Vestal Central Schools

Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 25, 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 – arrived 7:02pm | School District Attorney Michael Sherwood |
| John Hroncich  | District Clerk Kay Ellis  |
| Glenna Pitarresi | Student Government Representative Nate Grossman  |
| Michon Stuart  |  |
|  | About 39 Visitors  |

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| The Board meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Board President Kim Myers in the cafeteria of Vestal High School. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  | #271-14Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance  |
| Assistant Principal Debra Caddick welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the IB program and specific class that was going to be highlighted. The meeting moved to Room 181 where IB teachers and students explained of how the Theory of Knowledge class evolved. Students described how this class has affected their thinking in other aspects of their lives. The audience was witness to a sample discussion as a demonstration of how the students interact and come to conclusions. | #272-14Spotlight on Vestal High School |
| On motion by Joan Miller, second by Jerry Etingoff, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn immediately into Executive Session to discuss recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education and an update regarding mediation.  | #273-14Executive Session |
| The Board returned to open session at 8:13 PM. |  |
| On motion by Michon Stuart, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting as written.  | #274-14Approval of Minutes |
| None. | #275-14Public Comments on Agenda Items |
| Student Government Representative: --Winter pep rally was held, including a student v. staff basketball game and sing-off. Board members were thanked for attending high school events. The Senior Sweetheart Dance went well and everyone had a good time. The leadership seminar was held last week. Winter sports are ending and Spring sports are getting started. The girls’ basketball team will play in the sectionals. The student exchange with Binghamton is being planned. Tickets are available for the musical Shrek and the emcee video for Talent Fest is being completed. The Running of the Bears fundraiser will be March 29th.Board President Kim Myers reported:--Liaisons: More cudos were given to the students and staff for the Senior Sweetheart Dance. The middle school is re-organizing their student government from officers to committees to encourage more student participation. Glenwood held a Science Fair. African Road will hold a book fair on 3/17 and is also starting a playroom program. Their after-school program continues. --The SRO reported at the senior high PTO meeting about electronic cigarettes.--9th grade orientation was held last week--Joe Leonard spoke at the student leadership meeting last week.--Odyssey of the Mind will be held on March 8 at BOCES.--The Staff Recognition Dinner will be prior to the April 8th meeting.--Tickets are available for Talent Fest scheduled for March 8th.Superintendent Mark LaRoach reported: --More information was presented regarding the 2014-15 budget. Central office staff have met with cost center managers for suggestions and perspectives. The maximum allowable levy is being formulated by CBO staff. Many aspects of the budget like the total BOCES budget and revenue figures have not been finalized. The recent state aid seminar had no new information.--The tentative meeting for March 18th will not be needed.--The maintenance annex building is being reviewed for demolition. This building has sat vacant for decades and has deteriorated greatly. Our insurance company recommends removal since it presents a major safety issue. We will be working with the neighbors adjacent to the facility and the retaining wall.--The Special Education data profile was released and the district met AYP (adequate yearly progress) in all areas, one of the few in the state who did. | #276-14Reports |
| On motion by Michon Stuart, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to accept Schedule A (Treasurer’s Report for January), Schedule B (Year-to-Date Report for January), Schedule C (Internal Auditor’s Report for January), and Schedule I (Budget Transfers); and approve Schedule P (Personnel).  | #277-14 Acceptance of Schedules A, B, C and I; Approval of Schedule P  |
| Under Schedule P, the following changes in personnel were made: |  |

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| 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 |
| Chamberlin, Theresa | Registered Professional Nurse PT/S |  | 2/26/14 |  |
| Edwards, Sara | Substitute Teacher |  | 2/13/14 |  |

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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 |
| Schaefer, Stephanie | Elementary/ESL/Math/Spec Ed | Initial | MS | 2/26/14 |  |
| Sullivan, Lorraine | Science | Permanent | MS | 9/1/14 |  |

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| SCHEDULE IP 4B |
| TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT |
| Attached please find pages 3, 5 and 10 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 25, 2014 |
| **Area of Appointment** | **Area/Bldg** | Stipend | Posted | Name | APPROVED |
| INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS |
| **Baseball: Varsity VOLUNTEER** | **Spring Season** |  |  | **Anderson, Nick** | 2/25/14 |
| **Baseball: Varsity VOLUNTEER** | **Spring Season** |  |  | **Angelo, John** | 2/25/14 |
| **Baseball: Varsity VOLUNTEER** | **Spring Season** |  |  | **Gray, Patrick** | 2/25/14 |
| DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON – LEVEL III |
| **SNT/RN** | **K-12** | $1425.00 | 5/22/13 | Dutkowsky, Lynne | 2/25/14 |
| **SNT/RN** | **K-12** | $1425.00 | 5/22/13 | Forsberg, Janice | 2/25/14 |
| MUSIC |
| **Musical Support Position: Lighting Design** | **Middle School** | $750.00 |  | Duffy, Christopher | 2/25/14 |
| **Musical Support Position: Student Supervision** | **Middle School** | $500.00 |  | Swart, Stephanie | 2/25/14 |

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| SCHEDULE IP 11 |
| EXTENSION OF PROBATION: INSTRUCTIONAL |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL EXTENSION OF PROBATION: |
| NAME  | POSITION | TENURE AREA | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
| Russell, Pamela | Foreign Language Teacher | Academic Tenure Area: Foreign Language | 6/30/14 | Adjusted conclusion of probationary period from 6/30/14 to 6/30/15 |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 1 |
| RESIGNATION: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATION: |
| NAME  | POSITION | SHIFT/SCHOOL | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
| Flanders, Christine | Bus Driver | Transportation | 2/24/14 | Relocation |

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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/BLDG | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
| Monell, Diane | Senior Typist | High School | 5/30/14 |  |

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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 President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to enter into a lease agreement for a period of one year withthe Town of Vestal for the rental of space in the former Central Junior High School in accordance with said agreement effective March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015. | #278-14Lease with Town of Vestal (Senior Center) |
| On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by David Hanson, 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 gift:  Description Approx. Value Donor Recipient  Cash Donation for $2,000.00 Vestal Cagers Vestal Central Purchase of School District Athletic Uniforms | #279-14Acceptance of Gift |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED that the Vestal Central School District Board of Education, hereby declares the Vestal Central School District as the Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), associated with the 2013 Small Capital Project.  | #280-14SEQRA - 2013 Small Capital Project (Declaration) |
| On motion by Joan Miller, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:WHEREAS, the Vestal Central School District Board of Education (the “Board”) has considered the effect upon the environment of the 2013 Small Capital Project listed in the State Environmental Quality Review Act Process Record Sheet submitted at this meeting, and WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed the State Environmental Quality Review Act Process Record Sheet prepared and submitted in connection with the Project, now therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vestal Central School District Board of Education, acting as Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), hereby determines that the Project is a Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to review under SEQRA. | #281-14SEQRA - 2013 Small Capital Project (Impact) |
| On motion by David Hanson, 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 enter into an agreement with Eric R. Ode, dba Deep Rooted Music LLC, for an author visit to Vestal Hills Elementary School February 26, 2014. There is no cost to the district for this event. | #282-14Author/Songwriter Visit Agreement |
| On motion by Mark Browning, second by Jerry Etingoff, 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 Mary Waskie to provide anti-bullying training for District staff at a rate of $60.00/hour, at an amount not to exceed $1800.00, per the terms of the attached agreement. | #283-14Professional Services Agreement – Waskie |
| On motion by Joan Miller, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:RESOLVED that the Vestal Central School District Board of Education, hereby declares the Vestal Central School District as the Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), associated with the 2014 Small Capital Project.  | #284-14SEQRA - 2014 Small Capital Project (Declaration) |
| On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Michon Stuart, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:WHEREAS, the Vestal Central School District Board of Education (the “Board”) has considered the effect upon the environment of the 2014 Small Capital Project listed in the State Environmental Quality Review Act Process Record Sheet submitted at this meeting, and WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed the State Environmental Quality Review Act Process Record Sheet prepared and submitted in connection with the Project, now therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vestal Central School District Board of Education, acting as Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), hereby determines that the Project is a Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to review under SEQRA. | #285-14SEQRA - 2014 Small Capital Project (Impact) |
| None. | #286-14Voice of the Public |
| **Tuesday, March 11, 2014 –6:00 PM Board Development (Budget); 7:00 PM Regular Meeting**Board Conference Room; Administration Building**Tuesday, March 25, 2014 – 7:00PM Regular Meeting**Board Conference Room; Administration Building | #287-14Future Meetings |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting immediately. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. | #288-14Adjournment |
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Kay Ellis, District Clerk

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| Glenna Pitarresi |  |
| Michon Stuart  | Anne Tristan, Director of Special Education  |
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Executive Session commenced at 7:45 PM in the conference room of Vestal High School.

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.

Glenna Pitarresi abstained from the vote.

The Board was updated on the status of VTA mediation.

The session was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

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