

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

Wednesday, December 16, 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 – November 7, 2020 – Special Mtg  
(Building Inspections)  
November 17, 2020 – Committee &  
Special Mtg.  
November 24, 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

[Dr. Constance D. Evelyn]

### 1. Superintendent's Report

- Culturally Responsive Instruction/Anti-Racism [Dr. C. Evelyn; Dr. J. LaRocca]

## VII. Committee Reports

### A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

[F. Chiachiere, Chairperson; G. Cavaliere]

#### 1. Leave of Absence Unpaid

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a one (1) year unpaid leave of absence for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year as a reasonable accommodation for a disability to the employee listed on Confidential Schedule "A".

#### 2. Credit for Advanced Study

To approve the credit for advanced study effective February 1, 2021 as listed in accordance with the VSTA/Board Agreement:

| <u>Name</u>                               | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| Annemarie Gunn (James A. Dever School)    | 13MA+45     | 13MA+60   |
| Susana Sousa (Howell Road School)         | 3.5MA       | 3.5MA+15  |
| Robert D'Agostino (Wheeler Avenue School) | 2MA         | 2MA+15    |
| Hilary Whitney-Rene (Willow Road School)  | 3.5MA       | 3.5MA+15  |

#### 3. Appointment of Permanent Substitute Teacher

To appoint Danielle Ciervo as a Permanent Substitute Teacher assigned to the Howell Road School at a rate of \$125 per day effective December 17, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and unless sooner terminated.

#### 4. Appointment of Noon-Hour Aide

To appoint Deirdre Benincasa as a Noon-Hour Aide assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School at a rate of \$13 per hour effective December 17, 2020 pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

#### 5. Rescind Appointment

RESOLVED the Board of Education hereby rescinds the resolution of November 24, 2020 to appoint Benjamin Schulman as a Noon-Hour Aide.

#### 6. Employment of Mentor Teacher

To employ Christy Taveira for Jennifer Martin (.5 Speech Teacher at Willow Road School) as a mentor effective December 17, 2020 at a rate of \$55.71 per hour for no more than 30 hours.

#### 7. Substitute List

To approve the Substitute List for 2020-2021.

*\*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.*

### B. BUSINESS COMMITTEE

[P. Farrell, Chairperson; J. Oliveri]

#### 1. Treasurer's Report

To approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2020.

2. Substitute Pay for Custodians

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby establishes the rate of pay for Substitute Cleaners at \$14 per hour effective January 1, 2021.

**C. POLICY COMMITTEE** [W. Stris, Chairperson; J. Oliveri]

**D. FACILITIES COMMITTEE** [T. Pomerantz, Chairperson; W. Stris; G. Cavaliere]

**E. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President P. Farrell]

**CONSENT AGENDA (Item #1-4)**

1. Rescind Resolution - Capco Shades

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a settlement agreement and general release with Capco Shades, Inc. and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same, and it is further

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts Capco Shades, Inc.'s withdrawal of the bid submitted on May 15, 2020, and it is further

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby rescinds its resolution of July 29, 2020 determining to disqualify Capco on the basis of non-responsibility.

2. Approval of ATC Contract

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Letter of Agreement between ATC Testing and Screen Services, LLC and the District and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

3. Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 11/18, 11/20, 11/24, 11/30 and 12/1/20.

4. Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 11/18/20.

**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**