

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

AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, June 24, 2008
James A. Dever School

- I Call to Order
- II Determination of Quorum
- III Pledge of Allegiance
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 - A. Education
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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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PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELLULAR PHONES.

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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 - May 27, June 10, June 17
- 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 _____

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

Presentation by President Stris

1. Honor former Board Member Cathy Subbiondo

VI. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

1. Honor Retirees:

Gail Strauss

Paula Huber

2. Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide

To add Lowery Ellis as a Classroom/Noon Hour Aide substitute.

VII. Committee Reports

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

1. Tenure Recommendation – Reading Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Elena Bagge, Reading Teacher, assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2008.

2. Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Melissa Bianculli, Special Education Teacher, assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2008.

3. Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Matthew Costantino, Classroom Teacher, assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2008.

4. Tenure Recommendation – Art Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Michelle Daddino, Art Teacher, assigned to Willow Road School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2008.

5. Tenure Recommendation – Classroom (Math) Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Daniel Rothbard, Classroom (Math) Teacher, assigned to Willow Road and James A. Dever Schools, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2008.

6. Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Grace Wohlfahrt, Classroom Teacher, assigned to James A. Dever School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2008.

7. Tenure Recommendation – Special Education Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Alyssa Ventura, Special Education Teacher, assigned to James A. Dever School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2008.

8. Tenure Recommendation – Classroom Teacher

After reviewing the recommendation of the Building Principal, and conducting classroom lesson observation and portfolio review, the Superintendent recommends Anne Marie Scialabba, Classroom Teacher, assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2008.

9. Director of Special Services Position Abolished

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the position of District Director of Special Services be abolished effective June 30, 2008.

10. Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Position Established

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the position of Assistant Superintendent for Special Services be created effective July 1, 2008.

11. Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Lisa Sells-Asch be appointed to the three-year probationary term as Assistant Superintendent Special Services effective July 1, 2008 at an annual salary of \$149,260;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board approve an employment agreement between the Board and Lisa Sells-Asch dated June 24, 2008, and that the Board President be authorized to execute said employment agreement on behalf of the Board.

12. 2008-2009 Salary – Assistant Superintendent for Business

To establish the 2008-2009 salary at \$164,861 for Meredith Brosnan, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

13. 2008-2009 Salary – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

To establish the 2008-2009 salary at \$155,820 for Linda Roth, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction.

14. Salary Gates

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the gate increases according to the Board/VSTA contract effective September 1, 2008 as listed:

9-10	Emily Canzoneri	Wheeler Avenue School
	Craig Caputo	Wheeler Avenue School
	Eileen Cooke	Howell Road School
	Jennifer Cymbler	Wheeler Avenue School
	Peter Gatto	Willow Road School
	Patricia Hopkins	Howell Road School
	Noelle Mullen	James A. Dever School
	Paula Scavelli	James A. Dever School
	Nancy Sferrazza	Willow Road School
	J. J. Weiner	James A. Dever School
14-15	Iona Goldstein	Willow Road School
	Stephanie Fleischer	Wheeler Avenue School
	Mary Ellen Vella	Wheeler Avenue School
19-20	Ann Marie Apollo	James A. Dever School
	Diane Corr	Wheeler Avenue School
	Alison Galloway	James A. Dever School
	Paula Groothuis	Willow Road School
	Kevin Olsen	Howell Road School
	Liz Silz	Willow Road School
	Caroline Vidakovic	Wheeler Avenue School

15. Salary Increment

To approve the Salary Increments effective September 1, 2008 as listed:

Name	From	To
Jayne Hartten	21M+45	22M+60
Kathleen Ianuale*	11M+45	11M+60*
Michael Rodgers	2BA	3BA+15
Michael Soscia	24M+45	25M+60

**Teacher does not move up a step since she has an anniversary date during the 2008-2009 school year*

16. Employment of a Classroom Teacher (Math)

To employ Neil Sklar as a Classroom (Math) Teacher, assigned to James A. Dever School, effective September 1, 2008, on Step 6 MA (\$70,527) on two years probation, and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins.

17. Employment of a Speech Teacher

To employ Maura Dantuono as a Speech Teacher, assigned to Willow Road School, effective September 1, 2008, on Step 2MA (\$60,238) on two years probation, and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins.

18. Employment of a Music Teacher

To employ Johanna DeJose as a Music Teacher, assigned to James A. Dever School, effective September 1, 2008 on Step 3BA (\$53,955) on two years probation, and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins.

19. Employment of Teachers for Summer ESL Program

Employment of Teachers for the Summer ESL Program July 7, 2008 through July 24, 2008, four days per week, four hours per day:

Terry Sales Jennifer Cymbler Paula Barnick Aida Ricci

20. Employment of Teachers for Summer Reading Club

Employment of Teachers for the Summer Reading Club July 2, 2008 through August 5, 2008 on Club Rate "C" (\$1060)

Lynn Bohnet Julianne Mashkow Susan Quartuccio Liz Silz (*only two days per week "C" rate \$424*)
Matthew Stashin Alba Verambeck

21. Employment of Teachers for Summer Special Education Program

Employment of Teachers for the Summer Special Education Program effective July 2 through August 12, 2008, not to exceed 20 hours per week, at their hourly rate of pay, as listed:

Special Education Teachers:

Marylou Bastaio Melissa Bianculli * Lisa Gimbel** Maria Romeo
Melanie Van Eron Alyssa Ventura

*M. Bianculli will work an additional 40 minutes, three days per week

**L. Gimbel will work 90 minutes, three days per week

Speech Teachers:

Nataalka Michaliszyn Tara Lanzisera (approved for additional five hours per week if needed)

Psychologist:

Mindy Berlin-Dickman

Occupational Therapist:

Amie Ghisone

Nurses:

Carol Ignaciuk will work from July 2 through July 18, 2008 for four hours per day at her hourly rate of pay

Connie Pearce will work from July 21 through August 12, 2008 for four hours per day at \$110 per day

Teaching Assistant:

Debbie McNally

Classroom Aides:

Coleen Accardi Rose Livingstone Marie Dancona Rose Formato Sandy Gagstetter
Lorraine Grasso Janet Hamilton Lucille Kurtis Phyllis Montante Pat Parla
Peggy Tosca

22. Appointment of a Psychologist for Evaluations during the Summer Special Education Program

To appoint Gaston Weisz, Psychologist, \$400 per evaluation not to exceed 10 evaluations, during the summer program.

23. Substitute Teacher List

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

B. BUSINESS [J. DiSibio, T. Speranza]

1. Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31, 2008.

2. Authorization for the Issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes Not to Exceed \$4,000,000 - in Anticipation of the Receipt of Taxes to be Levied for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009

Resolved By The Board Of Education Of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen, In The County Of Nassau, New York, As Follows:

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen, in the County of Nassau, New York (herein called "District"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$4,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law").

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.
- (b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.
- (c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.
- (d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute arbitrage certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

3. Capital Improvement – Wheeler and Willow EXCEL Electrical Rebid Rejection

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Valley Stream UFSD #13 has solicited bids for the Wheeler & Willow EXCEL Electrical Rebid;

WHEREAS it has been determined after consultation with the Architect and the Assistant Superintendent for Business that the bid prices received for these contracts are significantly in excess of the amount originally budgeted for that contract;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, in the best interests of the district, the Board hereby rejects all bids received for the above contracts.

4. EXCEL Capital Project Bid Recommendation

To award the following capital project to the lowest responsible bidders from the sealed bid held on May 21, 2008.

Building Space Conversion to Instructional Space at the Howell Road School
SED # 280213-02-0-002-015

Contractor: Irwin Contracting Inc. of Hauppauge, NY (Gen'l Construction)
Amount: \$94,000

Contractor: Thermo Tech Combustion of Bellmore, NY (HVAC Reconstruction)
Amount: \$45,500

Contractor: Palace Electrical Contractors of Wantagh, NY (Electrical)
Amount: \$12,000

5. EXCEL Capital Project Bid Recommendation

To award the following capital project to the lowest responsible bidders from the sealed bid held on May 21, 2008.

Auditorium Seating Installation at the James A. Dever School
SED # 280213-02-0-001-025

Contractor: Valco, Inc. of East Williston
Amount: \$ 114,000

6. 403 (b) RFP and Omni Service Agreement

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen participated in a joint RFP for a third-party administrator for tax-sheltered annuities and has determined that the Omni Financial Group ("Omni") best meets the requirements for those services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby accepts Omni's proposal and authorizes the execution of a service contract with Omni as the District's third-party administrator for tax-sheltered annuities, upon the review and approval of such service contract by the District's legal counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Board President to execute said service contract on behalf of the Board.

7. Change Order – Palace Electrical - Project # 280213-02-0-001-026

Resolved that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Architect, hereby approves Change Order #1 in the amount of \$2,000 (deduction in the original contract amounts) in connection with the contract with Palace Electrical of Wantagh, NY for the Electrical Work at the James A Dever School.

8. GASB 45 Valuation of Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen solicited proposals for actuarial services in connection with GASB 45 pursuant to a Request for Proposals ("RFP") and has determined that Actuarial Technical Solutions, Inc. ("ATS") best meets the requirements for those services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby accepts ATS' proposal and authorizes the execution of a service contract with ATS for actuarial services as described in said RFP, upon the review and approval of such service contract by the District's legal counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Board President to execute said service contract on behalf of the Board.

9. Authorization to Fund the Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream UFSD #13 has enhanced financial and budgetary stability by the establishment of an Employee Accrued Liability Reserve in compliance with General Municipal Law 6-p, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to reserve funds for the payment of retiree benefits in an amount not to exceed \$3,700,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream UFSD #13 authorizes an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to be reserved in the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve effective June 30, 2008.

10. Employment of Summer Custodians

To employ the following as Summer Custodians at an hour rate of \$8.25:

Thomas Morgan	Jonathan Ramsammy	Pierson Sewer
Paola Alberta	Matthew Stirrat	Kevin Williams
Christopher Eissihg	Jeffrey Williams	

11. Summer Recreation Employments

To employ the following to work the Summer Recreation Program effective July 2 through August 5, 2008:

Junior Counselor (JC1) - \$635

Michael Lueckheide	Shawn Williams	Ryan Kenny
Michelle Gianesses	Matthew DeMartini	Evelina Iaconis
Danielle Parini	Theodore Lucente	Anthony Orlich
Andriana Gerasimovich	Arlene Hofler	Michael Trager
Cassy Charlot	Matthew Nicolae	Vincent DiSibio

Junior Counselor (JC2) - \$695

Alexander Arata	Daniel Barbuto	Latoya Williams
Thomas Sison	Kerri Collura	Chelsea Halpern
James Parini		

Junior Counselor (JC3) - \$755

Kevin Kenny	Jackie Mammes	Jacob Halpern
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Counselor (NC1) - \$785

Valerie D'Annunzio	Heather Duke	Chris Snagg
Thomas Arata	Jennifer Chavanne	Sarah Greer
Andrew Trager	Evelyn Jimenez	Emily Weil
Christopher St. George	Laura Buitago	Ashley Godfrey

Counselor (NC2) - \$845

Leah Gorham	Ryan Boyle	
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Counselor (NC3) - \$905

Lana Donnelly	Kristina Cicio	Lauren Fretto
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Counselor (NC4) - \$905

Christina McKinley

Counselor (NC5+) - \$1005

James Casella	Caitlin Boyle	Stefanie Cacchioli
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Certified Counselor (CC1) - \$1010

Elizabeth Kowalski	Geri Streigold	
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Certified Counselor (CC2) - \$1085

Joseph Consolazio	Christine Caruso	Danielle Moore
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Certified Counselor (CC3+) - \$1160

Certified Counselor (CC5+) - \$1260

Danielle Calcanes

Cluster Counselor (CL1) - \$2000

Zennea Hauser	Kathleen Carey-Nuzzi	April Hobart
Phillip Testa	Allesandra Long	William Rehren
Melissa Levison	Danielle Paladino	

Building Director (BD5+) - \$3780

Marc Gold
J. J. Weiner
Anthony Turco

Secretary - \$1950

Fran Freeman

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 3/17, 3/27, 4/10Wi, 4/10Wi, 5/1,5/5, 5/7, 5/12, 5/15Wi, 5/15H, 5/19, and 5/27/08.

2. Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 11/9/07, 3/14, 4/1, 4/8, 4/17, 4/18, 5/6, 5/8, 5/13, 5/20, and 6/4/08.

3. Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a donation of 94 computer monitors with a value of \$50 per computer for a total of \$4,700 from Melissa Singh of Queens LI Medical Group, PC to be used in the District.

VIII. Report of the Attorney

Florence Frazer

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Visitors

XII. Adjourn