

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

Tuesday, May 25, 2021
8:00 pm

- 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

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.

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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 more than a total of three minutes."

VI. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

[Dr. Constance D. Evelyn]

1. Superintendent's Report

- Diversity Hiring Update [Dr. J. LaRocca; G. Antoine]

VII. Committee Reports

A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

[F. Chiachiere, Chairperson; G. Cavaliere]

1. Appointment of Classroom Aide

To appoint Mahmoona Imtiaz as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Willow Road School on Step 1 (\$17,468) effective May 26, 2021 pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

2. Home Instruction

To approve Maria Romeo (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 May 3, 2021 through May 27, 2021 at the District's home instruction rate of pay of \$45.51 per hour.

3. Appointment of ELA/Literacy Coach

To transfer Cindy Gervasi to the position of ELA/Literacy Coach (within her current Tenure Area of: Reading) on Step 10.5MA + 60 (\$116,180) for a 3-year probationary period which commenced on September 1, 2019 and expires on August 31, 2022. (*See note below)

4. Appointment of a Librarian

To appoint Thomas Mullen as a Librarian (Tenure Area: School Librarian) assigned to the James A. Dever School on Step 1MA (\$73,075), on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2021 and expiring on August 31, 2025. (*See note below)

5. Student Internship

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a school building leadership internship for Valeria Ossa for the period of June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 at the Wheeler Avenue School at no cost to the District.

6. Appointment of a Classroom Teacher

To appoint Dieisha Devore as a Classroom Teacher (Tenure Area: Elementary Education) assigned to the Howell Road School on Step 1MA (\$73,075), on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2021 and expiring on August 31, 2025. (*See note below)

7. Appointment of Special Education Teacher

To appoint Tara Gunzel Skinner as a Special Education Teacher (Tenure Area: Special Education K-6) at the James A. Dever School on Step 1MA (\$73,075), on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2021 and expiring on August 31, 2025. (*See note below)

8. Appointment of a Classroom Teacher

To appoint Taylor Nisen as a Classroom Teacher (Tenure Area: Elementary Education) on Step 2MA (\$75,510), on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2021 and expiring on August 31, 2025. (*See note below)

9. Approve Stipend for Additional Services

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a stipend of \$1,000 for the period of May 26, 2021 through June 30, 2021 for Kimberly Thomas to provide additional services while an employee is out on medical leave.

**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 #10-15)

10. Substitute List

To approve the Substitute List for 2020-2021.

11. Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Irene Costanzo, Classroom Aide at the Willow Road School effective June 25, 2021, letter dated May 12, 2021.

12. Resignation of Noon-Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Corine Wilenski, Noon-Hour Aide at the Willow Road School effective May 14, 2021, letter dated May 14, 2021.

13. Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Susan Kenny, Principal Typist Clerk in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction effective July 31, 2021, letter dated May 19, 2021.

14. Resignation of Director of Facilities

To accept the resignation of Bryan Bortzfield, Director of Facilities effective June 18, 2021, letter dated May 19, 2021.

15. Resignation of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Denise Gianesses, Classroom Aide at the Willow Road School effective June 25, 2021, letter dated May 12, 2021.

B. BUSINESS COMMITTEE

[P. Farrell, Chairperson; J. Oliveri]

CONSENT AGENDA (Item #1)

1. Treasurer's Report

To approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2021.

C. POLICY COMMITTEE

[W. Stris, Chairperson; J. Oliveri]

1. Policies for 1st Reading

- Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity 0100
- Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity Regulation - *new* 0100-R
- Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention 0115
- Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Regulation 0115-R

D. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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

E. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

[Vice President P. Farrell]

1. Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association 2021-2022 Budget and 2021-2022 Slate of Officers and Executive Committee Members

WHEREAS, Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association has submitted its proposed 2021-2022 Budget and proposed 2021-2022 Slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, for the approval of its member

boards, the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to record the outcome of the votes and notify Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association of the results.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Proposed Budget for the 2021-2022 school year (as accepted by N-SSBA's Executive Committee) be, and hereby is approved/not approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Proposed 2021-2022 Slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee (as presented by N-SSBA's Nominating Committee) be, and hereby is approved/not approved.

CONSENT AGENDA (Item #2-5)

2. Approval of Consulting Service Contract

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Agreement between Rockaway Home Care and the District to provide testing services at no cost to the district and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

3. Acceptance of Donation

To approve a donation to the James A. Dever School from Peter and Joann Freeman for a Hardman Louis XV grand piano with an approximate value of \$5,000.

4. Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 4/13, 4/15, 4/16, 4/19, 4/26, 4/27, 4/28, 4/29, 4/30, 5/3, 5/6, 5/7 and 5/11/2021.

5. Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 3/26, 4/14, 4/21, 4/23 and 4/27/2021.

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