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## Welcome to the Meeting

The Valley Central Board of Education welcomes residents, staff, and students to its meetings. We appreciate your interest in our schools.

One of the goals of the Board of Education is to conduct Board business openly, soliciting and encouraging broad-based involvement in the decision-making processes by the public, the staff, and the students.

Board of Education decisions affect the education of our children and the well being of our community. The Board can better represent its constituents when members of the community take the time to observe the Board in action, to express opinions, and to ask questions. We are pleased to have you here and hope you can join us often.

## Meeting Agenda

*The usual order of agenda items at regular business meetings is as follows:*

- Call to Order
- Pledge to Flag
- Correspondence
- Commendations
- Proposed Consent Agenda
  - Consideration of Minutes
  - Financial Reports
  - Committee on Special Education Recommendations
  - New Business
  - Superintendent's Recommendations (Personnel)
- Reports
- Public Participation
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

*Copies of the agenda are available for your use during meetings and in advance on the District's website at [www.vcsd.k12.ny.us](http://www.vcsd.k12.ny.us) under Board of Education at the top of the homepage. Board meeting minutes are posted there as well.*

## How Board Meetings are Conducted

### .....Agenda.....

Copies of the agenda which outline the order of business for each meeting are available to the public. Agenda and supporting documents are provided to Board members in advance of the meeting date to allow them to study and review the information.

During the business meeting, it may appear as if some items are being voted upon with little or no discussion. However, this is not usually the case as some of the items may have appeared on a previous agenda or may have been discussed at length at a special or executive session, if appropriate.

### .....Special Sessions.....

Special sessions are planning meetings at which the Board receives from the Superintendent reports and information regarding the management of the school district. During special sessions, Board members have the opportunity to study and discuss specific topics in depth and to review items to be acted upon at future business meetings.

### .....Executive Sessions.....

The Board also meets in executive session to discuss personnel matters, labor negotiations, and other matters defined as confidential by the Open Meeting Law of the State of New York. All executive sessions are closed to the public.

### .....Ad Hoc Committees.....

The Board of Education may, from time to time, establish committees whose membership will consist of members of the Board. The President of the Board shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees. Board committees shall undertake studies and make reports as charged by the Board, but shall act only as authorized by the full Board.

The Board may establish standing or ad hoc committees and reserves the right to terminate any committee at any time.

## Participating at Board Meetings

There are two opportunities for public participation at regular business meetings of the Board.

The first is the public participation portion of the meeting agenda where up to thirty minutes is set aside for public comment. The Board asks that any individual speaker sign up in advance of the meeting (name, organization, topic) and, when called, limit their comments to a four-minute time period. Each participant will be limited to a single item/issue. If there are more than ten speakers, then the thirty-minute time allotment will be divided equally among speakers.

Please note that public participation is not the time to register complaints about individuals or items which have not first been addressed through appropriate channels. These channels include, in ascending order, the classroom teacher, his or her supervisor, the building principal, and then central administration.

Second, a request may be made for an item to be placed on the agenda of a Board meeting for oral presentation as determined by the Board. Such a request should be filed with the Superintendent's Office at least ten (10) days before the meeting so that any necessary study or investigation can be made to provide Board members with background information.

## Responsibilities of the Board

*The Board of Education is responsible for the scope, depth, and quality of education in the District. As elected officials, they:*

- define the philosophy of the District;
  - set goals and objectives to achieve desired educational progress;
  - employ professional educators to meet the goals;
  - establish policies for the operation of the school District;
  - evaluate the effectiveness of District programs and services;
  - develop a budget consistent with educational needs and community resources;
  - communicate the needs and progress of the District to the community, educational governing boards, and legislators.
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## District Goals 2019-2020

1. Increase Student Achievement
  - \* Foster college and career readiness and life-long learning
  - \* Foster a diverse and inclusive culture
  - \* Educate the whole child in an engaging environment which promotes student-centered learning
2. Attract and Retain Knowledgeable and Dedicated Staff
  - \* Build a collaborative learning community that nourishes and empowers a staff that creates a culture for innovation, creativity and growth
  - \* Have a District in which all stakeholders are trusted, valued and supported
  - \* Offer opportunities to develop a highly trained and diverse staff
3. Serve as the Cornerstone of the Community
  - \* Establish partnerships based on open communication, trust and collaboration with the community
  - \* Maintain high quality schools that are an investment for our community
  - \* Maintain a welcoming and accessible environment for the whole child, whole staff and whole community
4. Maintain and Improve Facilities to Support Goals 1 – 3
  - \* Provide healthy, safe, attractive and state-of-the-art facilities

### Board of Education

Sarah Messing, President  
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 Sonia Lewis  
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## Board of Education 2019-2020 Schedule of Meetings 6:30 PM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
07/22/19	Administration Building
08/12/19	Administration Building
08/26/19	Administration Building
09/09/19	Administration Building
09/23/19	Administration Building
10/15/19*~	Administration Building
11/12/19*~	Administration Building
12/09/19~	Administration Building
01/13/20~	Administration Building
02/10/20	Administration Building
02/24/20	Administration Building
03/09/20	Administration Building
03/23/20	Administration Building
04/16/20** (Thursday)	Administration Building
04/20/20	Administration Building
05/11/20~	Administration Building
06/08/20~	Administration Building

\* Adjusted due to Board request, holiday, and/or recess period.  
 ~ No second regular meeting of the month scheduled at this time.  
 \*\* Special Meeting: BOCES Vote and Election and Tenure Review at 5:15 p.m.

### Candidates' Night

05/07/20 Berea Elementary School 7:00 p.m.

### Annual Budget Hearing

05/11/20 Administration Building 6:00 p.m.

### Voter Registration

05/12/20 Administration Building 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Budget Vote and Election

05/19/20 Valley Central High School 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

# WELCOME to a Meeting of Your SCHOOL BOARD



The mission of the Valley Central School community is to develop responsible and productive members of society in a safe and innovative environment, where students are motivated to think critically, communicate effectively, and achieve excellence in active partnership with the community and a knowledgeable and dedicated staff.