

December 7, 2021

Anthony Boneiii, Trustee
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Dr. Frank Chiachiere, President
Valley Stream Union Free School District 13
585 N. Corona Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580

RE: May 2021 Budget Vote, Proposition #3: Valley Stream Thirteen Expenditure from Capital Reserve Proposition: Shall the Board of Education of the Valley Sream Union Free School District Thirteen be authorized to expend from the Capital Reserve Fund which was established on May 15, 2018 ("Reserve Fund) pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, for the following capital improvement projects: extension and renovation of classroom space at the James A. Dever Elementary School and Board Room and Business Office renovation and redesign in the approximate amount of \$2,300,000 and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend from the Reserve Fund therefore, including preliminary costs incidental thereto an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of Two Million Three hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000).

Dear Dr. Chiachiere:

I call for a special meeting to review serious issues that need to be addressed before there is any further expenditures on work related to this past year's Budget vote, specifically proposition #3.

In Friday's December 3, 2021, weekly update, there is a mention of a music wing to be constructed. No where on the ballot nor, as far as I am aware, were the parents and the public informed that proposition 3 included a new music wing. Nor was there any mention of a new superintendent's office.

As far as I know, all Trustee Board meetings have been held in the auditorium, the cafeteria, or the library at James A. Dever Elementary School. Furthermore, all Board meetings are held in the evening, way past the closing of school. I strongly believe the public is under the impression that the Board uses a room called The Board Room on a regular basis.

I've been elected to the Board for almost 6 months and the Board has not once met together in the current Board Room. The Board Room is the superintendent's office and outside of this room are 2 more work locations used in support of the superintendent.

Contrary to what is described as proposition 3 on the ballot, the public was, apparently, misled into believing that classroom space was being "extended". 2 beautiful classrooms, and I contend the 2 best classrooms at Dever, are being torn down to make way for a new "Board Room" and Business Office. These 2 classrooms that are being torn down are being replaced by renovating the current Board Room, Business Office, and other adjacent room(s).

I also contend that the parents and the public were not made aware that the extending of the building for a new Board Room and Business Office will eliminate, in total or in part, the current playground situated behind the school.

In the update 2 people are mentioned who were involved in recent planning of work to be done, Matt L. and Michael Mark. Who are these 2 people? I'm accustomed to reading reports that provide titles and offices of people who may be foreign to readers of a report.

Finally, in the report there is made mention of a "BURN" pile. While Director of Computer Operations at the NYC Police Pension Fund, one of my 5 high profile projects was the office conversion of paper to digital of all pension folders of the 75,000 active and inactive officers of the NYPD. I had to make certain what was allowed to be discarded and what was to be kept for decades. I would render to guess that school documents have somewhat similar records retention laws that prohibit the destruction of such business records. What training or guidelines have office personnel in the Business Office and in the Superintendents office been given so that violation of the law is not being committed?

The decision to remove the Business Office from James A. Dever Elementary School to Howell Elementary School is a policy decision and I call for the Board to be presented with all the alternatives necessary to allow permissible construction to begin.

Sincerely,



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