Vestal Central Schools

Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

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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 Laura Lamash |
| Jerry Etingoff  | District Negotiator Keith Olivet |
| David Hanson | School District Attorney Michael Sherwood |
| John Hroncich  | District Clerk Kay Ellis  |
| Glenna Pitarresi – arrived 6:50pm | Student Government Representative Nate Grossman – ABSENT  |
| Michon Stuart  |  |
|  | About 42 Visitors  |

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| The Board meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Board President Kim Myers in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  | #253-14Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance  |
| Draft information of the 2014-15 budget was reviewed. There is an anticipated reduction of $400,000 in State Aid. Significant increases in retirement and insurance costs are projected. Meetings are being held with cost center staff to review the current year and upcoming concerns. More detailed information will be presented at the next Board development session. | #254-14Board Development |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by John Hroncich, 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. The Board also reviewed the possible effects of a proposed tax exemption, was informed about the status of VTA negotiations and was updated on several personnel issues.  | #254-14Executive Session |
| The Board returned to open session at 6:57PM. |  |
| On motion by Joan Miller, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2014 meeting as written.  | #255-14Approval of Minutes |
| None. | #256-14Public Comments on Agenda Items |
| Student Government Representative: None. Board President Kim Myers reported:--Liaisons: The Tioga Hills musical was very successful, students did a great job. Local legislators attended the BOCES breakfast to listen to district concerns. The Health Insurance Consortium met and agreed upon a change in the system to establish rates. Excellus will present workshops to staff in April. District Planning Group met to share building information. Clayton Avenue is busy with cooperative activities with the high school students and setting up an on-line ordering system for spirit items. --A 3R Drill was held today at the high school, local law enforcement agencies participated with canine involvement. Nothing was found.--The BOCES Legislative Breakfast was attended by local representatives who indicated that they understand the district’s concerns about the rollout of the Common Core.--The Chinese New Year celebration was held last week, with a good turnout and lots of activities.--High school guidance staff are sponsoring a district-wide food drive.--Thursday night will be the Sweetheart’s Dance at the high school; a snow date has been set in case.--The District has used 3 emergency closure days so far this year. *To clarify: the 2013-14 calendar had 7 student countable days built in (3 conference days and 4 emergency closure days). Right now we have 4 countable days left to use if needed before any adjustments would have to be made to the remaining of the established 2013-14 calendar by using make up days that would impact scheduled vacation time. In that event, the order of make-up days is listing on the district’s calendar.* --The Board’s team finished 5th at Trivia Night sponsored by the Vestal School Foundation.--Tickets for the high school’s performance of “Shrek” are now available.--The Running of the Bears 5K walk/run will be held in March.Superintendent Mark LaRoach reported: --Glenwood had received a grant from the Vestal School Foundation for an alternative learning space and has set up the area for play-based learning. Kindergarten and grade 1 students are using the space to develop academic, social, emotional and physical abilities through hands-on activities.--A 3 on 3 tournament will be held at Clayton Avenue on March 22 for 4th and 5th grade students. Varsity boys and girls players will referee. The football team has been asked to play the kick-off game in the Syracuse Dome next September. Our baseball team will play against Maine Endwell at the opening of their new baseball field. The pep rally was held last week to recognize the winter sports teams; it was organized by the Varsity Club and featured a student vs. staff basketball game and chorus contest. --The Middle School held an African Experience Workshop last week, with staff from Ithaca College instructing the chorus and glee students in the morning and then performing for parents in the afternoon. --Students finished in 1st place at the Science Olympiad held at SUNY last weekend and will go on to Long Island.--Mathletes placed 3rd and will go on to Albany to compete in the finals.--The waiver for grade 8 math test is in the final steps. The Algebra Regents is June 3rd and the ‘old’ Regents will be at the end of June. English Regents will use the 2005 version. | #257-14Reports |
| On motion by Michon Stuart, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 8 to 0 to accept Schedule E (Enrollment Report), Schedule F (Travel/Conference Report); and approve Schedule H (Bid Award) and Schedule P (Personnel).  | #258-14 Acceptance of Schedules E and F; Approval of Schedules H and P  |
| Under Schedule P, the following changes in personnel were made: |  |
| 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 |
| Frazer, Ryan | Social Studies | Initial | BS | 2/12/14 |  |
| Jones, Jennifer | Library | Initial | MLS | 2/12/14 | Reinstatement |
| Samuels, Kimber | Elementary | Initial | BS | 2/12/14 |  |

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| SCHEDULE IP 4B |
| TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: ABOVE CONTRACT |
| Attached please find pages 3, 4, 8 and 9 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2013-14 school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position and stipend that is underlined and in bold print. Board meeting date: February 11, 2014 |
| **Area of Appointment** | **Area/Bldg** | Stipend | Posted | Name | APPROVED |
| INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS |
| **Baseball: JV** | **Spring Season** | $4024.00 |  | \*Talbut, Michael | 2/11/14 |
| **Softball: Modified** | **Spring Season** | $3734.00 |  | Yesensky, Jodi | 2/11/14 |
| **Track: Varsity Asst** | **Spring Season** | $2351.00 |  | Cass, Flavia (co) | 2/11/14 |
| INTRAMURALS |
| **High School** | **Winter** | $606.00 |  | Nemecek, Joseph | 2/11/14 |
| OTHER |
| **Science Distribution** | **Vestal Hills** | $1031.00 | 5/22/13 | Danek, Pamela | 2/11/14 |
| **Odyssey of the Mind** | **Vestal Hills** | $348.00 | 5/22/13 | Adams, Robyn | 2/11/14 |

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| SCHEDULE IP 4B.A |
| **RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT** |
| TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: ABOVE CONTRACT |
| The Superintendent of Schools, having advised the Board of Education that an emergency conditional appointment is necessary in relation to appointment of an employee, and the Board having passed policy in relation to the safety of children, and the prospective employee having filed a statement regarding criminal convictions and the Superintendent having forwarded to the State Education Department application for conditional appointment and the fingerprints of the prospective employee and on recommendation of the Superintendent, it is RESOLVED that the following emergency conditional appointment is hereby made, andBE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment shall expire upon the passage of 20 business days or the approval of the appointment of such individual, whichever occurs first: |
| **Area of Appointment** | **Area/Bldg** | Stipend | Posted | Name | APPROVED |
| **Baseball: JV** | **Spring Season** | $4024.00 |  | Talbut, Michael | 2/11/14 |

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| SCHEDULE IP 7 |
| LEAVE OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL  |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE: |
| NAME  | POSITION | TENURE AREA | EFFECTIVE DATE | REASON |
| Shank, Lori | Elementary Teacher  | Elementary | 2/12/14-3/26/14 | Personal reasons |

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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  | REMARKS |
| Ferratella, Colleen | School Counselor | Special Subject Area: Guidance | Revised Leave of Absence dates from 10/14/13-1/31/14 to 10/14/13-3/28/14 |  | Family responsibilities  |
| Hall, Tina | School Counselor |  | Revised dates from 10/14/13-1/31/14 to 10/14/13-3/28/14 |  | Permanent substitute |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 2 |
| RETIREMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RETIREMENT: |
| NAME  | POSITION | SHIFT/SCHOOL | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
| Leonard, Lizabeth | Cook Manager | High School | 9/29/14 |  |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 8A |
| TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT/SUBSTITUTE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT (SUBSTITUTE): |
| NAME  | POSITION | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
| Arthur, Debra | Teacher Aide PT/S | 2/12/14 |  |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 9B |
| PART TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PART TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENT: |
| NAME  | POSITION | SHIFT/BLDG | PROBATIONARY PERIOD | SALARY |
| Murphy, Kelly | Teacher Aide (monitor) PT 4 hrs/day | Vestal Hills | 2/12/14-5/6/15 | $6711 |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 10 |
| LEAVE OF ABSENCE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE: |
| NAME  | POSITION | TENURE AREA | EFFECTIVE DATE | REASON |
| Scelsi, Celeste | Teacher Aide | African Road | 1/20/14-2/28/14 | Medical reasons |

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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/BLDG | CHANGE | EFFECTIVE |
| Bussom, Joan | 0.5 Teacher Aide | Glenwood | To: Teacher Aide | 2/12/14 |
| The following employees have achieved satisfactory completion of district probationary period:  |
| Berg, Elizabeth | Teacher Aide (monitor) PT | Tioga Hills |  | 2/26/14 |
| Dornbos, Terry | Bus Driver | Transportation |  | 2/26/14 |
| Hill, Pamela | Bus Driver | Transportation |  | 3/5/14 |

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| On motion by David Hanson, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, declare the equipment listed on the attachment as obsolete and authorizes her to dispose of this item in accordance with Board Policy 5250.  | #259-14Declaration of Obsolete Equipment |
| On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED, that the Board of Education pursuant to its authority under Section 1709(12) of the Education Law hereby accepts the following gifts:   Description Approx. Value Donor Recipient  Cash Donation for Hall of $100.00 Vestal Police Vestal Central Fame Inductions Benevolent Association School District Cash Donation for Hall of $500.00 Warner’s Gas Vestal Central Fame Inductions Service Inc. School District | #260-14Acceptance of Gifts |
| On motion by Glenna Pitarresi, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President or Vice-President is authorized to sign a license agreement with the Town of Vestal for the use of Town-managed property and/or Rights of Way and/or private property as applicable for the Running of the Bears on March 29, 2014, per attached. | #261-14Use of Town Property |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission to approximately 10 students for a trip to Mohanasen High School for a Winterguard competition on March 1, 2014. There is no cost to the District for this trip. | #262-14Field Trip Request; Winterguard to Mohanasen |
| On motion by Glenna Pitarresi, second by Jerry Etingoff, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission to approximately 10 students for a trip to Shenendehowa Central School for a Winterguard competition on March 29, 2014. There is no cost to the District for this trip. | #263-14 Field Trip Request; Winterguard to Shenendehowa |
| On motion by Joan Miller, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to enter into a lease agreement for a period of one year with The Dance Shoppe for the rental of space in the former Central Junior High School in accordance with said agreement effective February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015. | #264-14Lease with The Dance Shoppe |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Mark Browing, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to enter into a contract extension for internal audit functions for the years ending June 30, 2015 and 2016, as submitted by Ernest Skiadas, CPA, P.C. | #265-14Internal Auditor Contract |
| On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a contract with Rochelle Goldberg to provide set design services for the Vestal High School production of “Shrek” in an amount not to exceed $400.00, per the terms of the attached agreement. This is a budgeted expense. | #266-14Professional Services Agreement with Rochelle Goldberg |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a contract with Don Vanhart to provide lighting design services for the Vestal High School production of “Shrek” in an amount not to exceed $500.00, per the terms of the attached agreement. This is a budgeted expense. | #267-14Professional Services Agreement with Don Vanhart |
| Suzanne Ganoung, 325 Clayton Avenue, Vestal, addressed the Board about changes in FERPA.Tina Bingel, 329 Clayton Avenue, Vestal, spoke to the Board about student testing. | #268-14Voice of the Public |
| **Tuesday, February 25, 2014 – 7:00 PM; Regular Meeting**Senior High School**Tuesday, March 11, 2014 – 6:00 PM Board Development; 7:00PM Regular Meeting**Board Conference Room; Administration Building | #269-14Future Meetings |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting immediately. | #270-14Adjournment |
| The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM. |  |

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Kay Ellis, District Clerk

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

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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 Laura Lamash |
| Jerry Etingoff | District Negotiator Keith Olivet |
| David Hanson  | School District Attorney Michael Sherwood  |
| John Hroncich  | District Clerk Kay Ellis  |
| Glenna Pitarresi – ABSENT  |  |
| Michon Stuart  | Anne Tristan, Director of Special Education  |
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Executive Session commenced at 6:26 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 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 Joan Miller, 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 Board was updated on the possible effects of a proposed tax exemption, was informed about the status of VTA negotiations and was updated on several personnel issues.

The session was adjourned at 6:57PM.

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 Kay Ellis, District Clerk

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