

Vestal Central Schools
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, October 11, 2016

PRESENT:

Rick Bray
Linda Daino
Jerry Etingoff
David Hanson – arrived 6:03pm
John Hroncich
Mario Nunes – ABSENT
Sylvia Place
Michon Stuart
Tony Turnbull – arrived 6:03pm

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn – ABSENT
Asst Superintendent for Instruction Laura Lamash
Interim Asst Superintendent Lorraine Paushter – arrived 6:30pm
School Attorney Michael Sherwood

District Clerk Kay Ellis

About 16 Visitors

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Board President Michon Stuart in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#152-17
Call to Order and Pledge of
Allegiance

Assistant Superintendent Lamash introduced the workshop on the International Baccalaureate (IB) program in the District. Interim Principal Albert Penna spoke on the inception and history of the program, the learner profile and IB mission statement. This program is in 144 countries and there are 77 IB schools in New York State. Sally Lowenstein reviewed the program details and noted that all students are encouraged and welcomed to take IB courses. IB English teacher Jeff Dunham described how the IB instruction is different from traditional classroom instruction. Curriculum Coordinator Patrick Clarke explained the assessment protocol associated with IB courses. IB students Cassie Grossman, Anika Dalvie and Graham Wilcox related to the Board their experiences and opinions of the IB program and the effect this training has had with them.

#153-17
Board Workshop

Chemistry teacher Tracy Suggs was recognized for her recent selection as an outstanding high school chemistry teacher by the American Chemical Society (ACS) and her long time efforts on the Chemistry Magic Show.

Angelo Gallo from Piaker & Lyons reviewed the 2015-16 external audit report. The District received an unmodified opinion, the highest ranking allowed. We were found to be in compliance and there were no material weakness, findings or adjustments.

On motion by David Hanson, second by Sylvia Place, 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 for an update on a legal issue.

#154-17
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 7:47PM.

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the minutes of the meeting September 27, 2016 as written.

#155-17
Minutes from Previous Meeting

None.

#156-17
Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Cassie Grossman reported:

--Varsity football won last week, beating Union Endicott in a very close game.
 --SADD will be sponsoring Red Ribbon Day on Friday, distributing red ribbons to all students and staff. Those ribbons will allow free entry into the football game Friday night.
 --A Club Fair will be held during lunch in the lobby to provide students information and an opportunity to sign up
 --more student government surveys will be conducted to get the students' perspective on issues such as traffic on the parkway, the King Bruin dance

Board President Michon Stuart reported:

--Liaisons: Clayton Avenue had a 100 Book Club over the summer, 76 students participated. Toddler Night out is October 17. Tioga Hills will hold a Fun Walk on October 28 as their main fundraiser. The musical is being planned for November 18 and November 19. The Apalachin Fire Department will teacher fire safety to K-3 students. The 50th anniversary of the TH PTA will be celebrated September 2017. High school guidance is busy meeting with students, going to classrooms and working on college applications. Resource Room teachers are providing direct assistance to students in their classrooms.
 --the Marching Band performed in the Columbus Day parade
 --Girls soccer has won 32 straight games and has had 13 shutouts. Girls cross country won the Stock-Conwick Invitation competition at Arnold Park. For the second straight time the Varsity golf team won the STAC Metro Division Championship. Girls tennis won the STAC Metro Division also.

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn (ABSENT) reported:

--Assistant Superintendent Laura Lamash reported on the Superintendent's Conference Day held last Friday

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Rick Bray, the Board voted 8 to 0 to accept Schedule E – Enrollment (September); Schedule F – Travel & Conference; Schedule I – Transfers and approved Schedule P - Personnel.

#158-17
Acceptance of Schedules E, F and I;
Approval of Schedule P

Under Schedule P the following changes were made:

SCHEDULE IP 1

RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Richter, Angela	Substitute Teacher	10/12/16	
Wickerstein, Julia	Substitute Teacher	10/12/16	

SCHEDULE IP 4

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>CERTIF</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Cicero, Karrie	Elementary	None	MA	10/12/16
Cleary, Brendan	English	None	BA	10/12/16
Conroy, Elise	English	Initial	BA	10/12/16
Miller, Joy	Elementary/Spec Education	Initial	BA	10/12/16
Ryan, Lauren	Science	None	BS	10/12/16

SCHEDULE IP 4B

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find pages 1, 8 and 9 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2016-17 school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position and stipend that is underlined and in bold print. Board Meeting: October 11, 2016

<u>AREA OF APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>AREA/BLDG</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS					

<u>Swimming: Varsity Asst – Girls</u>	<u>Fall Season</u>	<u>\$4024</u>	<u>4/19/16</u>	<u>Tallon, Bobbi-Jo</u>	<u>10/11/16</u>
OTHER					
<u>Science Distribution</u>	<u>African Road</u>	<u>\$1031</u>	<u>5/2/16</u>	<u>Jones, Tanya</u>	<u>10/11/16</u>
<u>Odyssey of the Mind</u>	<u>African Road</u>	<u>\$348</u>	<u>5/2/16</u>	<u>Ciaravino, Susan</u>	<u>10/11/16</u>

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>
Barvinchak, Catherine	Teacher Aide (Monitor)	High School	10/7/16	

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/SCHOOL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Wozniak, Mary Alice	Teacher Aide (Monitor)	Glenwood	6/30/17	

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>
Berlingeri, Mary	Typist PT/S	10/12/16	

SCHEDULE NIP 8C**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL (OTHER)**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREA OF SERVICE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Labosky, Amy	Volunteer	Tioga Hills	10/12/16
MacDonald, Amy	Volunteer	Tioga Hills	10/12/16
Mones, Michelle	Volunteer	Tioga Hills	10/12/16
Nelli, Osee	Volunteer	Tioga Hills	10/12/16
Steele, Rebecca	Volunteer	Tioga Hills	10/12/16

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/SCHOOL</u>	<u>PROB PERIOD</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Bronikowski, Marta	Food Service Helper (3.0 hrs/day)	District	10/12/16-12/26/17	\$4925	52 wk probationary period
Reece, Stacy	Food Service Helper (3.0 hrs/day)	District	10/12/16-12/26/17	\$4925	52 wk probationary period

SCHEDULE NIP 11**CHANGES IN STATUS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Johnson, Kirsten	Typist	Administration	10/28/16	

On motion by David Hanson, second by Rick Bray, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education pursuant to its authority under Section 1709(12) of the Education Law hereby accepts the following gift:

#159-17
Acceptance of Gifts

<u>Description</u>	<u>Approx. Value</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Camera Equipment (bodies, lenses, accessories, bag)	\$500.00	Peter Herman	Vestal Central School District

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 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 Michael McManamon to provide percussion instruction for the All Seasons Sports Band through June 30, 2017, for an amount not to exceed \$475.00.

#160-17
Professional Services Agreement –
McManamon, M.

On motion by Rick Bray, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following:
WHEREAS, the property owners and Town Assessor have requested a correction for real property taxes, the Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of such corrections for the property owners delineated below for the reasons outlined on the attached applications for correction.

#161-17
Tax Roll Corrections

<u>Town</u>	<u>Tax Map #.</u>	<u>Taxes Billed</u>	<u>Actual Tax</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Vestal	158.18-2-36	\$3920.18	\$3251.68	Baroli, Alberto
Vestal	172.07-1-57	\$2548.18	\$1886.67	McFall, Thomas & Patricia

On motion by David Hanson, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the External Audit Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 as submitted by the district’s auditing firm, Piaker and Lyons P.C. and reviewed by the Audit Committee.

#162-17
Acceptance of External Audit
Report for 2015-16

On motion by Rick Bray, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission to approximately 40 7th, 8th and 9th grade Glee Club students for a trip to Hershey Park, Hershey, PA for a music competition on May 13, 2017. There is no cost to the District for this trip.

#163-17
Field Trip Approval – Glee Club To
Hershey, PA

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the grant in the amount of \$750.00 from the Vestal Hills PTA, to provide funding for a Vestal Hills 100 Mile Club.

#164-17
Acceptance of Grant – VH PTA

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following:
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to sign the settlement agreement with respect to the 3020-a charges filed against a particular employee and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the New York State Education Department that the 3020-a charges have been resolved.

#165-17
3020a Charges

None

#166-17
Voice of the Public

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 – Regular Meeting 7:00PM

Board Conference Room – Administration Building

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 – Regular Meeting 6:00PM

Board Conference Room – Administration Building

Tuesday, December 6, 2016; Regular Meeting 6:00PM

Vestal Middle School

#167-17
Future Meetings

*Board Committee Meetings:
Policy Committee – November 14, 2016; 1:00pm Small Conference Room*

On motion by David Hanson, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM

#168-17
Adjournment

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE SESSION #1
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Interim Asst Superintendent Lorraine Paushter
School District Attorney Michael Sherwood
District Clerk Kay Ellis

Anne Tristan, Director of Special Education

Executive Session commenced at 7:16PM in the Small Conference Room of the Administration Building.

Recommendations and annual reviews of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee of 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 Rick Bray, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 8 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 a legal issue.

The session was adjourned at 7:46PM.

Kay Ellis