

Vestal Central Schools
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2015

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Mark LaRoach
Asst Superintendent for Finance, Operations & Personnel Jeffrey Ahearn
Asst Superintendent for Instruction Laura Lamash

School Attorney Michael Sherwood

District Clerk Kay Ellis

About 14 Visitors

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Michon Stuart in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#234-16
Call to Order and Pledge of
Allegiance

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn immediately into Executive Session to discuss recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education; for an update on a potential litigation.

#235-16
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 7:36PM.

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 7, 2015 and December 8, 2015 as written.

#236-16
Approval of Minutes

None

#237-16
Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Josh Walsh reported:

--the King Bruin Dance was last weekend; 656 students attended. It was a wonderful event; \$1966 was raised for donations.
--performances were held by the orchestra, band and Vestal Voices
--Winter sports teams are doing well, wrestling is undefeated
--Senator Akshar toured the building and was very impressed
--National Honor Society inductions will be January 5

#238-16
Reports

Board President Michon Stuart reported:

Liaisons-VMS held a holiday concert for senior citizens, their play was very well done. Jared Campbell performed at Tioga Hills.
--the Board will sponsor a team for Vestal School Foundation's Trivia Night January 29
--the 50+ Club gave Mark LaRoach the "Fabulous Friend Award"

Superintendent Mark LaRoach reported:

--the students attending the King Bruin showed respect and courtesy, making the dance a wonderful event
--APPR changes are not going to make things easier for the district. Staff and students are looking to be held harmless. There looks like no lessening of the burden on testing, just being shifted to the local level.

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 9 to 0 to accept Schedule A – Treasurer’s Report (November), Schedule B – Year to Date Status Report (November), Schedule C – Schedule of Bills (November), Schedule F – Travel and Conference, Schedule I -Transfers 2015); and approve Schedule P (Personnel).

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>
Durkot, Thomas	Principal	Administrative Area: Principal	12/22/15

SCHEDULE IP 2

RETIREMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Brunner, Patricia	Elementary Teacher	Academic Area: Elementary	7/1/16

SCHEDULE IP 4A

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INSTRUCITONAL LEVEL</u>	<u>CERTIF</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Belles, Brenda	Elementary	None	BS	12/23/15	
*O’Brien, Brenda	Elementary	None	BS	12/23/15	
Yan, Yan	Foreign Language	None	BA	12/23/15	

*pending fingerprint clearance

SCHEDULE IP 4A

**RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS
TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES**

The Superintendent of Schools having advised the Board of Education that emergency conditional appointments are necessary in relation to appointments of employees, and the Board having passed policy in relation of the safety of children, and the prospective employees having filed a statement 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 and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these appointments shall expire upon the passage of 20 business days or the approval of the appointments of such individual, whichever occurs first.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INSTRUCITONAL LEVEL</u>	<u>CERTIF</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
O’Brien, Brenda	Elementary	None	BS	12/23/15	

SCHEDULE IP 4B

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find page 4 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2015-16 school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position and stipend that is underlined and in bold print. Board Meeting: December 22, 2015

<u>AREA OF APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>AREA/BLDG</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
INTRAMURALS					
<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>		<u>Daglio, Steven</u>	<u>12/22/15</u>
<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>		<u>Novotny, Jennifer</u>	<u>12/22/15</u>

SCHEDULE NIP 1

RESIGNATION: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Anderson, Dianne	Typist (10 month)	High School	1/4/16
Tilyou, Sarah	Bus Attendant	Transportation	12/9/15

SCHEDULE NIP 2

RETIREMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/BLDG</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Granger, Ernest	Custodian	2 nd Shift, Vestal Hills	6/30/16
Haskell, Mary	Teacher Aide (Monitor)	Vestal Middle School	1/31/16

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/BLDG</u>	<u>PROBATION PERIOD</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
*Ackley, Kathleen	Senior Typist	Administration	1/4/16-1/3/17	\$27,440	52 wk probation period

*pending fingerprint clearance

SCHEDULE NIP 4A

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

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Ackley, Kathleen	Senior Typist	Administration	1/4/16-1/3/17	\$27,440	52 wk probation period

SCHEDULE NIP 8A

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS/SUBSTITUTES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS/SUBSTITUTES:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Cacciaglia, Patricia	Teacher Aide PT/S	12/23/15	
Pedro, Amber	Food Service Helper PT/S	12/23/15	
*Peterson, Robert	Cleaner PT/S	12/23/15	
Schmidt, Michael	Cleaner PT/S	12/23/15	
Smith, Nate	Cleaner PT/S	12/23/15	

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Peterson, Robert	Cleaner PT/S	12/23/15	

SCHEDULE NIP 9B

PART TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/BLDG</u>	<u>PROBATION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
*Nikomrat, Nutrarichaya	Food Service Helper (3.0 hrs/day)	District	12/23/15-3/7/17	\$4833	52 wk probationary period

SCHEDULE NIP 9B

RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 9 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:

#240-16
Acceptance of Gifts, Donations

<u>Description</u>	<u>Approx. Value</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Cash Donation for Hall of Fame Induction Dinner	\$100.00	Mapes Auctioneers & Appraisers	Vestal Central School District
Cash Donation for Hall of Fame Induction Dinner	\$100.00	Matthews Auto Group	Vestal Central School District
Cash Donation for Hall of Fame Induction Dinner	\$250.00	Hunt Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors PC	Vestal Central School District

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Rick Bray, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED that the claim of Joan Marie Pokorak for reimbursement in the amount not to exceed \$5,798 pursuant to the Section 3811 of the Education Law be approved.

#241-16
Authorization of Payment
(Pokorak)

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED that Jeffrey J. Ahearn, the current Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Operations & Personnel, shall serve as interim Superintendent of Schools beginning January 1, 2016 in accordance with the terms of the attached agreement.

#242-16
Contract with Interim Superintendent (Ahearn)

On motion by David Hanson, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 9 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 Mark D. LaRoach to provide consultant services, as outlined in the attached agreement.

#243-16
Contract for Consultant Services
(LaRoach)

On motion by Linda Daino, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS the Vestal Board of Education appointed Elaine Pilotti as Records Management Officer in accordance with Section 57.19 of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law at their July 7, 2005 meeting and
WHEREAS Elaine Pilotti has retired as of August 31, 2015, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED the Board appoint Stacy Wickham as Records Management Officer (RMO) in accordance with Section 57.19 of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, with an annual stipend of \$7,067.00.

#244-16
Appointment of Records Management Officer (Wickham)

Joe Herringshaw, Kimble Road, Vestal, thanked Mark LaRoach for his many years of services to the District and congratulated Jeff Ahearn on being appointed Interim Superintendent.

#245-16
Voice of the Public

Kim Myers, Southwood Drive, Vestal, complimented Jeff Ahearn and thanked Mark LaRoach for all he has done for the District and students.

Glenna Pitarresi, Main Street, Vestal, joined in congratulating Jeff Ahearn and thanked Mark LaRoach for his leadership and strength.

Mark Browning, Juneberry Road, Vestal, said in his 16 years in education he has worked with 6 superintendents and that Mark LaRoach was a leader among leaders, and experienced communicator, and kept students his priority.

Future Board Meetings:

Tuesday, January 5, 2016; 6:00pm – Special Meeting

Board Conference Room – Administration Building

Tuesday, January 12, 2016; 6:00pm – Regular Meeting

African Road Elementary School

Tuesday, January 26, 2016; 7:00pm – Regular Meeting

Board Conference Room – Administration Building

Tuesday, February 9, 2016; Regular Meeting

Senior High School

On motion by David Hanson, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

#246-16
Future Meetings

#248-16
Adjournment

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Vestal, New York

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EXECUTIVE SESSION #1
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Tony Turnbull

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Mark LaRoach
Asst Superintendent for Finance, Operations & Personnel Jeffrey Ahearn
Asst Superintendent of Instruction Laura Lamash – dismissed 7:20pm

School District Attorney Michael Sherwood
District Clerk Kay Ellis – dismissed 7:20pm

Anne Tristan, Director of Special Education

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

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 9 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 a possible legal matter.

The session was adjourned at 7:35PM.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk