

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**  
**AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**James A. Dever Auditorium**  
**585 No. Corona Avenue**  
**Valley Stream, NY 11580-2099**  
**8:00 PM - BOE Meeting**

**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.**

**NOTICE**

**The Board of Education public meeting of the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen will be held in the James A. Dever Auditorium, 585 North Corona Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580 on January 23, 2024 at 8:00 PM and it is anticipated that the Board will adjourn into Executive Session at 7:15 PM to discuss Collective Negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law regarding a specific bargaining unit and matters leading to the appointment of a particular person.**

**A. Meeting Opening**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>1. Call to Order</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	A. Meeting Opening
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

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.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>2. Determination of Quorum</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	A. Meeting Opening
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

<b>Subject</b>	<b>3. Pledge of Allegiance</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	A. Meeting Opening
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

<b>Subject</b>	<b>4. Approval of Minutes</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	A. Meeting Opening
Access	Public
Type	Action

Recommended Action	To approve the following minutes: o November 21, 2023 Committee and Special Meeting o November 28, 2023 Board of Education Meeting o December 4, 2023 Special Meeting
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- o December 9, 2023 Special Meeting
- o December 22, 2023 Special Meeting

File Attachments

- [23 11 21 COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL MEETING DRAFT.pdf \(152 KB\)](#)
- [23 11 28 BOE MEETING DRAFT.pdf \(289 KB\)](#)
- [23 12 4 SPECIAL MEETING DRAFT.pdf \(133 KB\)](#)
- [23 12 9 SPECIAL MEETING DRAFT.pdf \(133 KB\)](#)
- [23 12 22 SPECIAL MEETING DRAFT.pdf \(134 KB\)](#)

**Subject 5. Correspondence**

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Category A. Meeting Opening

Access Public

Type Information

**B. Recognition of Visitors**

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**Subject 1. Recognition of Visitors**

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Category B. Recognition of Visitors

Access Public

Type Discussion

**C. Report of the Superintendent [Dr. Judith LaRocca, S. Reid, G. Antoine]**

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**Subject 1. Facilities Update**

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Category C. Report of the Superintendent [Dr. Judith LaRocca, S. Reid, G. Antoine]

Access Public

Type Information

File Attachments

- [FacilitiesReport\\_jan2024.pdf \(13,811 KB\)](#)

**D. Education Committee [Vice President Gerardo Cavaliere, Chairperson; Trustee Anthony Bonelli]**

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**Subject 1. Leave of Absence**

Meeting Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Category D. Education Committee [Vice President Gerardo Cavaliere, Chairperson; Trustee Anthony Bonelli]

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a leave of absence for health to the employee listed on Confidential Schedule "B" pursuant to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between the District and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association effective December 20, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**Subject 2. Appointment of Assistant Superintendent for Special Services**

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Category D. Education Committee [Vice President Gerardo Cavaliere, Chairperson; Trustee Anthony Bonelli]

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the Employment Agreement with Dr. Lisa Dunn for the period of January 24, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at an annual salary of \$180,000.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>3. Appointment of Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	D. Education Committee [Vice President Gerardo Cavaliere, Chairperson; Trustee Anthony Bonelli]
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the Employment Agreement with Andrea DiMango for the period of January 24, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at an annual salary of \$167,000.

## **E. Education Committee Consent #1-6**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>1. Appointment of Long-Term Substitute Teachers</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	E. Education Committee Consent #1-6
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints MaryJo Bartash as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the James A. Dever School in place of Stephani McNulty at a rate of \$150 per day effective October 27, 2023 for a period not to exceed 60 days unless otherwise extended by the Board of Education. RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Andrea Tillman as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the James A. Dever School in place of Maryellen Kefalogiannis at a rate of \$150 per day effective December 11, 2023 for a period not to exceed 60 days unless otherwise extended by the Board of Education. RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Danielle Totino as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the Willow Road School in place of Carole Anne Weik at a rate of \$150 per day effective January 25, 2024 for a period not to exceed 60 days unless otherwise extended by the Board of Education.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>2. Appointment of Permanent Substitute Teacher</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	E. Education Committee Consent #1-6
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Angelica Rivera as a Permanent Substitute Teacher at the Wheeler Avenue School at a rate of \$140 per day, effective January 24, 2024 pending fingerprint clearance and Board approval and unless sooner terminated.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>3. Appointment of Classroom Aides</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	E. Education Committee Consent #1-6
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Priscila Coronel as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Willow Road School effective January 24, 2024, pending Civil Service and fingerprint clearance. RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Carabeth Samuels as a Classroom Aide assigned to the James A. Dever School effective January 24, 2024 pending Civil Service and fingerprint clearance. RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Maria Vidal as a Classroom Aide assigned to the James A. Dever School effective January 24, 2024 pending Civil Service and fingerprint clearance. RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Karen Williams as a Classroom Aide assigned to the Willow Road School effective January 24, 2024 pending Civil Service and fingerprint clearance.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>4. Credit for Advanced Study</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	E. Education Committee Consent #1-6

Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	To approve the credit for advanced study effective February 1, 2024 as listed in accordance with the VSTA/Board Agreement.

## File Attachments

[Credit for Advanced Study - Feb 2024.pdf \(71 KB\)](#)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>5. Substitute List</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	E. Education Committee Consent #1-6
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	To approve the Substitute List for 2023-2024.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>6. Resignation of Noon-Hour Aides</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	E. Education Committee Consent #1-6
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	To accept the resignation of Judy Fallik, Noon-Hour Aide at the Howell Road School effective January 3, 2024, letter dated January 2, 2024. To accept the resignation of Helen Vendome, Noon-Hour Aide at the at the Wheeler Avenue School effective January 23, 2024, letter dated January 12, 2024.

## **F. Business Committee [Trustee Patricia Farrell, Chairperson; Trustee Anthony Grosso]**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>1. Signed Leave of Absence</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	F. Business Committee [Trustee Patricia Farrell, Chairperson; Trustee Anthony Grosso]
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education hereby ratifies the memorandum of agreement between the District and the CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME AFL-CIO, Custodial Unit regarding a leave of absence and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>2. Appointment of Temporary Maintainer</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	F. Business Committee [Trustee Patricia Farrell, Chairperson; Trustee Anthony Grosso]
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	To employ Patrick Canny as a Temporary District Maintainer at \$63,324, effective January 24, 2024, and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the CSE-Custodial Contract in effect on the date of employment.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>3. Employment Agreement - Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	F. Business Committee [Trustee Patricia Farrell, Chairperson; Trustee Anthony Grosso]
Access	Public

Type	Action
Recommended Action	RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the Employment Agreement with Gerard N. Antoine, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources for the period of January 16, 2024, through January 15, 2025.
<b>Subject</b>	<b>4. Budget Transfers</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	F. Business Committee [Trustee Patricia Farrell, Chairperson; Trustee Anthony Grosso]
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	To approve the following budget transfers: From: A 1621.442-01 Maintenance Painting – District \$15,000 A 1621.501-01 Maintenance Supplies – District \$ 5,000 To: A 1621.440-01 Building Renovations – District \$15,000 A 1621.443-01 Grounds Maintenance – District \$ 5,000

### **G. Business Committee Consent #1-3**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>1. Treasurer's Report</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	G. Business Committee Consent #1-3
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	To approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2023.

File Attachments  
[Treasurers Report - November 2023.pdf \(1,992 KB\)](#)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>2. District Use of Contracts</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	G. Business Committee Consent #1-3
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	To approve the District use of contracts from the following lists for purchases of commodities and services: o NYS Facilities Association

<b>Subject</b>	<b>3. Mileage Reimbursement Rate</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	G. Business Committee Consent #1-3
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	To adopt the IRS mileage rate of \$.67 per mile effective January 1, 2024.

### **H. Policy Committee [Trustee Milagros Vicente, Chairperson; Trustee Vincent Caposio]**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>1. Policies for 1st Reading</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	H. Policy Committee [Trustee Milagros Vicente, Chairperson; Trustee Vincent Caposio]
Access	Public

Type Action

Recommended Action

- 4821 – School Ceremonies and Observances
- 5225 – Student Personal Expression
- 5605 – Student Voter Registration and Pre-Registration – new
- 6710 – Purchasing Authority
- 8210.1 – Use of Surveillance Cameras on School Property
- 9520.6 – Policy on the Rights of Employees to Express Breast Milk in the Workplace - new

File Attachments

[4821 SCHOOL CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES 1ST READ 1 23 24.pdf \(160 KB\)](#)  
[5225 STUDENT PERSONAL EXPRESSION 1ST READ 1 23 24.pdf \(178 KB\)](#)  
[5605 STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION AND PRE REGISTRATION NEW 1ST READ 1 23 24.pdf \(61 KB\)](#)  
[6710 PURCHASING AUTHORITY 1ST READ 1 23 24.pdf \(74 KB\)](#)  
[8210.1 USE OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY 1ST READ 1 23 24.pdf \(127 KB\)](#)  
[9520.6 POLICY ON THE RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES TO EXPRESS BREAST MILK IN THE WORKPLACE NEW FIRST READ 1 23 24.pdf \(146 KB\)](#)

**Subject 2. Policies for 2nd Reading and Adoption**

Meeting Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Category H. Policy Committee [Trustee Milagros Vicente, Chairperson; Trustee Vincent Caposio]

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action To approve and adopt the following policies:

- o Policy 8140 - Unsafe School Choice
- o Policy 4772 - Graduation Ceremonies
- o Policy 4231 - Programs for Students with Disabilities under the IDEA and New York's Education Law Article 89

File Attachments

[4321 PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES UNDER THE IDEA AND NEW YORK'S EDUCATION LAW ARTICLE 89 2nd Read 1 23 24.pdf \(137 KB\)](#)  
[4772 GRADUATION CEREMONIES-new 2nd Read 1 23 24.pdf \(102 KB\)](#)  
[8140 UNSAFE SCHOOL TRANSFER CHOICE new 2nd Read 1 23 24.pdf \(123 KB\)](#)

**I. Facilities Committee [Vice President Gerardo Cavaliere, Chairperson; Trustee Vincent Caposio]**  
**J. Committee of the Whole [Vice President Gerardo Cavaliere]**

**Subject 1. Social Media Litigation**

Meeting Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Category J. Committee of the Whole [Vice President Gerardo Cavaliere]

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action RESOLVED the Board of Education hereby authorizes the law firms of Frantz Law Group, APLC and Guercio & Guercio, LLP to commence legal action against the parties identified on Confidential Schedule "A" with respect to the litigation discussed in executive session.  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board President is authorized to sign the attached retainer agreement with Frantz Law Group, APLC and Guercio & Guercio LLP and take all steps necessary to effectuate the litigation.

**K. Committee of the Whole Consent #1-6**

**Subject 1. Consultant Services Agreement - Crossroads Farm**

Meeting Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Category K. Committee of the Whole Consent #1-6

Access Public

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a Consultant Services Agreement between the District and the Nassau Land Trust, Incorporated for educational resources, training materials, and instruction at Crossroads Farm at Grossmann's in Malverne with a total cost of \$9,000 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute same.

**Subject 2. Impartial Hearing Officer List**

Meeting Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Category K. Committee of the Whole Consent #1-6

Access Public

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 2, 2024 Daniel Ajello be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 3, 2024 Judith Kramer be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 3, 2024 Patricia Murrell be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that Kenneth Ritzenberg 153 be deleted from the Impartial Hearing Officer list effective immediately.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 3, 2024 Tanya Hobson-Williams be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 3, 2024 Robert Rodriguez be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 3, 2024 Mitchell Regenbogen be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 3, 2024 Kenneth Lynch be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 4, 2024 Rodney Austin be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 4, 2024 Harriet Gewirtz be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 5, 2024 Marcel Denis be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 9, 2024 Paul Ivers be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 9, 2024 Stephanie Seto be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 10, 2024 Theodore Vassilakis be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 10, 2024 Guljit Bains be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 10, 2024 Marc Weiner be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 11, 2024 Carolyn Clyne be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 12, 2024 Anjelica Cappellino be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 17, 2024 Jan Gawthrop be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 17, 2024 Barbara Caravello be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 19, 2024 Sharifa Nasser be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 19, 2024 Wanda Day be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 19, 2024 Douglas Libby be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 19, 2024 Craig Goldsmith be added to the Impartial Hearing Officer list for the district.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that Kenneth Ritzenberg 153 be deleted as an Impartial Hearing Officer for the district effective immediately.

**Subject 3. Disposal of Unusable District Property**

Meeting Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Category K. Committee of the Whole Consent #1-6

Access Public

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen hereby declares a piano at the Wheeler Avenue School to be unusable property whose market value is indeterminate, and hereby directs the Superintendent to dispose of said property in an appropriate manner.

**Subject 4. School Calendar 2024-2025**

Meeting Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Category K. Committee of the Whole Consent #1-6

Access Public

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action To approve the School Calendar for 2024-2025.

File Attachments

[School Calendar 24.25 - FINAL.pdf \(148 KB\)](#)

**Subject 5. Committee on Special Education Reviews**

Meeting Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Category K. Committee of the Whole Consent #1-6

Access Public

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 12/4, 12/12, 12/18, 12/19(HRS), 12/19(WAS), 12/20, 12/21/2023, 1/4, 1/12/2024.

**Subject 6. Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews**

Meeting Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Category K. Committee of the Whole Consent #1-6

Access Public

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 12/12/2023 and 1/4/2024.

**L. Report of the Attorney - Christopher Shishko**

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**M. High School Report**

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**N. Old Business**

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**O. New Business**

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**P. Recognition of Visitors**

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**Subject 1. Recognition of Visitors**

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Category P. Recognition of Visitors

Access Public

Type Discussion



**Q. Executive Session (if Necessary)**

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**R. Adjourn**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>1. Adjourn</b>
Meeting	Jan 23, 2024 - AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	R. Adjourn
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn