058), prorated for the number of hours worked, effective October 27, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and unless sooner terminated.

10. Appointment of Part-Time Art Teacher

To appoint David Zukas as a Part-Time (.2) Remote Art Teacher on Step 1MA (\$72,173), prorated for the number of hours worked, effective October 27, 2020 through June 30,2021 and unless sooner terminated.

11. Termination of Employee

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby terminates the employee identified on confidential schedule "B" effective October 30, 2020.

*\*In order to be eligible for tenure, an individual receiving a probationary appointment as a classroom/special education teacher must receive annual composite or overall APPR ratings of H or E in at least three of the four preceding years, and if the individual receives a rate of I in the final year of the probationary period, he or she will not be eligible for tenure at that time.*

**CONSENT AGENDA (Item # 12-16)**

12. Resignation of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Randi Carcione, Classroom Aide at the Willow Road School effective September 30, 2020, letter dated September 30, 2020.

13. Resignation of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Jaclyn Sobiesiak, Classroom Aide at the Willow Road School effective October 16, 2020, letter dated October 16, 2020.

14. Resignation of Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Kubra Caravan, Noon Hour Aide at the James A. Dever School effective October 5, 2020, letter dated October 6, 2020.

15. Resignation of Noon Hour Supervisor

To accept the resignation of Ellen Guzman, Noon Hour Supervisor at the James A. Dever School effective October 17, 2020, letter dated October 9, 2020.

16. Resignation of Teaching Assistant

To accept the resignation of Kristina Lepkowski, Teaching Assistant at the James A. Dever School effective October 26, 2020, letter dated October 15, 2020.

**B. BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

[P. Farrell, Chairperson; J. Oliveri]

1. Treasurer's Report

To approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2020.

2. Budget Transfer

To approve the following transfers effective October 28, 2020

*From:*

A2250.501-01	Special Ed. Testing Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
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*To:*

A2250.420-01	Independent Consultants	\$ 1,000.00
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**C. POLICY COMMITTEE**

[W. Stris, Chairperson; J. Oliveri]

1. Policies for 2nd Reading and Adoption

- 0115-R Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention
- 1120 School District Records
- 4526-R Computer Network and Internet Acceptable Use Regulation
- 5100 Student Attendance
- 5151 Homeless Children
- 5151-R Homeless Children Regulation
- 5500 Student Records
- 5500-R Student Records Regulation
- 5710 Violent or Disruptive Incident Reporting
- 6740 Payroll Procedures
- 8210.1 Use of Surveillance Cameras on School Property

**D. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

[T. Pomerantz, Chairperson; W. Stris; G. Cavaliere]

**E. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

[Vice President P. Farrell]

1. Speech Pathology Student Clinician

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves an affiliation agreement with St. John's University to provide student teacher clinical experience for students who are enrolled in the University's Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Master's program and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

2. MOA for Temporary Speech Teaching

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the attached memorandum of agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association to provide a stipend for temporary speech services.

3. Rate of Pay Increase for Sub Nurses

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby establishes the rate of pay for Substitute Nurses at \$165 per day effective October 28, 2020.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Item #4-8)**

4. NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Report for the Proposed Bond Projects

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Valley Stream UFSD #13 accepts the Environmental Conservation Law report prepared by Enviroscience Consultants, Inc. determining that the proposed improvements for RTU/HVAC Enhancement for Howell Road Elementary School are Type II actions under SEQRA regulations. These actions represent routine activities of educational institutions that do not have significant adverse effects on the environment in accordance with 6NYCRR 617.5(c)(8).

5. Acceptance of Donation

To accept one check in the amount of \$1,141.86 from Stop & Shop Supermarkets to the Willow Road School. The check will be used for general school supplies.

6. Acceptance of Donation

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation of 100 turkeys with trimmings to the Wheeler Avenue School from Carlos Beltre, Spanish Campus Pastor, Bethlehem Assembly of God with an estimated value of \$3,000.

7. Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 9/22, 9/29, 10/2, 10/6, 10/7, 10/8, 10/9, 10/14, and 10/15/20.

8. Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 9/25/20.

**VIII. Report of the Attorney**  
John Sheahan

**IX. High School Report**  
Antoinette 'Toni' Pomerantz

**X. Old Business**

**XI. New Business**

**XII. Recognition of Visitors**

**X111. Adjourn**