

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

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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

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
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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. Year-End Celebrations

- Honor Retirees [Dr. C. Evelyn, Principals]
Roxanne MacDonald – Librarian (JAD)
Eileen Wallace – Reading Teacher (JAD)
Corinne Cortes – Math Specialist (HRS)
Gregory Hart – Music Teacher (WAS)
Michelle Vitalo – School Nurse (WAS)
John Rofrano – Custodian (WAS)
Dorothea Cornetta – Typist Clerk (WRS)
Gail Shaw – Classroom Teacher (WRS)
Vita Tringone – Classroom Teacher (WRS)
Denise Gianesses – Classroom Aide (WRS)
Irene Costanzo – Classroom Aide (WRS)
Frances DiMaggio – Noon Hour Aide (WRS)
Susan Kenny – Principal Typist Clerk (District Office)
Lisa Sells-Asch – Assistant Superintendent for Special Services (District)
- Tenure [Dr. C. Evelyn, J. LaRocca, Principals]
- Honor Trustee [Dr. C. Evelyn]
William P. Stris

2. District Plans – Informational [Dr. C. Evelyn, G. Antoine]

- Foundation Aid
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARP)

VII. Committee Reports

A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

[F. Chiachiere, Chairperson; G. Cavaliere]

1. Tenure Candidate – Director of Instructional Technology and Innovation

After reviewing the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, it is recommended that Andrea DiMango, Director of Instructional Technology and Innovation be granted tenure effective July 1, 2021.

2. Tenure Recommendation – ENL Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Susana Sousa, ENL Teacher assigned to Howell Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2021.

3. Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Samantha Watson, Special Education Teacher assigned to Howell Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2021.

4. Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Dr. Ruth Peets-Butcher, Classroom Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2021.

5. Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Kristine LaCroix, Special Education Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2021.

6. Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Alyssa Rivera, Special Education Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2021.

7. Tenure Recommendation – ENL Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Christine Robinson, ENL Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2021.

8. Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Erica Ulsheimer, Special Education Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2021.

9. Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observations and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Hilary Whitney-Rene, Classroom Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2021.

10. Employment Agreement – Director of Instructional Technology and Innovation

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached employment agreement between the District and Andrea DiMango for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

11. Confidential Employee Agreement

To approve the Confidential Employee Agreement between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and Marjorie Sison for the 2021-2022 school year.

12. 2021-2022 Salary for Information Technology Specialist I

To establish the 2021-2022 salary for Pamela Arata, Information Technology Specialist I, at \$65,560 (12 months).

13. 2021-2022 Salary for Occupational Therapist

To establish the 2021-2022 salary for Sherley Fils-Aime, Occupational Therapist, at \$85,094.

14. 2021-2022 Salary for Occupational Therapist

To establish the 2021-2022 salary for Christina DelGais, Occupational Therapist, at \$82,006.

15. 2021-2022 Salary for Physical Therapist

To establish the 2021-2022 salary for Shoshana Bazini, Physical Therapist, at \$69,449.

16. Appointment of Math/AIS Teacher

To appoint Alexandra Ferrara as the Math AIS Teacher (Tenure Area: Elementary Education) on Step 1MA (\$73,075), on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2021 and expiring on August 31, 2025. (*See note below)

17. Appointment of a Classroom Teacher

To appoint Kaela King as a Classroom Teacher (Tenure Area: Elementary Education) on Step 1BA (\$62,834), on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2021 and expiring on August 31, 2025. (*See note below)

18. Appointment of a Classroom Teacher

To appoint Kristen Becker as a Classroom Teacher (Tenure Area: Elementary Education) on Step 1MA (\$73,075), on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2021 and expiring on August 31, 2025. (*See note below)

19. Appointment of a Music Teacher To appoint Amy Yencharis as a Music Teacher (Tenure Area: Music Teacher K-6), assigned to the Wheeler Ave School on Step 2MA (\$75,510) on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2021 and expiring on August 31, 2025 (*see note below).

20. Appointment of a Classroom Teacher

To appoint Parita Domadia as a Classroom Teacher (Tenure Area: Elementary Education) on Step 1MA (\$73,075), on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2021 and expiring on August 31, 2025. (*See note below)

21. Appointment of Reading Teacher

To appoint Heather Lanning as a Reading Teacher (Tenure Area: Reading) on Step 1MA (\$73,075) on four years' probation commencing on September 1, 2021 and expiring on August 31, 2025. (*See note below)

22. Appointment of Reading Teacher

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

23. Appointment of Classroom Aide

To appoint Erika Ospina as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Howell Road School on Step 1 (\$17,616) effective September 1, 2021 pending Civil Service approval and unless sooner terminated.

24. Approval of Teacher to Instruct In-Service Course

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

25. Summer Curriculum Writing

To appoint the following teachers for summer curriculum writing at the rate of \$50 per hour as listed below:

Math Curriculum Writing not to exceed 20 hours (6 teachers)

Brittany Bent
Karen Higgins
Lisa Roberti
Alison Sannella
Nancy Sferrazza
Denise Simone

ELA Curriculum Writing not to exceed 5 hours (4 teachers)

Debora O'Conner
Katie Pulvidente
Nancy Faccio
Cindy Gervasi

Social Studies Curriculum Writing not to exceed 20 hours (5 teachers)

Stephanie Eso (McNulty)
Caroline Cullen (Vidakovic)
Maureen Morris
Maria L'Heureux
Danielle Dodge

26. Summer Employment – Special Education Program Staff

To employ the following for the summer Special Education Program effective July 1, 2021 through August 11, 2021 (8:30 am – 11:30 am) and unless otherwise stated, at their hourly rate of pay:

Special Education Teachers:

Antonella Sciscioli
Fiona Hobbs
Maureen Byrnes
Maria Romeo
Melissa Langer

Speech Teachers:

Lauren Dooley
Beth Swedarsky (as per independent contract)

Physical Therapist:

Dan Weinkauff (as per independent contract)

Occupational Therapist:

Christina Delgais: not to exceed 10 hours per week

Psychologist:

Karen Jason: as needed, but not to exceed 4 hours per week

Leslie Gulkis: as needed, but not to exceed 4 hours per week

Teacher Assistant:

Patty Sullivan

Teacher Aides:

Teresa Soccorso

Anna Zummo

Colleen Accardi

Elaine Bringas

Jaiantri Bipath

Maria Napolitano

Ginny Fontaine

Leigh Norris

Linda Betz

Ann Lochan

Hermat Jagnanan

27. Summer Employment - Summer Readiness Program:

To employ the following for the Summer Readiness Program effective July 6, 2021 through July 30, 2021 (8:30 am – 11:30 am) and unless otherwise stated, at their hourly rate of pay:

Teachers: Amanda Roach, Debra LaBruzzi, Katherine Pulvidente, Julianne Mashkow, Barbara Farrell, Elizabeth Sweeny, Denise DeMeo, Mairead Dorry, Kevin Mayer, Nathalie Mayard

Occupational Therapist: Sherley Fils-Aime

28. Summer Employment - Summer ENL Program:

To employ the following for the Summer ENL Program effective July 6, 2021 through July 23, 2021 (8:30 am – 11:30 am) and unless otherwise stated, at their hourly rate of pay:

ENL: Paula Barnick, Christine Robinson, Soneya Bonetti

29. Summer Employment – Academic Intervention Services

Teachers: Heather Meditz, Diane Gorman, Annemarie Gunn, Nanci Brochhagen, Erica Ulsheimer, Bob D’Agostino, Bettina Berghammer, Justine Visceglia, Lisa Wilson, Marilyn Salamone, Marie Koretsky, Stacey LoBello

30. Summer Employment – Summer Recreation

To employ the following for the Summer Recreation program effective July 6, 2021 through August 6, 2021:

Junior Counselor (C5) - \$997

Anthony Arata

Counselor (C1) - \$1017

Kawthar Abid

Counselor (C2) - \$1056

Anthony Terzulli

Brianna Hobert

Christopher Lynch

Gianna Moraesi

Jazmine Tavarez

Counselor (C5+) - \$1134

Samantha Logreira Caitlin McDaniels Andrea Coletti Yeshua Makkennon

Cluster Counselor - \$2500

James DiLeonardo Lauren Asselta

Building Director (BD5+) - \$3910

Marc Gold

Secretary - \$2250

Joanna Lynch

31. Credit for Advanced Study

To approve the credit for advanced study for the following teachers effective September 1, 2021, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract:

	FROM	TO
Maureen Byrnes (HRS)	5MA+45	6MA+60
Heather Cea (WAS)	6MA+45	6MA+60
Annmarie Ciociano (WAS)	15MA	15MA+15
Michelle Lepe (WRS)	4MA+30	5MA+45
Amanda Roach (WRS)	2MA	2MA+15

CONSENT AGENDA (Items #32-35)

32. Resignation of Classroom Aide

To accept the resignation of Lashawna Hill, Classroom Aide at the Wheeler Avenue School, effective June 18, 2021, letter dated May 20, 2021.

33. Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation of Francis DiMaggio, Noon Hour Aide, at the Willow Road School, letter dated May 25, 2021.

34. Resignation of Classroom Aide

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby amends a resolution adopted on May 25, 2021 to read as follows:
To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Denise Gianesses, Classroom Aide, at the Willow Road School effective June 25, 2021, letter dated May 12, 2021.

35. Substitute List

To approve the Substitute List for 2021-2022.

**In order to be granted tenure, the teacher must have received composite or overall APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either “effective” or “highly effective” in at least three (“3”) of the four (“4”) preceding years, and, if the classroom teacher receives an “ineffective” composite or overall APPR rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.*

B. BUSINESS COMMITTEE

[P. Farrell, Chairperson; J. Oliveri]

1. Summer Cleaners

To approve the following as Summer Cleaners at the rate of \$14 per hour effective July 1, 2021 through August 30, 2021, pending Civil Service approval:

Shanela Akhtar
Daisy Castillo-Hernandez
Joseph Centore
Shahida Frooq
Dominic Natoli
Jayden Times
Andrew Sutton

2. Summer Employment – Summer Mail Run

To approve Wanda Oree to deliver the interoffice mail for the period June 28, 2021 through September 7, 2021 at a rate of \$15 per day plus mileage.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items #3-6)

3. National School Lunch Program

To approve District Thirteen's participation in the National School Lunch Program for the 2021-2022 academic year at the continued rates of \$2.25 for full-priced lunch and \$0.25 for reduced-priced lunch.

4. National School Breakfast Program

To approve District Thirteen's participation in the National School Breakfast Program for the 2021-2022 academic year at the continued rates of \$0.75 for full-priced breakfast and \$0.25 for reduced-priced breakfast.

5. Change Order #1 – McHugh Furnishings, LLC

BE IT 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 McHugh Furnishings, LLC. contract for the Bond Referendum Projects Phase IV and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

Howell Road Elementary School **SED# 280213020002026** **(\$1,750.00)**

The change order is for the contractor to provide credit for the classroom casework replacement at Howell Road Elementary School while installing cabinets in rooms 37 & 43.

James A. Dever Elementary School **SED# 280213020001038** **(\$1,325.00)**

The change order is for the contractor to provide credit for the classroom casework replacement at James A. Dever Elementary School.

Wheeler Avenue Elementary School **SED# 280213020003030** **(\$1,200.00)**

The change order is for the contractor to provide credit for the classroom casework replacement at Wheeler Avenue Elementary School while installing Phenolic tops for art tables in room #107.

Wheeler Avenue Elementary School **SED# 280213020004023** **(\$1,325.00)**

The change order is for the contractor to provide credit for the classroom casework replacement at Wheeler Avenue Elementary School.

6. Treasurer’s Report

To approve the Treasurer’s Report for May 2021.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Policies for 2nd Reading and Adoption

- 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. Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Workers Compensation Reserve Fund

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Workers Compensation Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2021.

2. Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Unemployment Reserve Fund

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Unemployment Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2021.

3. Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Employers Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Employers Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2021.

4. Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Teachers Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to the TRS Sub-Fund on or before June 30, 2021.

5. Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2021.

6. Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Liability Reserve Fund

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Liability Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2021.

7. Approval of Transfer of Funds to the Capital Reserve Fund

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund established in May 2018 on or before June 30, 2021.

8. Consultant Contract –Literacy Consulting Services

RESOLVED the Board of Education hereby approves the attached consultant services contract with Distinctive Educators Institute, Inc. to provide literacy professional development for teachers for an amount not to exceed \$7,500 and authorizes Board President to execute same.

9. Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program

RESOLVED the Board of Education hereby approves the attached consultant services contract with Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program to provide security services for students and staff and authorizes Board President to execute same.

WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream District Thirteen, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the “Participant”) is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the “Program”) in the areas mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES’ standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items #10-11)

10. Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 5/6, 5/7, 5/12, 5/14, 5/17, 5/18, 5/19, 5/20, 5/21, 5/26, 6/1, 6/2, 6/4, and 6/8/2021.

11. Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 5/26/2021.

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