

Committee Agenda  
**Wednesday, June 9, 2021**  
8:00 PM

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Items for 06/15/21 Board of Education Meeting

1. Superintendent's Report

- Year-end celebrations

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

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 Samantha Watson, Special Education Teacher assigned to Howell Road 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 Kristine LaCroix, Special Education Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2021.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

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 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby amends a resolution adopted on May 25, 2021 to read as follows:

Resignation of Classroom Aide

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.

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

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  
Hermet 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

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 – 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

30. 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.

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:

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

32. 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

33. 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.

34. 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.

35. Treasurer's Report

To approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2021.

36. Policies for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

37. 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.

38. 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.

39. 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.

40. 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.

41. 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.

42. 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.

43. 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.

44. 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.

45. 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.

46. Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated xxxxxxxx.

47. Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated xxxxxxxx.