Vestal Central Schools

Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

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| PRESENT: | ALSO PRESENT: |
| Kim Myers, President | Superintendent Mark LaRoach |
| Joan Miller, Vice President | School Business Administrator Jeffrey Ahearn |
| Mark Browning | Director of Instruction Dr. Laura Lamash |
| Jerry Etingoff | District Clerk Kay Ellis |
| David Hanson | School Attorney Michael Sherwood, Esq. |
| John Hroncich |  |
| Cindy Milkovich | Student Government Representative Anna McCarthy |
| Glenna Pitarresi |  |
| Phyllis Wiley | Approximately 130 visitors |
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| The Board meeting was called to order at 6:59PM by Board President Kim Myers in the cafeteria of the high school and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. | | #338-13  Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance |
| The Goodwill Theater will present an improvisational version of Macbeth on Friday night. | |  |
| Superintendent LaRoach began the budget discussion with a review of cuts in State Aid and the increases in mandated costs. A powerpoint presentation was reviewed, which outlined the enrollment projections, the anticipated budget gap and options regarding closing the gap. If additional moneys were found, the District would look at putting math support back in the budget. The Board discussed a shared position of Assistant Principal and Athletic Director. The effects of the sequestration of federal funds could impact the budget negatively. A straw poll of Board members indicated they could support a 2.95% maximum allowable levy. The final projected spending plan will be submitted at the next meeting, with Board action taken April 9th. | | #339-13  Budget Discussion |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Cindy Milkovich, the Board voted 9 to 0 approve the following resolution:  RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a contract with Jennifer Burdick to provide fitness class services for the regular District employees through June 30, 2013, at a rate of $60.00 per participant, per the terms of the attached agreement. There is no cost to the District for this service. | | #340-13  Professional Services Agreement with Jennifer Burdick |
| William Donahue, 3 Rosewood Court, Apalachin, addressed the Board regarding class sizes and teaching staff reductions.  Joe Herringshaw, Kimble Road, Vestal, commented to the Board about class sizes, how New York State has abandoned school districts and the cooperative spirit between VTA and administration.  Bev Ochiai, NYS Route 26S, Vestal, spoke to the Board regarding the relationship between class size and future success.  Deb Lee, Underwood Road, Vestal, questioned the Board about non-instructional cuts instead of teacher cuts.  Catherine Maczko, Vestal, asked the Board about the cost of unfunded mandates and suggested increased emphasis on technology and foreign language.  Greg Roberts, Loder Avenue, Endicott, told the Board to have faith in the community to support students.  Lisa Milkovich, Nelson Road, Vestal, spoke to the Board regarding Glenwood class sizes for next year, bussing, the transition to middle school from sixth grade and non-direct costs that could be cut.  Becky Nunn, 121 Hazel Drive, Vestal, told the Board as a kindergarten teacher she may not be able to give her students all they need but gives all she can.  Jolene Hurley, Jones Road, Vestal, questioned the fairness of larger class sizes.  Kate Griffith, Hawthorne Street, Vestal, spoke to the Board regarding tax rates. | | #341-13  Voice of the Public |
| The Board took a short break from 9:00-9:15PM. | |  |
| On motion by Joan Miller, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn immediately into Executive Session to discuss negotiations. | | #342-13  Executive Session |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn immediately. | #343-13  Adjournment | |
| The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. |  | |

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Kay Ellis, District Clerk

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| Jerry Etingoff | District Negotiator Keith Olivet |
| David Hanson | School District Attorney Michael Sherwood |
| John Hroncich | District Clerk Kay Ellis |
| Cynthia Milkovich |  |
| Glenna Pitarresi |  |
| Phyllis Wiley |  |

Executive Session commenced at 9:15 PM in the Conference Room of the high school. The Board discussed negotiations.

The session was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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