

Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen  
585 N. Corona Avenue  
Valley Stream, NY 11580-2099

**AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Tuesday, March 25, 2008  
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. Committee of the Whole
- VIII Report of the Attorney
- IX Old Business
- X New Business
- XI Visitors
- XII 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, Meredith Brosnan, 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 - February 13 and February 26, 2008
- V. Communications
- VI. Report of the Superintendent
- VII. Report of Standing Committees
- VIII. Report of the Attorney
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
- XII. Recognition of Visitors

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 longer than three minutes. Only District Residents and District Personnel will be permitted to speak."

## VI. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

1. Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Roberta Aubel as a Noon Hour Aide at Howell Road School effective February 29, 2008.

2. Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Alison Eng as a Noon Hour Aide at Willow Road School effective March 3, 2008.

3. Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Saima Latif as a Noon Hour Aide at Willow Road School effective March 3, 2008 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour).

4. Emergency Conditional Employment of a Noon Hour Aide\*

To conditionally employ Marianne McKinley as a Noon Hour Aide at Howell Road School effective March 12, 2008 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour).

5. Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aides\*

To conditionally approve the addition of Janet Mason and Catherine Shelton as Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aides.

*\*Awaiting fingerprint clearance*

## VII. Committee Reports

### A. EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, D. Evans]

1. Education Report: Professional Development (L. Roth)

2. Resignation of a Special Education Teacher

To accept the resignation of Linda Saviano, Special Education Teacher at Willow Road School, effective June 27, 2008.

3. GATE Advancement

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the GATE Advancement, according to the Board/VSTA contract, for Lisa Smaldon from Step 14 to Step 15 effective June 16, 2008.

4. Substitute Teacher List

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2007-2008 school year.

### B. BUSINESS [C. Subbiondo, J. DiSibio]

1. Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 29, 2008.

2. Fiber Optic Connection Agreement

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Nassau BOCES for the design, construction and installation of a fiber-based private network connection and other services in order to participate in the NYSED Plan and Administrative Technology Projects ("Agreement"), and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board has determined that the District's use of the equipment and services, which are the subject of said Agreement, are essential to the District's proper, efficient and economic operation of the education program to be supported by the equipment and services, and is necessary to maintain its educational program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based on the foregoing, the Board has determined that the costs and expenses incurred in connection with said Agreement are ordinary contingent expenses of the District and that such expenditure is in the best financial interest of the District."

**C. POLICY COMMITTEE** [B. Gorham, J. Greco Jacobs]

**D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President D. Evans]

1. Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 2/8, 2/11, 2/12, 2/13, 2/15, 2/22, 2/25, 2/26UCP, 2/26D, 2/27H, 2/27Wi, 2/28, 3/3, and 3/10/08.

2. Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 2/15 and 2/28/08.

3. Impartial Hearing Officer

To remove Charles Wetterer from the Impartial Hearing Officer list.

4. 2008 –2009 Proposed Budget (Proposition #1)

That the Board of Education adopt the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$40,427,807 and that the budget be presented to the voters in our District; and that the District Clerk be directed to place this budget, in the above amount, on the ballot in accordance with previous instructions.

5. 2008-2009 Transportation (Proposition #2)

That the District Clerk be directed to place Proposition #2, Transportation, on the ballot. To extend its public school transportation eligibility policy for Grade K-3 pupils from the existing half-mile limit to include Grade K-6 pupils in such half-mile limit, to be effective at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, thereby increasing the budget contained in Proposition No. 1 by \$267,000.

6. 2008-2009 Proposed Budget for Central High School District (Propositions # 3 and # 4)

That the District Clerk be directed to place the following Propositions on the ballot: Proposition #3, the Central High School District Budget in the amount of \$96,514,147; Proposition #4 for the Central High School Capital Reserve Fund to expend a maximum amount of \$1,600,000.

7. Acceptance of a gift

To accept a gift of a Robotics Kit and Accessories from Vex Robotics – Innovation First, Inc., with a \$500 value, for use by the students in the District.

**VIII. Report of the Attorney**

Florence Frazer

**IX. Old Business**

**X. New Business**

**XI. Visitors**

**XII. Adjourn**