

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

Tuesday, April 27, 2021  
James A. Dever School

6:30 pm – BOE Commendations Ceremony  
7:15 pm – VSUFSD Education Foundation Celebration  
8:00 pm – BOE MEETING

- 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: March 16, 2021 - Committee Meeting
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 more than a total of three minutes."

## **VI. Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

[Dr. Constance D. Evelyn]

### 1. Superintendent's Report

- BOE Commendations (6:30 PM) - [Dr. C. Evelyn/L. Sells-Asch]
- Ed Foundation 25<sup>th</sup> Celebration (7:15 pm) [Dr. C. Evelyn/L. Sells-Asch]
- Dever's and Willow's Principal Report - [D. Gruen, R.Ambrosio]

## **VII. Committee Reports**

### **A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

[F. Chiachiere, Chairperson; G. Cavaliere]

#### 1. Appointment of Permanent Substitute Teacher

To appoint Bettina Berghammer as a Permanent Substitute Teacher at the James A. Dever School at a rate of \$125 per day effective April 13, 2021 through June 30, 2021 and unless sooner terminated.

#### 2. Appointment of Classroom Aide

To appoint Deborah Scala as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$17,468) effective April 28, 2021 pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

#### 3. Appointment of Long-Term Substitute Teacher

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Kara Gibbons as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher in place of Christine Coryell, at a rate of \$140 per day, effective May 3, 2021 for a period not to exceed 60 days unless otherwise extended by the Board of Education.

#### 4. Appointment of Classroom Aide

To appoint Josephine Hafter as a Classroom Aide assigned to the James A. Dever School on Step 1 (\$17,468) effective April 28, 2021 pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

#### 5. Amendment to Appointment of School Nurse

The Board of Education hereby amends the resolution adopted on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to reflect the correct salary of \$46,414 instead of \$46,064 as follows:

To appoint Elizabeth Reyes as a Registered School Nurse assigned to the Howell Road School on Step 2 (\$46,414) effective March 24, 2021, pending Civil Service approval and fingerprint clearance and in accordance with the VSTA-RN/Board Contract in effect on the date of employment.

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

To appoint Alex Calixte as a Noon-Hour Aide assigned to the James A. Dever School at a rate of \$14 per hour effective April 28, 2021 pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

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

To appoint Anna Zummo as a Noon-Hour Aide assigned to the Wheeler Avenue School at a rate of \$14 per hour effective April 28, 2021 pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

#### 8. Home Instruction

To approve Michelle Lepe (Classroom teacher at Willow Road School) to provide home instruction, not to exceed 5 hours per week for missed days of school, for a Willow Road student effective April 6, 2021 through April 30, 2021 at the District's home instruction rate of pay of \$45.51 per hour.

#### 9. Approval of Teacher to Instruct In-Service Course

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves Cindy Gervasi to instruct an in-service course entitled "The Science of Reading" not to exceed 15 hours at a rate of \$69.32.

10. Leave of Absence Unpaid

Resolved, the Board of Education hereby approves an 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".

11. Approval of Clubs for 2020-2021

To approve the clubs for the 2020-2021 school year as listed below:

<u>Faculty Member/School</u>	<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Type/Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Ryan Boyle/Wheeler Avenue	Homework/Tutoring Club	C Club-Step I	\$ 394
Kelsey Schulz/Wheeler Avenue	Art League	B Club-Step III	\$1,075

*\*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 #12-15)**

12. Resignation of Noon-Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Josephine Hafter, Noon-Hour Aide at the James A. Dever School, effective at the close of business on April 27, 2021, by letter dated April 6, 2021.

13. Resignation of Safety Escort

To accept the resignation of Josephine Hafter, Safety Escort at the James A. Dever School, effective at the close of business on April 27, 2021, by letter dated April 6, 2021.

14. Resignation for Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Dorothea Cornetta, Typist Clerk at the Willow Road School, effective June 30, 2021, letter dated April 16, 2021.

15. Substitute List

To approve the Substitute List for 2020-2021.

**B. BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

[P. Farrell, Chairperson; J. Oliveri]

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

1. Treasurer's Report

To approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2021.

2. Agreement with the Valley Stream Little League

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen approves the agreement with the Valley Stream Community Youth Activities, Inc., d/b/a the Valley Stream Little League, and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

3. Bid Award for Blinds, Shades, Drapes & Curtains

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby exercises its option to renew the 2020-2021 Cooperative Contract for Blinds, Shades, Motorized Drapes & Restoration of Stage Curtains with Acme Window Treatment Inc. and Master Carrier Window Treatments Inc. for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

4. Change Orders

To approve the following change orders:

**Change Order #3 – Colonial Crafters**

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #3 in connection with the Colonial Crafters contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase III and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

**Wheeler Avenue School** SED# 280213-02-0-003-027 (\$46,287.50)

The change order is for the contractor to provide credit for the removal, recovery, reinstallation and replacement of forty-eight (48) existing acoustical panels, substrate and wall supports at the Wheeler Road School's Auditorium.

**Change Order #1 – NCD Communications, Inc.**

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #1 in connection with the NCD Communications, Inc. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IV and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

**Wheeler Avenue School** SED # 280213-02-0-003-030 (\$4,424.00)

The change order is a credit for unused allowance (-\$10,000) and to furnish and install one smoke detector, one monitor module, one heat CO detector device and eight speaker strobe devices per the request of the Fire Marshal (\$5,576).

**Howell Road School** SED # 280213-02-0-002-026 \$1,880.00

The change is for the contractor to furnish and install one smoke detection device and three (3) CO detection devices with monitor modular and one strobe device per the request of the Fire Marshal.

**James A. Dever School** SED # 280213-02-0-001-038 \$3,848.00

The change order is for the contractor to furnish and install three (3) smoke detection devices, one control module and four (4) CO detection devices with monitor modular and strobe device per the request of the Fire Marshal.

**Change Order #1R – NCD Communications, Inc.**

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #1R in connection with the NCD Communications, Inc. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IV and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

**Willow Road School** SED # 280213-02-0-004-023 \$3,090.00

The change order is for the contractor to furnish and install two (2) speaker strobe devices and four (4) speaker strobes per the request of the Fire Marshal.

**Change Order #1 – Stalco Construction Inc.**

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #1 in connection with the Stalco Construction Inc. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IV and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

**Wheeler Avenue School** SED # 280213-02-0-003-030 \$692.60

The change order is for contractor to adjust grid to accommodate new tile & lighting fixtures.

**Change Order #2 – Stalco Construction Inc.**

RESOLVED, that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order #2 in connection with the Stalco Construction Inc. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IV and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

**James A. Dever School** SED # 280213-02-0-001-038 \$1,999.22

The change order is to change lighting fixtures due to ceiling height and ceiling tiles. Also for contractor to infill gap behind corridor display case, as well as, paint to match finish.

**Howell Road School**

**SED # 280213-02-0-002-026**

**\$6,902.26**

The change order is for contractor to infill depressions under existing casework to accommodate new casework flush to floor in rooms 1-22, to change existing ceiling joists & lighting fixtures and to adjust grid to accommodate new ceiling tiles & light fixtures, and to install soffit to accommodate the height of the new ceiling grid.

**Willow Road School**

**SED # 280213-02-0-004-023**

**\$2,834.60**

The change order is for the contractor to infill depressions under existing casework to accommodate new casework flush to floor in rooms 27,28 & 29, and for the contractor to adjust grid to accommodate new tile & lighting fixtures.

**C. POLICY COMMITTEE**

[W. Stris, Chairperson; J. Oliveri]

1. Policies for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption

- Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms – new 0101
- Voting Procedures 2120.2
- Application for Absentee Ballot 2120.2E

**D. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

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

**E. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

[Vice President P. Farrell]

1. Meeting Dates 2021-2022

To approve the 2021-2022 meeting dates listed below:

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

September 15*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	*High School District has meetings on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
October 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
November 17*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	*High School District has meetings on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
December 15*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	*High School District has meetings on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
January 18, 2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
February 15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
March 15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
April 13*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	BOCES Vote (tentative)
May 17	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Annual Election
June 8*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	

**BOARD MEETINGS**

July 7, 2021*	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	2021-2022 Reorganization Meeting (approved with 2020-2021 dates)
August 24, 2021	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
September 22*	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	* High School District has meetings on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
October 26	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
November 23	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
December 21	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
January 25, 2022	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
February 28*	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	(Winter Recess Week Before)
March 22	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
April 26	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
May 24	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	
June 15*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	* High School District has meetings on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
July 6, 2022*	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	<b>2022-2023</b> Reorganization Meeting

*\*Other than the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday for Committee & BOE Meetings*

Other Important Dates for the 2021-2022 school year:

Building Inspections Saturday, November 6, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Budget Meeting\* Tuesday, March 22, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Deadline for Filing Petitions for Trustee Monday, April 18, 2022 5:00 p.m.

Budget Hearing (w/VSCHSD @ 8 p.m.) Wednesday, May 4, 2022 7:30 p.m.

Registration (Last day before election) Tuesday, May 10, 2022 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Meet the Candidates (if needed) Wednesday, May 11, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Registration Books open for inspection Saturday, May 14, 2022 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election Tuesday, May 17, 2022 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

2. Acceptance of Donation

To accept one check in the amount of \$1,000 from New York Life Company's "Your Cause" Charitable Trust. The check will be used for general school supplies at the James A. Dever School.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Item #3-4)**

3. Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 3/11, 3/15, 3/16, 3/18, 3/19, 3/22, 3/23, 3/24, 3/25, 3/26, 4/5, 4/6, 4/9 and 4/19/2021.

4. Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 3/12, 3/17, 3/24 and 3/26/2021.

**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**