

VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA • NOVEMBER 14, 2017

Business Meeting

Memorial Junior High School, Cafeteria B,

8:00 PM

320 Fletcher Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580

NOTICE

The Business Meeting of the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Central High School District will be held in the Memorial Junior High School, Cafeteria B, 320 Fletcher Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580 on November 14, 2017 at 8:00 PM

The Board will enter into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. and will re-enter Public Session at 8:00 PM.

I. Call to Order

A. **Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel, Negotiations,
Legal and Other Legally Permissible Issues**

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Information re: Emergency Exits

IV. Recognition of Visitors

V. Communications

VI. Minutes

A. **Board of Education - Committee Meeting - Oct 3, 2017 8:00 PM**

B. **Board of Education - Business Meeting - Oct 10, 2017 8:00 PM**

VII. New Business

A. **Appointment of District Clerk**

Be it resolved that Joyce Edelman be appointed as District Clerk at the salary of \$18,000 per annum (prorated) as approved by the Board of Education, effective January 4, 2018. A copy of the employee agreement setting forth terms and conditions of the employment for the period of January 4, 2018 through June 30, 2018 is attached.

B. **Purchasing Agent Resignation**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee

recommends acceptance of the following resignation:

Joyce Edelman
Assignment: District Office
Effective: December 31, 2017
Reason: Retirement

C. **Valley Stream Central High School District Litigation Update
NYS Supreme Court Ruling on PILOT Issue: Statement from VSCHSD
Board of Education**

On Nov. 2, New York State Supreme Court Justice Jack Libert issued a ruling in the Valley Stream Central High School District's lawsuit against District 24 in regards to the elementary district withholding tax revenue related to the PILOT issue.

Justice Libert declared that District 24 wrongfully withheld tax revenue from the Central High School District and that District 24 must turn over the funds with any accrued interest. In addition, Justice Libert noted that District 24 is prohibited from withholding these funds in the future.

While it is unfortunate that our district had to spend valuable funds to litigate this matter, we are satisfied that the ruling confirms our district's position on how the school tax levy funding formula is calculated.

We look forward to moving ahead and working in conjunction with all of our elementary districts to ensure the success for all Valley Stream students.

VIII. Superintendent of Schools

A. **Acceptance of Audit**

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, as presented by D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

B. **Request to Accept Gift**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept the following gift to be divided among all District schools:

Donated by: American Association for the Advancement of Science
Qty. One Hundred Fifty (150) New Science Books
Value: \$2250 (as estimated by donor)

C. **Employee Suspension**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the

Board of Education hereby suspends, without pay, the employee identified on Confidential Schedule "A" effective November 15, 2017.

D. Employee Termination

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby terminates the employee listed on Confidential Schedule "C," effective December 5, 2017 at 11:59 p.m.

E. Information and Exploration

1. **Fall Residency Advisory Committee Meeting - Monday, November 20, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**
2. **Citizens' Advisory Committee on School Attendance Zones, December 14, 2017, 7 PM, MJHS Cafeteria BB**
3. **School Board Recognition Week Presentation**

IX. Attorney's Report

X. Education Committee

Lisa Pellicane, Chair; Sean Douglas; Kenneth Cummings

A. Retirements/Resignations - Consent Agenda A1-A7

1. Approval of Teaching Assistant Request for Retirement

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends approval of the request for retirement in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Teachers Association - Teaching Assistants:

Rosemarie Gianono - North High School

Effective: December 31, 2017

Retirement

Ms. Gianono has been with the Valley Stream Central High School District for over 11 years as a Teaching Assistant.

2. Clerical Request for Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends approval of the request for a leave of absence with pay prior to retirement in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the Education Office Personnel:

Joyce Edelman - Principal Account Clerk - District Office
Effective: December 31, 2017
Reason: Retirement
Ms. Edelman has been with the Valley Stream Central High School District for over 15 years.

3. **Teacher Resignation**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends acceptance of the following resignation:

John Caraccia (Health/Physical Education) - Central High School
Effective: October 20, 2017
Reason: Other employment

4. **Part Time Teacher Resignation**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends acceptance of the following resignation:

Elizabeth LiPuma - Central High School
Effective: December 1, 2017
Reason: Other employment

5. **Teaching Assistant Resignation**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends acceptance of the following resignation:

Steven Sharkey - Central High School
Effective: October 30, 2017
Reason: Other employment

6. **Typist-Clerk Resignation**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends acceptance of the following resignation:

Ann Mercedes-Tarry - Typist-Clerk - District Office
Effective: December 1, 2017
Reason: Personal

7. **Assistant Head Custodian Resignation**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends acceptance of the following resignation:

Marie DeVito - Assistant Head Custodian - District
Effective: December 4, 2017
Reason: Other employment

B. Appointments

1. Appointment of Probationary Assistant Business Official

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with the New York State Education Law, the Committee recommends appointment of the following (pending verification of credentials, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Jacqueline Rehak

Salary.....\$ 98,000 (prorated)

Education: St. John’s University, BS; MS

Experience: Eleven years as a Senior Tax Manager in private industry, two years as an Accountant in private industry.

Assignment: District Office

Effective: June 5, 2017

To replace: Mr. Emmanuel Glasu

Four year probationary period effective November 15, 2017 - November 14, 2021

Ms. Rehak has been previously appointed on May 9, 2017 to a similar title under Civil Service at the same salary. She will now have a full administrative probationary period.

2. Appointment of Probationary Teaching Assistant

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with the New York State Education Law, the Committee recommends appointment of the following (pending verification of credentials, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Michael Kilgannon

Salary: Step 1\$33,066 (prorated)

Tentative Assignment: Central High School

Four year probationary period effective November 15, 2017 - November 14, 2021

To replace: Steven Sharkey

3. Appointment of Probationary Typist Clerk

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with the New York State Education Law, the Committee recommends appointment of the following (pending verification of credentials, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Lisa Huckstadt

Salary: Step 1.....\$36,073 (prorated)

Assignment: Central High School
Twenty six week probationary period effective November 22, 2017 - May 21, 2018
To replace: Mrs. Linda Barnard

4. **Appointment of Probationary Supervisory Aide**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with Civil Service Regulations, the Committee recommends the following appointment (pending verification of credentials, certification, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

George J. Amitrano, Jr.
Salary\$28,654 (prorated)
Tentative Assignment: North
Twenty-six week probationary period effective November 20, 2017 - May 19, 2018
This is a new position

5. **Appointment of Part-Time Teacher, 2017 - 2018**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with the New York State Education Law, the Committee recommends appointment of the following (pending verification for credentials, fingerprinting and experience) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Stephanie Peace - Math
Salary: 1MA (.2).....\$11,664 (prorated)
Education: Saint Joseph College, B.A.; M.A.
Effective: October 16, 2017 - June 30, 2018
Assignment: Memorial Junior High School
Ms. Peace was appointed as a (.5) teacher, due to additional teaching responsibilities the position will increase to (.7).

Jennifer Dragos - Social Studies
Salary: 1MA (.2).....\$11,664 (prorated)
Education: Saint John’s University, B.S.; M.S.
Effective: October 11, 2017 - June 30, 2018
Assignment: North High School
Ms. Dragos was appointed as a (.4) teacher, due to additional teaching responsibilities the position will increase to (.6)

6. **Appointment of Teacher Aide - Special Education, 2017-2018**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with the New York State Education Law, the Committee recommends appointment of the following (pending verification of credentials, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted unless

terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Teacher Aide	School	Step	Annual Salary
Fabiola Sabbat	North	1	\$17,300 (prorated)

7. **Appointment of School Monitor, 2017-2018**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with Civil Service Regulations, the Committee recommends the following appointment (pending verification of credentials, civil service certification, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted, unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Monitor	School	Step	Hourly Rate
Sean Lotterhos	Central	1	\$11.25

8. **Appointment of Permanent Substitute, 2017 - 2018**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends the appointment of the following as permanent substitute at a rate of \$125 per diem with health benefits:

Gail Bennington

9. **Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2017 - 2018**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee recommends the appointment of the following as per diem substitutes at a rate of \$115 per diem without benefits:

Eric Brooks	Jonas Garella
Karen Glasgow	Thomas Maddock
Margie Perez	

C. **Stipends/Salary Adjustments - Consent Agenda C1-C3**

1. **Co-Curricular Activities, 2017 - 2018**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Committee recommends approval of the following stipends at the appropriate step effective as noted:

School	Staff Member	Activity	Effective	Stipend
Central	Elizabeth LiPuma	Student Council (.5)	9/13/18 - 6/30/18	\$1,832.50*
	Jack Gorman	12 Grade Advisor (.5)	11/1/17 - 6/30/18	\$2,163.00
	Steven Sharkey	11 Grade Advisor (.5)	10/28/17 - 6/30/18	(\$1,759.50)*
	Jessica Zwicker	12 Grade Advisor (.5)	11/1/17 - 6/30/18	(\$1,887.00)*

Memorial	Greg Gonzalez	STEM (.5)	11/18/17 - 6/30/18	\$1,823.50*
	Melissa Hayden	STEM	10/25/17 - 6/30/18	(\$3,922)*
	Laura Mesa	Art Club	11/21/17 - 6/30/18	\$1,273*
	Gregory Sims	Eagle Connection	11/18/17 - 6/30/18	\$1,260*
	Chris Viggiano	STEM (.5)	11/18/17 - 6/30/18	\$1,961*
South	Najeri Grant**	Step Squad	11/15/17 - 6/30/18	\$2,797

*Prorated

**Non-district employee

2. **Interscholastic Athletics**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Committee recommends approval of the following stipends at the appropriate step listed in the Valley Stream Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

School	Coach	Activity	Season	+/-	Stipend
Central	John Caraccia	JV Girls Basketball HC	11/13/17 - 3/19/18	-	(\$5,573)
	John Caraccia	Varsity Football AC	10/23/17 - 10/28/17	-	(\$5,678)*
	James Casella	JV Girls Basketball HC	11/13/17 - 3/19/18	+	\$5,384
South	Dariel Concha**	Volunteer Boys Basketball	11/13/17 - 6/4/18		n/a

*prorated

**non-district employee

3. **Salary Correction**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with the New York State Education Law, the Committee recommends the following salary correction effective as noted:

Name	Position	School	Appointed Salary	Corrected Salary
Michelle Vikse	Special Education Teacher	Central High School	\$79,793	\$81,372
Kristen Silk	Health/P.E. Teacher	North High School	\$60,173	\$61,238

D. **Committee on Special Education**

1. **Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education arrange for the placement of students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

E. **Informational Item**

XI. Business Report

Ingrid Wyllie-Dacon, Chair; Armando Hernandez; Toni Pomerantz

A. **Financial Reports - Consent Agenda A1-A5**

1. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report for the month of September 2017 is submitted for examination.

2. **Budget Status Reports**

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

General Fund

Capital Fund

School Lunch Fund

Special Aid Fund

3. **Trial Balance Reports**

The Trial Balance Reports for the period July 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

General Fund

Capital Fund

School Lunch Fund

Special Aid Fund

4. **Revenue Reports**

The Revenue Status Reports for the period July 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

General Fund

Capital Fund

School Lunch Fund

Special Aid Fund

5. **Extracurricular Fund Reports**

The Extracurricular Fund Reports for the month of October 2017 are submitted for examination and acceptance.

B. **Informational items**

1. **Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor**
(July 1, 2017 - October 31, 2017)

2. **Overnight Conference Attendance**

Staff (July 1, 2017 - October 31, 2017)

3. **Conference Attendance**
Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2017 - October 31, 2017)
4. **District Reimbursements**
Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2017 - October 31, 2017)
5. **Meals and Refreshments**
(July 1, 2017 - October 31, 2017)

Consent Agenda - C-M

C. Central High School Emergency Capital Project Resolution

WHEREAS, an inspection of the Valley Stream Central High School has revealed significant damage to the building's exterior concrete platform as a result of an unforeseen occurrence or condition; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of a professional engineer, it is essential to undertake certain work in order to address the damage to the school building's exterior concrete platform, which includes the following: masonry repair ("Project"); now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Central High School District as follows:

1. The Board of Education hereby declares that the Project is an emergency project that is essential for the protection of the health and safety of students and staff and for the protection and preservation of the District's property, and that it constitutes an ordinary contingent expense under NYS Education Law.
2. The maximum estimated cost of the Project is \$100,000 which will be financed by appropriations from the District's General Fund's unassigned fund balance up to such amount.
3. The Board of Education further finds that, pursuant to General Municipal Law sections 103(4) the above-described building damage is a public emergency affecting public buildings, public property and the health and safety of students and staff, which requires immediate action and cannot await competitive bidding.
4. The Superintendent of Schools and all officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps reasonably necessary or appropriate to carry out the Project in accordance with this resolution, and the Board President is hereby authorized to execute any and all contracts for public work or the purchase of supplies, material or equipment in connection

therewith.

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

D. State Environmental Review (SEQRA)-Capital Projects-Central H. S. Emergency Reconstruction Project

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Central High School District is lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required determinations respecting the proposed Capital Improvements Projects:

State Environmental Review (SEQRA) Capital Projects
Central High School Proposed Emergency Exterior Concrete Platform
Reconstruction Project

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Central High School District is considering the implementation of improvements at the Central High School (hereinafter referred to as the “proposed action”); located at 135 Fletcher Avenue, Valley Stream, New York 11580, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Central High School District has reviewed the proposed action and the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR part 617 and has determined that the proposed action is properly classified as Type II, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1), (2), and (8);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Central High School District, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the Central High School, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by BBS Architects, Landscape Architects & Engineers, P.C., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1), (2), and (8) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

E. Approval of Network Liability & Privacy Protection Insurance Policy Renewal

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Request for Proposal from Bollinger Inc./Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services Inc./Lloyd's London Insurance Company for Network Liability & Privacy Protection Insurance, effective November 19, 2017-November 19, 2018, in the premium amount of \$11,536.11 be approved by the Board of Education. (RFP:#14/15-B03 & continuing)

F. Approval for Use of School Facilities

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with Board of Education Policy #1330, the Business Committee recommends the

approval of the following organization for first time use of school facilities:
- Valley Stream Youth Wrestling Club Inc.

G. Approval of Amendment to District Construction Management Services Contract

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, amend the construction management services contract with Park East Construction Corp, to provide additional services as per the proposal on file in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations in accordance with the District's Request for Proposal #16/17-A09, awarded May 9, 2017. In addition, the Board President is authorized to execute said agreement.

H. Approval of Energy Performance Contract Financing Extension

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the attached amendment to its agreement with Bank of America with regard to an energy performance financing contract and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

I. Assignment of 2017-2018 Catering Bid

WHEREAS, a request for bids was advertised in the official newspaper of the District on August 7, 2017 and bid specifications were mailed to eight separate vendors;

WHEREAS, bids were received from two vendors until 11:30 AM on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at which time they were opened and read aloud;

WHEREAS, the Business Committee recommended awarding the Catering bid to the lowest responsible vendor meeting the specifications at their meeting held on August 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Business committee determined that Wheeler Delicatessen was the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the District has received correspondence from Wheeler Delicatessen advising that Eagle Foodworks Inc., d/b/a The Wheeler Deli, has purchased the Wheeler Delicatessen and will operate under the name of The Wheeler Deli, and catering contracts transitioned to The Wheeler Deli;

WHEREAS, the Business Committee has recommended that Bid #17/18-10 be awarded to Wheeler Delicatessen, with an assignment to Eagle Foodworks Inc., d/b/a The Wheeler Deli; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that assignment of the Contract for Catering Services for the 2017-2018 School Year associated with Bid #17/18-10 to Eagle Foodworks Inc., d/b/a The Wheeler Deli is appropriate and not arbitrary and capricious; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby consents to the assignment of the Contract for Catering Services for the 2017-2018 School Year associated with Bid #17/18 -10 from Wheeler Delicatessen to Eagle Foodworks Inc., d/b/a The Wheeler Deli; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorized the Board President to sign the Consent to Assignment of Contract with Eagle Foodworks Inc., d/b/a The Wheeler Deli; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign the Contract for Catering Services for the 2017-2018 School Year associated with Bid #17/18-10 with Eagle Foodworks Inc., d/b/a The Wheeler Deli.

(BID # 17/18-10)

J. Award of Graduation Facilities Use Contract

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby awards a nonexclusive contract to Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus, 700 Northern Boulevard, Greenvale, New York, 11548 for use of facilities and premises for the graduation ceremony of Valley Stream Central High School, on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at a fee of \$10,900, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement.

K. Approval of Flood Insurance Renewal Policy

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the renewal Flood Insurance Policy from Wright National Flood Insurance Company, effective December 19, 2017 - December 19, 2018, in the premium amount of \$8,517.00, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement.

L. Approval of Special Education Services Contract

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an agreement with the Long Beach City School District for Instructional Services in the amount set by the State Education Department, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement.

M. Disposal of Equipment

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and in accordance with Board of Education policy 6900, the Business Committee recommends the disposition of obsolete equipment.

XII. Policy Committee

James Lavery, Chair; Toni Pomerantz; John Maier

- A. **Policies Recommended for Adoption as Revised on Second Reading**
The following policies are presented for adoption as revised on second reading:

- B. **Policy Recommended for Consideration as Revised on First Reading**
The following policy is presented for consideration as revised on first reading:

5300.35 - Reporting Violations

XIII. Old and New Business

- A. **Appeal of Student Suspension**
RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby denies the appeal of the parent of the student listed in Confidential Schedule "B" from the decision of the Superintendent to uphold the Principal's suspension and authorizes the District Clerk to issue a decision letter to the parents on behalf of the Board of Education.

XIV. Opportunity for Guests

- XV. Consideration of Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel, Negotiations, Legal and Other Legally Permissible Issues

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