



VALLEY STREAM

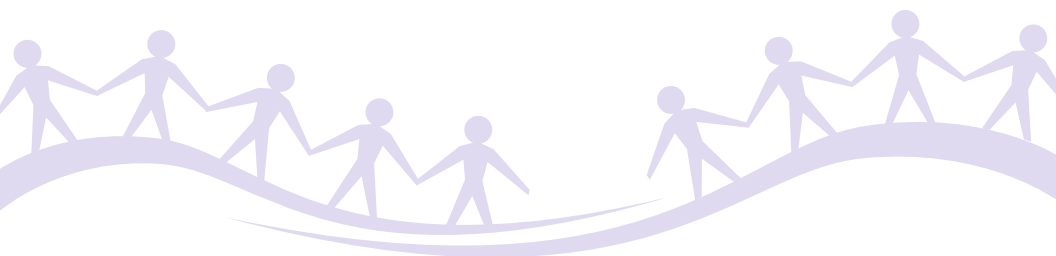
Union Free School District Thirteen

BOARD OF EDUCATION 2020-2021

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.



Meet Your 2020-2021 Board of Education



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What Is a Board of Education?

The Board is the official policy-making body of the school district. It is responsible for the fair and uniform application of all federal, state and local laws in the operation of district schools. The Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen is a kindergarten through sixth-grade public school system governed by a seven-member elected Board of Education. Three members of the seven are appointed to serve on the Central High School Board. According to New York State law, there is no limit to the number of terms a board member may serve. Individuals who serve on the Board receive no salary for their service provided to the community. To qualify as a member of the Board, the person must be able to read and write; be a qualified voter of the district: that is, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age or older, not adjudged to be an incompetent, or have been convicted of a disqualifying felony; and have been a resident of the school district for at least one year. The individual may not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year; reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family; be a current employee of the school district; and may not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office. Voting for School Board representatives takes place on the same day as the annual school budget vote.

Responsibility of the School Board

No one person or group acts in the name of the Board of Education. When any item of business comes before the Board in the form of a motion, it is necessary that a majority - at least four votes - be cast in favor of the motion for the Board to act. The Board has final control over local school matters subject to the limitations imposed by state law, regulations of the State Commissioner of Education, and the will of local residents as determined in district elections.

The areas of Board action include:

- Representing the views of the community in educational matters.
- Determining the District's educational standards and goals.
- Adopting policies for the operation of the school district.
- Overseeing financial matters and developing an annual school budget for public vote.
- Appointing the Superintendent of Schools.
- Authorizing the development or revision of curricula.
- Authorizing the appointment of staff members and other personnel actions upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.
- Communicating the District's educational program and needs to the community.

To discharge these varied and necessary responsibilities, the Board of Education often calls on the consultative resources of the professional staff of the schools and the resources available in the community.

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 generally 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 speak for up to three (3) minutes at the designated time during the meeting.

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 | |
| E. Facilities Committee | |
| VIII. High School Report | |
| IX. Report of the Attorney | |



2020-2021 Board of Education Business Meeting Schedule

September	29	February	23
October	27	March	23
November	24	April	27
December	16	May	25
January	26	June	15

Executive Sessions

Executive sessions, if they are held, typically take place prior to the beginning of the regularly scheduled Board meeting. They are not open to the community. According to the New York State Open Meetings Law, a public body may enter into an executive session to discuss any of the following topics:

- Matters that will imperil the public safety if disclosed.
- Any matter that may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer.
- Information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed.
- Discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation.
- Collective negotiations, pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.
- The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.
- The preparation, grading or administration of examinations.
- The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities or the sale or exchange of securities held by the public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect their value.

Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Senior Administration

Pictured left to right: Judith A. LaRocca, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Constance D. Evelyn, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools; Lisa Sells-Asch, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Gerard Antoine, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources.



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