

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

**AGENDA FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Tuesday, December 22, 2009  
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 dated **November 24, December 12, 2009**
- 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 Phillis Costanzo as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Howell Road School effective November 30, 2009.

2. Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

To accept the resignation of Louis Lucente as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Willow Road School effective December 2, 2009.

3. Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Christine Masotto as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Willow Road School effective December 23, 2009, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour).

4. Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

To employ Catherine Shelton as a Noon Hour Aide assigned to Howell Road School effective December 23, 2009, and unless sooner terminated, on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour).

**VII. Committee Reports**

**A. EDUCATION** [F. Chiachiere, J. Gartner]

1. Child Care Leave of Absence – 1<sup>st</sup> Year

To approve a 1<sup>st</sup> year Child Care Leave of Absence for Susan Simeone, Classroom Teacher at Howell Road School effective December 8, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

2. Child Care Leave of Absence – 1<sup>st</sup> Year

To approve a 1<sup>st</sup> year Child Care Leave of Absence for Emily McClelland, Special Education Teacher at James A. Dever School effective January 8, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

3. Employment of a Replacement Teacher

To employ Jennifer Mott as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to James A. Dever School on Step 1BA+15 (\$56,557) effective December 8, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

4. Employment of a Replacement Teacher

To employ Stephanie Iannone as a Replacement Classroom Teacher assigned to Howell Road School on Step 1BA (\$55,574) effective December 8, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and unless sooner terminated, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract in effect on the date employment begins.

5. Salary Gates

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the gate increases according to the Board/VSTA contract:  
Step 9 -10 Kelly Wilcha effective 1/16/10

6. Salary Increment

To approve the salary increment for Mary Catherine Culella-Sun from 5MA+45 to 5MA+60 effective September 1, 2009.

7. Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2009 –2010 school year.

**B. BUSINESS** [J. Greco Jacobs, D. Evans]

1. Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2009.

2. Mileage Reimbursement Rate

To adopt the IRS mileage rate of \$.50 per mile effective January 1, 2010.

3. Contract With USA Mobility

To accept and approve the contract for pagers between USA Mobility, Inc. and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen, and authorize the Board President to sign said agreement.

**C. POLICY COMMITTEE** [W. Stris, T. Speranza]

1. Policies for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption

To adopt the following policies:

- 2210 Board Reorganization Meeting
- 2510 New Board Member Orientation

2. Policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

- 2352 Rules of Order
- 7100 Facilities Planning

**D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President F. Chiachiere]

1. Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 11/12, 11/18Wi, 11/18H, 11/18H, 11/19, 11/23, 11/25, 12/7, 12/10D, 12/10H.

2. Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 11/25 and 12/9 and 12/15/09.

3. Amendment to the Superintendent's Contract

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 13 agrees to amend the employment agreement dated November 25, 2008 between the Board and Dr. Elizabeth Lison, on the terms specified in the agreement dated December 22, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

4. Acceptance of a Donation

To accept the donation of paperback books from Marjorie Sison to the James A. Dever School library with an approximate value of \$200.

5. Committee of Pre-school and Special Education Parent Members

To add Lisa Abruzzino, Audrey Jurena, and Karen Faye as new parent members to the Committee of Pre-school and Special Education

**VIII. Report of the Attorney**

Florence Frazer

- IX. Old Business**
- X. New Business**
- XI. Visitors**
- XII. Adjourn**