

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

**AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Tuesday, August 21,2007  
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 June 19, July 9, July 16, July 31
- 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 Mildred M. Hendrickson as a Noon Hour Aide at Willow Road School effective July 26, 2007.

2. Employment of Classroom Aides

a) To employ Connie Capitano as a Classroom Aide, assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 4, 2007 on Step 1 (\$14,799), and unless sooner terminated.

b) To employ Rose Aleksis as a Classroom Aide, assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 4, 2007 on Step 1 (\$14,799), and unless sooner terminated.

c) To employ Teresa McGrady as a Classroom Aide, assigned to Willow Road School effective September 4, 2007 on Step 1 (\$14,799), and unless sooner terminated.

d) To employ Carol Lucente as a Classroom Aide, assigned to Willow Road School effective September 4, 2007 on Step 1 (\$14,799), and unless sooner terminated.

e) To employ Karen Herrin as a Classroom Aide, assigned to Willow Road School effective September 4, 2007 on Step 1 (\$14,799), and unless sooner terminated.

f) To employ Veronica Bugge as a Classroom Aide, assigned to Willow Road School effective September 4, 2007 on Step 1 (\$14,799), and unless sooner terminated.

g) To employ Karin Viola as a Classroom Aide, assigned to Howell Road School effective September 4, 2007 on Step 1 (\$14,799), and unless sooner terminated.

h) \* To employ Justine O'Connell as a Classroom Aide, under an emergency conditional fingerprint clearance, assigned to Howell Road School effective September 4, 2007 on Step 1 (\$14,799), and unless sooner terminated.

i) To employ Christina Gatt as a Part Time (.5) Classroom Aide, assigned to Willow Road School effective September 4, 2007 on Step 1 (\$14,799 pro-rated for the number of hours worked), and unless sooner terminated.

3. Change in Employment Status

To change the employment status for Barbara Cash from a .5 Classroom Aide to a full time Classroom Aide effective September 4, 2007 on Step 2 (\$15,409).

4. Employment of Noon Hour Aides

a) To employ Christine Houlihan as a Noon Hour Aide, assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 5, 2007 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour), and unless sooner terminated.

b) To employ Sandra Ambrico as a Noon Hour Aide, assigned to Howell Road School effective September 5, 2007 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour), and unless sooner terminated.

c) To employ Colleen Manta as a Noon Hour Aide, assigned to Howell Road School effective September 5, 2007 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour), and unless sooner terminated.

d) To employ Nancy Kaufman as a Noon Hour Aide, assigned to Willow Road School effective September 5, 2007 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour), and unless sooner terminated.

e)\*To employ Eileen Sloane as a Noon Hour Aide, under an emergency conditional fingerprint clearance, assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 5, 2007 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour), and unless sooner terminated.

f) \*To employ Mary Nicosia as a Noon Hour Aide, under an emergency conditional fingerprint clearance, assigned to James A. Dever School effective September 5, 2007 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour), and unless sooner terminated.

g) \*To employ Frances DiMaggio as a Noon Hour Aide, under an emergency conditional fingerprint clearance, assigned to Willow Road School effective September 5, 2007 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour), and unless sooner terminated.

h) \*To employ Joanne Mongiello as a Noon Hour Aide, under an emergency conditional fingerprint clearance, assigned to Howell Road School effective September 5, 2007 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour), and unless sooner terminated.

*\*These employees were fingerprinted, waiting for clearance*

5. Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides

To add Debra Keane, Kathy Labeck, and Saima Latiff as substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides

## VII. Committee Reports

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

1. Resignation of a Music Teacher

To accept the resignation of Edmund Chiarello effective August 31, 2007.

2. Stipend: District Coordinator of Music and Fine Arts

To approve a \$9,000 stipend for Janet Hoffner as the District Coordinator of Music and Fine Arts for the 2007-2008 school year.

3. Employment of a Kindergarten Teacher

To employ Julianne Masknow as a Classroom Teacher assigned to Howell Road School, in accordance with VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins, effective September 1, 2007 on Step 6MA (\$70,527), on two years probation or unless sooner terminated.

4. Employment of a Classroom Teacher

To employ Kristen Mundy as a Classroom Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, in accordance with VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins, effective September 1, 2007 on Step 3MA (\$62,281), on two years probation or unless sooner terminated.

5. Employment of a Classroom Teacher

To employ Dianne Chappell as a Classroom Teacher assigned to Howell Road School, in accordance with VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins, effective September 1, 2007 on Step 6MA (\$70,527), on two years probation or unless sooner terminated.

6. Employment of a Special Education Teacher

To employ Michelle Dorsi as a Special Education Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School, in accordance with VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins, effective September 1, 2007 on Step 2MA (\$60,238), on two years probation or unless sooner terminated.

7. Employment of a Speech Teacher

To employ Tara Wettenstein as a Speech Teacher assigned to James A. Dever and Howell Road Schools, in accordance with VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins, effective September 1, 2007 on Step 2MA (\$60,238), on three years probation or unless sooner terminated.

8. Employment of a Part Time Speech Teacher

To employ Beth Swedarsky as a Part Time (.5) Speech Teacher, in accordance with VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 3MA (\$62,281) pro-rated for the number of hours worked.

9. Employment of a Replacement Special Education Teacher

To employ Victoria Ryan as a Replacement Special Education Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, in accordance with VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and unless sooner terminated on Step 1MA +30 (\$62,301).

10. Employment of a Part Time Art Teacher

To employ Courtney Van Hove as a Part Time (.25) Art Teacher, in accordance with VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1MA (\$58,294) pro-rated for the number of hours worked.

11. Employment of a Part Time Physical Education Teacher

To employ Joanne Houlihan as a Part Time (.45) Physical Education Teacher, in accordance with VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 7MA (\$73,148) pro-rated for the number of hours worked.

12. Employment of a Part Time Music Teacher

To employ Martha Go Streatly as a Part Time (.6) Music Teacher, in accordance with VSTA/Board of Education Contract in effect on the date employment begins, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 4MA (\$65,133) pro-rated for the number of hours worked.

13. Stipend - Testing Coordinator

To approve a stipend of \$850 for Kristen Lees, Math AIS Teacher, for the 2007-2008 school year. This replaces the stipend previously approved for Renee McShane, who resigned.

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

1. Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the months ending June 30 and July 31, 2007.

2. Summer Recreation Employment Changes

a) To employ Caroline Borman, RN, as a nurse to work with a student at James A. Dever School, during the Summer special education program, at \$10 per session, not to exceed \$50.

b) Change the employment status of Chelsea Halpern to a Junior Counselor (JC1) at a salary of \$635, for the Summer Recreation Program.

3. Extension of Summer 2007 Special Education Transportation Contracts

To approve the extension of 2007 Summer Transportation Contracts for Special Education with a CPI of 2.5% and new bids awarded by Southwest Quad bid of May 30, 2007 as listed:

**DDI Transportation**

DDI Residential                      1 student                      \$ 87.13 per pupil per day

**VSCHD**

UCP (non-ambulatory)              3 students                      \$120.33 per pupil per day  
nurse                                      \$120.33 per day  
matron                                      \$ 99.96 per day

**Suburban Bus**

Willow Road Vans                      3 vans                              \$3093.19 per van per month  
3 matrons                              \$1605.67 per matron per month

1 van (Dever)                      \$3421.64 per month  
matron                                      \$1683.32 per month

Henry Visardi                              1 van                              \$3421.64 per month  
matron                                      \$1606.67 per month

**WE Transport**

NY Learning                              1 student                      \$860.11 per pupil per month  
matron                                      \$1542.27 per month

Greenvale Learning                      1 student                      \$160 per day x 30 days

**BOCES**

Carman Road	1 student matron	\$1846 per pupil for 30 days \$1709.30 for 30 days
Jerusalem Avenue	4 students matron	\$868 per pupil for 30 days each \$1709.33 for 30 days
Rosemary Kennedy	1 student	\$868 per pupil for 30 days

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

1. Policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:
  - 1710 Relations with Education Research Agencies
  - 2310 Regular Meetings
  - 2350 Board Meeting Procedures
  - 2450 Policy Dissemination
  - 2521-R Expense Reimbursement Regulations for the Board of Education
  - 4220 Curriculum Development

**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 3/29, 4/16, 4/18, 4/19, 4/20, 4/23, 4/24, 4/25, 4/27, 5/7D, 5/7H, 5/8, 5/14, 5/15, 5/15WH, 5/16, 5/18, 2/21D, 5/21H, 5/23, 5/24, 5/30, 6/6, 6/8H, 6/8D, 6/11Wh, 6/11Wi, 6/12Wi, 6/13Wh, 6/13D, 6/14, 6/14D, 6/15, 6/15D, 6/19Wi, 6/19Wh, 6/20, 6/20D, 6/20H, 6/21, 7/13, 8/7, and 8/8/07.

2. Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Education Reviews dated 3/29, 4/27, 5/21, 5/23, 6/5, 6/6, 6/18, 6/20, 7/23, and 8/7/07.

3. Proclamation for Valley Stream UFSD #24 Brooklyn Avenue School Anniversary

To approve the presentation of a Proclamation to the Valley Stream UFSD #24, Brooklyn Avenue School in honor of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, from Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen.

4. Residency Committee

To appoint the following Board Members to serve on the Residency Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; and to appoint the following administrators to serve on the Residency Committee: Dr. Elizabeth Lison and Meredith Brosnan.

5. Extension of a Contract with St. Joseph's College

To approve the extension of a contract between Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and St. Joseph's College, for the placement of registered nursing students in our district for the 2007-2008 school year.

6. Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a donation from the Heart Links Project at Stony Brook University, of a DDR (Dance-Dance Revolution Video Game) with an approximate value of \$1000, to be used throughout the District Physical Education classes.

**VIII. Report of the Attorney**  
Florence Frazer

**IX Old Business**

**X. New Business**

1. Items for Discussion:
  - a) September 4<sup>th</sup> Special Board Meeting for BOCES Election
  - b) Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Mission/Vision Statement
  - c) Re-zoning
  - d) Consolidation
  - e) High School Report at Committee meetings

**XI. Visitors**

**XII. Adjourn**