Vestal Central Schools

Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

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| PRESENT: | ALSO PRESENT: |
| Kim Myers, President  | Superintendent Mark LaRoach |
| Joan Miller, Vice President – ABSENT  | School Business Administrator Jeffrey Ahearn |
| Mark Browning  | Director of Instruction Laura Lamash |
| Jerry Etingoff  | District Negotiator Keith Olivet |
| David Hanson | School District Attorney Michael Sherwood  |
| John Hroncich | District Clerk Kay Ellis  |
| Cynthia Milkovich  | Student Government Representative Anna McCarthy  |
| Glenna Pitarresi – ABSENT  |  |
| Phyllis Wiley  | About 10 Visitors |

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| The Board meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Board President Kim Myers in the Board conference room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. | #445-13Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance  |
| Retired teacher Brian Adessa was introduced and spoke to the Board about his involvement with Dina Jacobson, the holocaust survivor who he has brought to the high school for interactive meetings with students since 1990. Several years ago, Vestal students made a video of Dina responding to their questions, which is being used in other areas as an educational tool. A documentary of her life is being produced and will be presented at a film festival in Buffalo. There is also a book in the works. Brian expressed his gratitude to the Board for their support of his efforts. Dina is now in her 90’s and still wants to continue her visits to Vestal and meeting with the students. Mr. Adessa was commended for his efforts and commitment to providing Vestal students with this rare opportunity.  |  |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn immediately into Executive Session to discuss recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education. | #446-13Executive Session |
| The Board returned to open session at 7:40 PM. |  |
| On motion by Phyllis Wiley, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2013 meeting as written.  | #447-13Approval of Minutes |
| None. | #448-13Public Comments on Agenda Items |
| Student Government Representative Anna McCarthy reported: --End of year testing continues, including the SLO’s--Several spring sports teams made it to the regional or state competitions--Auditions were held for Vestal Voices and Senior Solo Night was last week--District Council Dinner last week honored Christi Smith and Cynthia Konrad--Hall of Fame dinner was held on 5/30--Senior Trip to Six Flags was last Tuesday; the prom will be this weekend with Gatsby as the theme, followed by the all-nighter at the high school--Honors Night was last Monday; scholarships were awarded--Student Government fundraising this year was able to donate to scholarships, clubs, non-profit organizations for a total of $7000--An application process was put in place for students wanting to be involved in Student Government next year; 65 have signed up so far--Anna commented on the student exchange with Binghamton City School District--Anna was thanked by the Board for her participation this year--Nate Grossman was introduced as next years’ Student Government Representative and welcomed by the BoardBoard President Kim Myers reported:Liaisons: the District Council Dinner last week was a great event. The high school counselors, community and VTA were thanked for their hard work with Honors Night.--The Hall of Fame Dinner was wonderful; Bill Sherlach called the Board President to express his gratitude for the event and how impressed he was with the entire evening as well as the process of selection of Hall of Fame inductees--The calendar of Board meetings for next year will be distributed--The Board discussed a letter sent to Board member Glenna Pitarresi by Shoba Agneshwar, regarding the early release days already scheduled in the 2013-14 calendar. Mrs. Agneshwar reported hundreds of parental complaints and expressed her opinion that the District was trying to circumvent the state-mandated 180 instructional school days. The Board clarified that the ½ days are not only used for APPR, but other mandated staff development programs such as, but not limited to, DASA and the new Common Core curriculum. It was discussed that trying to schedule professional development outside the work hours posed several issues, including high overtime costs and the fact that the professional development training would then be considered to be ‘optional’. As meetings are held with other districts, who also utilize early release days for professional development, the subject of coordinating these training times with others to share the information is being discussed. It was made clear these ½ days were an operational decision and not within the Board’s power to eliminate, which the Board never entertained. All Board members indicated, as did administrators, that none had received any communication from any stakeholder regarding the 6 (not 8) early release days scheduled for 2013-14. Board members reported they had explained the need for scheduled release days with parent groups in their role as building liaisons, who all expressed a clear understanding of the need and rational. It was also made clear that the District has, and will continue to, meet the mandated 180 instructional day requirement. As a reminder about Board policy and practice, any stakeholder with a question or concern should contact the Superintendent or Board President.--The NYSSBA convention will be held in October. Superintendent Mark LaRoach reported: --Administrators from Johnson City and Binghamton school districts met with district staff discussing the formation of a cluster to develop SLO’s and assessments--Cub Care has requested to move to the second floor of Central Junior, using the entire floor for their operations. This can be accommodated since BOCES no longer rents any space on that floor. This move will improve the space utilization and security for participants, along with increasing our revenue from their lease.--AIS plan was presented as a strong foundation for the district; RTI plan is included with it--Long range technology planning will include having a technology liaison in each building to help with the integration of technology and the strategic replacement of equipment--Vestal School Foundation awarded $19,000 in grants at the reception tonight | #449-13Reports |
| On motion by Cindy Milkovich, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept Schedule E (Enrollment Report), Schedule F (Travel and Conference Requests), and Schedule I (Budget Transfers); and approve Schedule P (Personnel).  | #450-13 Acceptance of Schedules E, F, & I; Approval of Schedule P  |
| Under Schedule P, the following changes in personnel were made: |  |
| SCHEDULE IP 1 |
| RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL  |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS: |
| NAME  | POSITION | TENURE AREA | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
| Alunni, Karen | Substitute Teacher |  | 6/12/13 |  |
| Dake, Jr., Lawrence | Coordinator of Instruction |  | 7/1/13 |  |

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| SCHEDULE IP 3 |
| PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL  |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: |
| NAME  | POSITION | TENURE AREA | CERT | PROBATION PERIOD | TENUREDATE | SALARY | REMARKS |
| Rotondi, Michael J. | Director of Physical Education & Athletics, 0.50 | Administrative Area: Director of Physical Education & Athletics | Permanent | 7/1/13-6/30/16 | 7/1/16 | TBD | Previous Assistant Principal 1.0; status changed to 0.50 Assistant Principal & 0.50 Director of Physical Education & Athletics; would accrue seniority in Director of Physical Education & Athletics Tenure Area on a 1.0 FTE basis |

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| SCHEDULE IP 4A |
| TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS (SUBSTITUTES): |
| NAME  | INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL | CERTIFICATION | DEGREE | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
| Dempsey, Therese | Special Education | Permanent | MS | 9/1/13 |  |

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| SCHEDULE IP 8 |
| CHANGES IN STATUS: INSTRUCTIONAL |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGES IN STATUS: |
| NAME  | POSITION | TENURE AREA | CHANGE | EFFECTIVE DATE | REASON |
| Rotondi, Michael J. | Assistant Principal | Administrative Area: Assistant Principal | Position adjusted from 1.0 FTE to 0.50 FTE | 7/1/13 | To be assigned 0.50 Director of Physical Education & Athletics; would continue to accrue seniority in the Assistant Principal Tenure Area on a 1.0 basis |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 8A |
| TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS/SUBSTITUTES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS- SUBSTITUTES: |
| NAME  | POSITION | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
| Crone, Kimberly | Temporary Custodian | 6/26/13-9/22/13 |  |
| DiIorio, John | Temporary Custodian | 6/26/13-9/22/13 |  |
| Fitzgerald, Patricia | Temporary Custodian | 6/26/13-9/22/13 |  |
| \*Horton, Nathan | Temporary Custodian | 6/26/13-9/22/13 |  |
| Konen, Gerald | Temporary Custodian | 6/26/13-9/22/13 |  |
| \*Pratt, Louis | Temporary Custodian | 6/26/13-9/22/13 |  |
| Repinecz, Gerlinde | Temporary Custodian | 6/26/13-9/22/13 |  |
| Rought, Joshua | Temporary Custodian | 6/26/13-9/22/13 |  |
| Rought, Nicholas | Temporary Custodian | 6/26/13-9/22/13 |  |
| \*Tingley, Jr., Michael | Temporary Custodian | 6/26/13-9/22/13 |  |
| \* pending fingerprint clearance |  |  |  |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 8A.A |
| RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS |
| TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS/SUBSTITUTES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL  |
| The Superintendent of Schools, having advised the Board of Education that emergency conditional appointments are necessary in relation to appointment of employees, and the Board having passed policy in relation to the safety of children, and the prospective employees having filed statements regarding criminal convictions and the Superintendent having forwarded to the State Education Department applications for conditional appointments and the fingerprints of the prospective employees and on recommendation of the Superintendent, it is RESOLVED that the following emergency conditional appointments are hereby made, andBE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these appointments shall expire upon the passage of 20 business days or the approval of the appointment of such individuals, whichever occurs first: |
| NAME  | POSITION | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
| Horton, Nathan | Temporary Custodian | 6/26/13-9/22/13 |  |
| Pratt, Louis | Temporary Custodian | 6/26/13-9/22/13 |  |
| Tingley, Jr., Michael | Temporary Custodian | 6/26/13-9/22/13 |  |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 11  |
| CHANGES IN STATUS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL  |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGES IN STATUS: |
| NAME  | POSITION | SHIFT/SCHOOL | CHANGE | EFFECTIVE |
| Brogdale, Ronald | Bus Attendant DIT | Transportation | To: Bus Driver PT/S | 5/16/13 |
| Dornbos, Terry | Bus Driver PT/S | Transportation | To: Bus Driver | 5/28/13 |
| The following employee has achieved satisfactory completion of district probationary period: |
| Slilaty, George | Bus Driver | Transportation |  | 7/10/13 |

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| On motion by David Hanson, second by Phyllis Wiley, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following prices for the 2013-14 year: Elementary Breakfast $1.10 Secondary Breakfast $1.10 Elementary Lunch $2.00 Secondary Lunch $2.10 | #451-132013-14 Lunch and Breakfast Prices |
| On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Cindy Milkovich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the revised District Academic Intervention Services Plan (2013-2015), in accordance with the Commissioner’s Regulations. | #452-13Adoption of Revised District Academic Intervention Services Plan |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District accepts the revised rate schedule with Nursefinders LLC, in accordance with the existing contract, beginning September 1, 2013. | #453-13Contract with Nursefinders, LLC |
| On motion by Phyllis Wiley, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:WHEREAS, on April 16, 2012, the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District agreed to participate in BOCES Services, andWHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District agreed to payment on supplemental contracts, therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the supplemental contract titled Amendment IV. | #454-13BOCES Supplemental Purchase #4 |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Jerry Etingoff, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to enter into an agreement with Tina N. Caswell, MS, CCC-SLP for specialized speech language services for the 2013-14 school year, at a rate of $100.00 per hour. | #455-13Therapy Services Contract |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Cindy Milkovich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President or Vice-President be authorized to enter into an agreement with Omni Financial Group, Inc. for the 403(b) third party administration services for the 2013-14 academic year. | #456-13 Agreement with Omni Financial Group, Inc. |
| On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement with the Binghamton University Children’s Unit to provide educational services (tuition) for the **2-month** (July-August) portion of the 12-month program of the 2013-14 school year for three (3) students, as approved by the Committee on Special Education in accordance with terms outlined in the agreement. | #457-13Contractual Agreement with Binghamton University’s Children’s Unit |
| On motion by Mark Browning, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a grant of $3,090.58 from the Vestal School Foundation, Inc., to fund expenditures for 2012-2013. | #458-13Acceptance of Grant |
| The Board reviewed the following proposed policy revisions for the second time:7617 Declassification of Disabled Students (new) 7618 Response to Intervention (RTI) Process (new) 7621 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (new) 7632 Appointment and Training of Appropriate Special Education Personnel (new) 7640 Student Individualized Education Program (IEP): Development and Provision (revised) 7641 Distribution, Implementation and Confidentiality of IEPs (small revision) 7650 Identification and Register of Children with Disabilities (Child Find) (new) 7670 Impartial Hearing Officer (new) 7680 Independent Educational Evaluations (new) 8110 Curriculum Development, Resources and Evaluation (revised)On motion by Mark Browning, second by Jerry Etingoff, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve these policies. | #459-13Policies |
| Joe Herringshaw, Kimble Road, Vestal, commented to the Board regarding the collaborative efforts that made this year successful. | #460-13 Voice of the Public |
| **Tuesday, June 25, 2013 – 7:00 PM Regular Meeting**Board Conference Room; Administration Building**Tuesday, July 9, 2013 – 7:00 PM Reorganization Meeting**Board Conference Room; Administration Building | #461-13Future Meetings |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn into executive session to discuss negotiations and particular personnel. | #462-13Executive Session |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Phyllis Wiley, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn immediately. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 PM. | #463-13Adjournment |

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Kay Ellis, District Clerk

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

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| Joan Miller, Vice President – ABSENT  | Director of Instruction Laura Lamash |
| Mark Browning  | School Business Administrator Jeffrey Ahearn |
| Jerry Etingoff  | District Negotiator Keith Olivet |
| David Hanson  | School District Attorney Michael Sherwood  |
| John Hroncich  | District Clerk Kay Ellis  |
| Cynthia Milkovich  |  |
| Glenna Pitarresi – ABSENT  | Anne Tristan, Director of Special Education  |
| Phyllis Wiley  |  |

Executive Session commenced at 7:32 PM in the small conference room of the Administration Building.

Recommendations and annual reviews of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education were on the agenda. Board members had copies of the IEPs for each student made available to them the week prior to the meeting and had reviewed them. Board members gave due consideration to each case before voting.

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Phyllis Wiley, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept the recommendations and annual reviews of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for all students considered.

The session was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

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| PRESENT: | ALSO PRESENT: |
|  Kim Myers, President  | Superintendent Mark LaRoach – dismissed 9:25pm  |
| Joan Miller, Vice President – ABSENT  | Director of Instruction Laura Lamash |
| Mark Browning  | School Business Administrator Jeffrey Ahearn |
| Jerry Etingoff  | District Negotiator Keith Olivet |
| David Hanson  | School District Attorney Michael Sherwood  |
| John Hroncich  | District Clerk Kay Ellis – dismissed 8:47pm |
| Cynthia Milkovich  |  |
| Glenna Pitarresi – ABSENT  |  |
| Phyllis Wiley  |  |

Executive Session commenced at 8:47 PM in the Board conference room of the Administration Building. The Board discussed negotiations and particular personnel.

The session was adjourned at 10:02 PM.

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