THREE VILLAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STONY BROOK, NEW YORK

BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA MATERIALS

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: July 7, 2021

DATE SUBMITTED: July 2, 2021

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: Educational Services

CATEGORY OF ITEM: Organizational

Meeting

TITLE: APPOINTMENT OF DASA COORDINATOR 2021-2022

Staff Recommendation:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it resolved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Erin Connolly, as the District DASA Coordinator, and a principal and a social worker/psychologist from each building as Building DASA Coordinators for the 2021-2022 school year.

Background-Rationale:

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) legislation amended State Education Law by creating a new Article 2-Dignity for All Students. The Dignity Act also amended Section 801-a of the New York State Education Law regarding instruction in civility, citizenship, and character education by expanding the concepts of tolerance, respect for others and dignity to include: an awareness and sensitivity in the relations of people, including but not limited to, difference racism weights national origins, ethnic groups, religious practices, mental or physical abilities, sexual orientations, gender identity and sexes. The Dignity Act further amended Section 2801 of the Education Law by requiring Boards of Education to include language addressing The Dignity Act in their codes of conduct.

Additionally, under the Dignity Act, schools will be responsible for collecting and reporting data regarding material incidents of discrimination and harassment.