Vestal Central Schools

Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

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| PRESENT: | ALSO PRESENT: |
| Kim Myers, President – left 7:30pm | 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 – arrived 6:05pm |
| Glenna Pitarresi | Student Government Representative Nate Grossman |
| Michon Stuart |  |
|  | About 75+ 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. | #289-14  Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance |
| Current budget figures were presented and reviewed. The budget gap would be $794,681 with a 2.50% levy increase; and $681,725 with a 2.75% levy increase. The gap elimination adjustment figures show the District has lost over $17 million in state aid over the last 5 years. The next Board meeting will include more budget information. | #290-14  Board Development |
| On motion by Michon Stuart, second by David Hanson, 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. The Board also reviewed walk-in resolutions for retirements from VAA and ASA and was updated on the VTA mediation session that was held last week. | #291-14  Executive Session |
| The Board returned to open session at 7:10 PM. |  |
| On motion by Michon Stuart, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting as written. | #292-14  Approval of Minutes |
| None. | #293-14  Public Comments on Agenda Items |
| Student Government Representative: Shrek the Musical was excellent with a lot of hard work done by the performers and crew. The club hockey team won the championship tournament for the 3rd year in a row. Talent Fest was held 3/8, showcasing a variety of student talents. Spring sports have begun and the student exchange with Binghamton is being organized.  Board President Kim Myers reported:  --Liaisons: Tioga Hills launched their PARP program (Parents as Reading Partners) with a space theme. The second grade will present the musical Squirt on March 31st at 7:00pm with a performance during the day also. They continue with after school programs during March and April. Winterguard will compete next Saturday at Union Endicott beginning at 5:00pm. Vestal will host a Winterguard competition on March 22nd at the high school gym. African Road parent group funded a grant to provide materials for special education classrooms. Clayton Avenue parent group continues to organize and fund enrichment programs.  --The high school musical production of Shrek was amazing.  --Talent Fest again was an outstanding event.  --BOCES is sponsoring a workshop for prospective Board candidates on 4/9 at 7:00pm.  --Odyssey of the Mind had 16 teams participate; four teams will continue on to the state tournament at SUNY Binghamton on 4/12.  --Board members were given an invitation to the middle school musical production being held 3/21-3/22.    Superintendent Mark LaRoach reported:  --The 2014-15 BOCES Administrative and Capital budget was presented. Efforts to contain the administrative budget were reviewed. The costs for instructional programs will be increasing and the technology/network programs will see no increase. Vestal portion of the capital budget would increase by approximately $1500 and our portion of the administrative budget would decrease by $5775; so our costs for those two portions of the BOCES budget would go down for next year. This presentation did not cover the program costs or tuition rates.  --Scott Smith was thanked for his efforts with Odyssey of the Mind, along with the 25 parent coaches of our teams.  --The articulation agreement with SUNY Broome will enable Project Lead the Way students to get college credit for their classes at Vestal. | #294-14  Reports |
| On motion by Michon Stuart, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept Schedule E (Enrollment Report), Schedule F (Travel/Conference Report); and approve Schedule I (Budget Transfers) and Schedule P (Personnel). | #295-14  Acceptance of Schedules E and F; Approval of Schedules I and P |
| Under Schedule P, the following changes in personnel were made: |  |

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| SCHEDULE IP 1 | | | |
| RESIGNATION: INSTRUCTIONAL | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATION: | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | TENURE AREA | EFFECTIVE DATE |
| Kovac, Joseph | Math Teacher | Math | 6/30/14 |

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| SCHEDULE IP 2 | | | |
| RETIREMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL RETIREMENT: | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | TENURE AREA | EFFECTIVE DATE |
| Knapp, Kathryn | Principal | Administrative Tenure Area: Principal | 6/30/14 |

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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 | CERTIF | PROBATION PERIOD | TENURE DATE | SALARY |
| Quinn, Tierney | Math Teacher | Academic Tenure Area: Math | Initial | 3/17/14-3/16/17 | 3/17/17 | TBD |

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| SCHEDULE IP 4B | | | | | | |
| TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: ABOVE CONTRACT | | | | | | |
| Attached please find pages 3, 4, 8 and 12 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: March 11, 2014 | | | | | | |
| **Area of Appointment** | | **Area/Bldg** | Stipend | Posted | Name | APPROVED |
| INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS | | | | | | |
| **Baseball: JV VOLUNTEER** | **Spring Season** | |  |  | Talbut, Patrick | 3/11/14 |
| **Baseball: JV VOLUNTEER** | **Spring Season** | |  |  | Taylor, Corey | **3/11/14** |
| **Baseball: JV VOLUNTEER** | **Spring Season** | |  |  | VanGorder, Thomas | **3/11/14** |
| **Lacrosse: Mod –Boys VOLUNTEER** | **Spring Season** | |  |  | Harrington, Chase | **3/11/14** |
| **Softball: Varsity VOLUNTEER** | **Spring Season** | |  |  | Donlin, John | **3/11/14** |
| **Track: Varsity VOLUNTEER** | **Spring Season** | |  |  | Cooney, Alanna | **3/11/14** |
| INTRAMURALS | | | | | | |
| **Elementary** | **Spring** | | $500.00 |  | Novotny, Jennifer | 3/11/14 |
| OTHER | | | | | | |
| **Cafeteria Duty (Sem 2, Per 5)** | **Middle School** | | $24.37/hr | 5/2213 | Herringshaw, Joseph | 3/11/14 |
| **Cafeteria Duty (Sem 2, Per 5)** | **Middle School** | | $24.37/hr | 5/22/13 | Paulo, Dean | 3/11/14 |
| **Cafeteria Duty (Sem 2, Per 6)** | **Middle School** | | $24.37/hr | 5/22/13 | Covert, Denton | 3/11/14 |
| **Cafeteria Duty (Sem 2, Per 6)** | **Middle School** | | $24.37/hr | 5/22/13 | Daino, Jeremy | 3/11/14 |
| **Cafeteria Duty (Sem 2, Per 7)** | **Middle School** | | $24.37/hr | 5/22/13 | Fey, Jesse | 3/11/14 |
| **Cafeteria Duty (Sem 2, Per 7)** | **Middle School** | | $24.37/hr | 5/22/13 | Wood, Matthew | 3/11/14 |
| **Science Distribution** | **Tioga Hills** | | $1031.00 | 5/22/13 | Kunzman, Mary | 3/11/14 |
| MUSIC | | | | | | |
| **NYSSMA Solo Level III** | **Elementary** | | $406.00 | 5/22/13 | Crowle, Stephen | 3/11/14 |

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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 |
| Grogan, Mary | Senior Typist | Administration | 6/30/14 |  |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 11 | | | | |
| CHANGE IN STATUS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL | | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGE IN STATUS: | | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | SHIFT/BLDG | CHANGE | EFFECTIVE |
| Potter, Francis | Bus Driver PT/S | Transportation | To: Bus Driver | 2/26/14 |

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| On motion by David Hanson, second by Michon Stuart, 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 results of the cooperative bid for Meat/Cheese/Dairy Products through the Broome County Specification Group for the period 3/1/14 through 4/30/14. | #296-14  Bid Award for Meat, Cheese and Dairy Products |
| On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission for approximately 18 science students to travel to Uniondale, NY from March 14-15, 2014 for the New York State Science Olympiad Competition. This trip will be funded by the District. | #297-14  Field Trip Approval – Science Olympiad |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Michon Stuart, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, as follows:  Section 1. The proposition hereinafter set forth is hereby authorized to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters at the annual school district election to be held in said School District, on the 20th day of May 2014.  Section 2. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include as a part of the notice of the annual district meeting and election notice with reference to the submission of said propositions in substantially the following form:  \* \* \* \* \*  NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual election to be held on May 20, 2014, the following proposition will be submitted:  BUS PROPOSITION  Shall the following resolution be adopted, to‑wit:  RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of not exceeding $775,000 and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.  If necessary, due to space constraints on the voting machines, said proposition may be presented in substantially the following abbreviated form:  BUS PROPOSITION  Shall the following resolution be adopted, to‑wit:  RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase school buses, and that the maximum estimated cost of not exceeding $775,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said District shall be issued.  The School District has determined this to be a "Type II Action" pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the implementation of which as proposed, the regulations provide, will not result in any significant environmental effects.  Roll call vote, all Board members present voted yes. | #298-14  School Bus Purchases - Proposition #2, 2014 Annual Meeting |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Michon Stuart, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President be authorized to sign an agreement with BCK-IBI Group for professional services for the 2013 Small Capital Project, in the amount of $8,500 plus direct project related expenses. | #299-14  Agreement with BCK-IBI Group; 2013 Small Capital Project |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Michon Stuart, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President be authorized to sign an agreement with BCK-IBI Group for professional services for the 2014 Small Capital Project, in the amount of $9,500 plus direct project related expenses. | #300-14  Agreement with BCK-IBI Group; 2014 Small Capital Project |
| On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by David Hanson, 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 renew the contract with Management Advisory Group Business Operations, Inc. to provide services related to Medicaid claims for students with disabilities, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. | #301-14  Contract with Management Advisory Group Business Operations, Inc.; Medicaid Services |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Michon Stuart, 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 renew the contract with Management Advisory Group Special Services, Inc. to provide a consultant(s) to confer with district personnel and file all STAC form, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. | #302-14  Contract with Management Advisory Group Special Services, Inc.; STAC Services |
| On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Glenna Pitarresi, 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 the updated contract with Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference to provide educational services for handicapped students attending the Day Treatment Program. | #303-14  Contract with Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference |
| On motion by Mark Browning, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the property owners and Town Assessor have requested refund and correction for real property taxes, the Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of such refund and correction for the property owners delineated below for the reasons outlined on the attached application for correction.  Taxes Actual  Town Account # Paid Tax Owner  Vestal 48524800000 $22,794.98 $15,814.17 BECK Group LLC Michon Stuart and David Hanson abstained from the vote. | #304-14  Refund and Correction of Tax Bill |
| On motion by Michon Stuart, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission to approximately 12 students for a trip to West Point, NY for a NetSci program on May 1, 2014. There is no cost to the District for this trip. | #305-14  Field Trip Request; Students to West Point |
| 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 the articulation agreement with SUNY Broome to provide the Project Lead the Way program to qualified students, per attached. | #306-14  Articulation Agreement with SUNY Broome |
| 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 pursuant to its authority under Section 1709(12) of the Education Law hereby accepts the following gifts:  Description Approx. Value Donor Recipient  Donation for $500.00 Gen YOUth Vestal Central  Physical Education Foundation School District  Initiatives at Vestal Hills  Donation to Hall of Fame $200.00 Anonymous Vestal Central  School District | #307-14  Acceptance of Gifts |
| On motion by Mark Browning, 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 a contract with Hope Greitzer to provide fiddle instruction services for Glenwood fiddle club students for amount not to exceed $625.00, per the terms of the attached agreement. | #308-14  Professional Services Agreement – Greitzer |
| The Board reviewed the following policies: 1332: Duties of the School District Treasurer (revised)  5120: School District Budget Hearing (revised)  5410: Purchasing (revised) | #309-14  Policy |
| Regina Lindsey, Glenwood Road, Vestal, questioned the Board about the interest rate for BOCES’ RAN and complimented the student government representative. | #310-14  Voice of the Public |
| **Tuesday, March 25, 2014 – 7:00 PM; Regular Meeting**  Board Conference Room; Administration Building  **Tuesday, April 8, 2014 – 6:00 PM Board Development (Budget); 7:00PM Regular Meeting**  Board Conference Room; Administration Building | #311-14  Future Meetings |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Michon Stuart, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting immediately. | #312-14  Adjournment |
| The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM. |  |

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Kay Ellis, District Clerk

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

Tuesday, March 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 |  |
| Michon Stuart | Anne Tristan, Director of Special Education |
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Executive Session commenced at 6:30 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 Joan Miller, second by Jerry Etingoff, 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 reviewed walk-in resolutions for retirements from VAA and ASA and was updated on the VTA mediation session that was held last week.

The session was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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Kay Ellis, District Clerk

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