

Vestal Central Schools  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday August 22, 2017

PRESENT:

Rick Bray - ABSENT  
Linda Daino  
Jerry Etingoff  
David Hanson  
John Hroncich – ABSENT  
Mario Nunes  
Sylvia Place  
Michon Stuart  
Tony Turnbull

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn  
Asst Superintendent for Instruction Laura Lamash  
Interim Asst Superintendent Lorraine Paushter  
School Attorney Michael Sherwood  
District Clerk Kay Ellis  
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel  
  
About 7 Visitors

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Board President Michon Stuart in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#081-18  
Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 5 to 0 to adjourn immediately into Executive Session to discuss recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education, an update on negotiation and a legal issue.

#082-18  
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 7:13PM.

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes of the Board meeting August 8, 2017 as written.

#083-18  
Minutes from Previous Meetings

None.

#084-18  
Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Marie Taylor reported:

--practices have begun for fall sports, team rosters are being finalized  
--marching band has started up  
--mentor training has taken place, a tailgating event is planned for Homecoming  
--student orientations will be next week

#085-18  
Reports

Board President Michon Stuart reported:

--the Board workshop yesterday was a good refresher and had great presentations  
--prior to this meeting a reception was held for newly hired teacher and administrators

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported:

--the corrective action plan in response to the Comptroller's audit has been reviewed by the audit committee and will be submitted after Board action  
--2017 taxes will be collected by Broome County, a settlement has been agreed to by the District and the Town of Vestal  
--Convocation Day is September 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30 in the high school  
--test results are available on the website  
--Nine administrators attended the Summer Administrative Academy held by Hogan & Sarzynski last week

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept Schedule A – Treasurer’s Report July 2017, Schedule B – Year-to-Date Budget Report July 2017, Schedule C – Schedule of Bills July 2017, Schedule I – Transfers (2016-17) 345-350, Schedule I – Transfers (2017-18) 342,343; and approve Schedule P - Personnel.

#086-18  
Acceptance of Schedules A, B, C, I; Approval of Schedule P

Under Schedule P the following changes were made:

#### SCHEDULE IP 1

##### RESIGNATION: INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATION:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
White, Steven	German Teacher	Academic Area: Foreign Language	9/6/17	

#### SCHEDULE IP 4A

##### TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS (SUBSTITUTES):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Kretzmer, Alissa	Special Education	None	MA	9/1/17	
Krowiak, Alexa	Elementary	None	BS	9/1/17	
Olenik, Erika	English	Initial	MAT	9/1/17	
Pasquini, Amanda	English	None	BS	9/1/17	
Stankevich, Chelsea	Elementary	Professional	BS	9/1/17	
Weiner, Linda	Elementary	Permanent	MSED	9/1/17	

#### REINSTATEMENTS 2017-18

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Cumming, Courtney	Elementary	None			
Darpino, Erica	Science	None			
Harlan, Stephanie	English	None			
Longo, Elena	Foreign Language	Permanent			
Rocco, Maria	English	None			
Smith, Nicole	Math	Initial			

#### SCHEDULE IP 4B

##### TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find page 1 and 8 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2017-18 school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position and stipend that is underlined and in bold print. Board Meeting: August 22, 2017

<u>AREA OF APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>AREA/BLDG</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
OTHER					
<b><u>Bus Supervision – AM &amp; PM</u></b>	<b><u>Tioga Hills</u></b>	<b><u>TBD</u></b>	<b><u>5/23/17</u></b>	<b><u>Hoyt, Scott*</u></b>	<b><u>8/22/17</u></b>
<b><u>Bus Supervision – AM &amp; PM</u></b>	<b><u>Tioga Hills</u></b>	<b><u>TBD</u></b>	<b><u>5/23/17</u></b>	<b><u>Kelly-Brunza, Monica (co)</u></b>	
<b><u>Science Distribution</u></b>	<b><u>Glenwood</u></b>	<b><u>TBD</u></b>	<b><u>5/23/17</u></b>	<b><u>Russell, Mary</u></b>	<b><u>8/22/17</u></b>
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS					
<b><u>Football-JV Asst</u></b>	<b><u>Fall Season</u></b>			<b><u>Butler, Matthew</u></b>	<b><u>8/22/17</u></b>
<b><u>VOLUNTEER</u></b>					
<b><u>Football-Modified Asst</u></b>	<b><u>Fall Season</u></b>			<b><u>DeGroat, Michael</u></b>	<b><u>8/22/17</u></b>
<b><u>VOLUNTEER</u></b>					
<b><u>Swimming-Varsity Asst Girls</u></b>	<b><u>Fall Season</u></b>	<b><u>TBD</u></b>	<b><u>4/26/17</u></b>	<b><u>Peters, Douglas</u></b>	<b><u>8/22/17</u></b>
<b><u>Volleyball-JV Asst Girls</u></b>	<b><u>Fall Season</u></b>			<b><u>Thrasher, Samantha</u></b>	<b><u>8/22/17</u></b>
<b><u>VOLUNTEER</u></b>					

#### SCHEDULE IP 5

##### PART TIME APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL PART TIME APPOINTMENTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Rouse, Kathleen	0.5 Physical Education Teacher	Initial	9/1/17-6/30/18	TBD

**SCHEDULE IP 7****LEAVES OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Siegrist, Valery	Physical Education Teacher	Special Subject Area: Physical Education	9/5/17-12/20/17	Family responsibilities

**SCHEDULE IP 8****CHANGES IN STATUS: INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGES IN STATUS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Steele, Rebecca	Elementary Teacher	Elementary	Change probation period from 9/1/17-6/30/21 to 9/1/17-6/30/20	Previous NYS tenure
Walter, Brittany	Special Education Teacher	Special Subject Area: Gen Spec Education	Change probation period from 9/1/17-6/30/21 to 9/1/17-6/30/20	Previous NYS tenure

**SCHEDULE NIP 1****RESIGNATIONS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Brock, Giordan	Teacher Aide	African Road	8/15/17	
Krom, David	Cleaner PT/S	District	8/23/17	
Marconi, Kelley	0.5 Teacher Aide	African Road	8/30/17	
Schuster, Patricia	Teacher Aide	Vestal Hills	8/17/17	Other employment

**SCHEDULE NIP 4****PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>PROBATION PERIOD</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Cruz, Richard	Cleaner	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift/ High School	9/7/17-9/6/18	\$24,593	52 wk probation period
Maxin, Rick	Cleaner	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift/High School	8/23/17-8/22/18	\$24,593	52 wk probation period
Pratt, Louis	Cleaner	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift/African Road	8/23/17-8/22/18	\$24,593	52 wk probation period

**SCHEDULE NIP 8A****TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS (SUSTITUTES):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Galinda, Maria	Bus Driver PT/S	8/23/17	
McGee, Patricia	Bus Driver PT/S	8/23/17	

**SCHEDULE NIP 11A****CHANGE IN STATUS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGE IN STATUS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/BLDG</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Harders, Douglas	Cleaner	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift/Clayton Ave	To: Custodian, 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift Clayton Avenue	8/23/17	
Czebinaik, Carrie	0.5 Teacher Aide	Vestal Hills	To: Teacher Aide PT (hourly)	9/1/17	

The following employees have achieved satisfactory completion of district probationary period:

Birchard, Marsha	Teacher Aide	Clayton Avenue	9/14/17
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Chura-Lynch,  
Katherine

Teacher Aide  
(Monitor) PT

Tioga Hills

9/13/17

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following:  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District enter into a contract with Peter and Halina Cygan to allow them to transport a child to BOCES Area Center at a cost not to exceed \$2000.00 from September 6, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

#087-18  
Transportation Contract with  
Parent (Cygan)

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following:  
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 Recess Resources, Inc. dba Cub Care Children's Center for the rental of nine rooms in the former Central Junior High School in accordance with said agreement effective September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

#088-18  
Renewal of Lease with Cub  
Care Children's Center

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following:  
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 SMART Schools Project.

#089-18  
SMART Schools Project –  
SEQRA Lead Agency

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following:  
WHEREAS, the Vestal Central School District Board of Education (the "Board") has considered the effect upon the environment of the SMART Schools 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.

#090-18  
SMART Schools Project –  
SEQRA Determination Type II

On motion by David Hanson, second by Jerry Etingoff, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following:  
WHEREAS, the Office of the State Comptroller has issued an audit report on some aspects of the District's operations and  
WHEREAS, it is required pursuant to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education that the District file a Board-approved corrective action plan within 90 days of receipt of that report, it is therefore  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Corrective Action Plan, as attached, to be submitted to the State Education Department and the Office of the State Comptroller.

#091-18  
State Comptroller's Audit –  
Corrective Action Plan

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following:  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District enter into a contract with Michael Sansevero to allow him to transport a child to BOCES Area Center for summer services from July 10, 2017 through August 18, 2017 and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District enter into a contract with Michael Sansevero to allow him to transport a child to

#092-18  
Transportation Contract with  
Parent (Sansevero)

Glenwood Elementary School from September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 at a total cost not to exceed \$11,000.

On motion by David Hanson, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Director of Transportation, declare the bus listed on the attachment as obsolete and authorize the disposition of this item in accordance with Board Policy 5250.

#093-18  
Declaration of Obsolete Buses

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a contract with United Health Services Hospitals, Inc., d.b.a. UHS Occupational Medicine, to utilize its Employee Assistance Program for Vestal Central School District employees in accordance with the attached agreement for an amount of \$18 per covered employee per year, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

#094-18  
Contract with UHSH for EAP  
Services 2017-18 **REVISED**

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the letter from Elizabeth J. Engle stating her intention to resign for purposes of retirement, effective January 3, 2018.

#095-18  
Acceptance of Intent to Retire

On motion by David Hanson, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following:

RESOLVED that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a settlement agreement with the Town of Vestal in regards to the discontinuation of Supreme Court proceeding Index Number EFCA2017001575 effective as of August 22, 2017 per the terms and condition of the attached document.

#096-18  
Settlement Agreement with  
Town of Vestal – Tax Receiver

On motion by David Hanson, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following:

RESOLVED, upon recommendation from the Superintendent and legal counsel, that Wendy Gates, County Receiver of Taxes shall be appointed as the receiver of taxes for the Vestal Central School District for 2017-18.

#097-18  
Appointment of Received of  
Taxes 2017-18

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement with Southern Tier Hearing Services, PLLC to provide educational audiological services beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement.

#098-18  
Contract with Southern Tier  
Hearing Services 17-18

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following:

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 2018 Capital Improvement Project.

#099-18  
2018 Capital Improvement  
Project:  
SEQRA Lead Agency

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement with Delta Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors, DPC to provide pre-referendum services to the District in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement.

#100-18  
2018 Capital Improvement  
Project:  
Pre-Referendum Svcs  
Delta Engineering

None.

Voice of the Public

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

#101-18  
Future Meetings

Tuesday, September 12, 2017; 6:00pm Regular Meeting  
Board Conference Room – Administration Building

Tuesday, September 26, 2017; 7:00pm Regular Meeting  
Board Conference Room – Administration Building

Tuesday, October 10, 2017; 6:00pm Regular Meeting  
High School

Tuesday, October 24, 2017; 7:00pm Regular Meeting  
Board Conference Room – Administration Building

On motion by David Hanson, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn immediately.

#102-18  
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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District Clerk Kay Ellis  
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel  
Rosalie Sullivan, Director of Special Education – left 7:06pm

Executive Session commenced at 7:04pm 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 for review. Board members gave due consideration to each case before voting.

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept the recommendations the Committee on special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for all students considered.

The Board was updated on the status of negotiation and a legal issue.

The session was adjourned at 7:10PM.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk