

Vestal Central Schools  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday December 20, 2016

PRESENT:

Rick Bray  
Linda Daino  
Jerry Etingoff  
David Hanson – arrived 7:04pm  
John Hroncich  
Mario Nunes – ABSENT  
Sylvia Place  
Michon Stuart  
Tony Turnbull – arrived 7:04pm

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 11 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.

#219-17  
Call to Order and Pledge of  
Allegiance

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn immediately into Executive Session to discuss recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education; a contractual matter and an update on a student situation.

#220-17  
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 7:40PM.

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes of the meeting December 6, 2016 as written. Rick Bray abstained from the vote.

#221-17  
Minutes from Previous Meetings

None.

#222-17  
Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Cassie Grossman reported:

--over 700 students attended the King Bruin Dance; proceeds will be donated to Mom's House and CHOW.

--Winter sports are continuing and holiday concerts have been held.

--The student recognition breakfast will be held January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am, 25 students will be honored.

--The Interact Club made a donation to Toys for Tots.

--Student government, Varsity Club and the Lighthouse Committee are working on a joint CHOW drive 1/6/17-1/23/17 and challenging Maine Endwell.

--Talent Fest emcees have been chosen and acts will be auditioning.

#223-17  
Reports

Board President Michon Stuart reported:

--Liaisons: the middle school holiday concert for senior citizens was a great success. At the Vestal Voices performance, alumni (including previous director Dennis Powell) join in to sing the last song. BT School Board Association will have a dinner meeting January 25<sup>th</sup>. Tioga Hills PTA received \$800 from the Box Tops for Education.

--Vestal School Foundation will have a trivia night fundraiser January 27<sup>th</sup>

--every effort will be made to curtail the first executive session to a maximum of 15 minutes, unless there are timely issues that need to be discussed.

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported:

--the course description guide for 2017-18 was reviewed by staff and administrators to ensure the best choices are available for students

On motion by Rick Bray, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 8 to 0 to accept Schedule A – Treasurer Report (November), Schedule B – Year to Date Budget Report (November), Schedule C – Schedule of Bills (November), Schedule E – Enrollment (November) Schedule F – Travel & Schedule F; Schedule I – Transfers and approve Schedule P - Personnel.

#224-17  
Acceptance of Schedules A, B, C, F  
and I; Approval of Schedule P

Under Schedule P the following changes were made:

**SCHEDULE IP 2****RETIREMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Jarvis, Irene	Math Teacher	Academic Area: Math	6/30/17

**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>CERTIF</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Cummings-Turnbull, Cynthia	Social Studies	Permanent	MS	9/1/17

**SCHEDULE IP 4B****TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT**

Attached please find pages 4 and 11 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: December 20, 2016

<u>AREA OF APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>AREA/BLDG</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
INTRAMURALS					
<b><u>High School</u></b>	<b><u>Winter</u></b>	<b><u>\$500</u></b>		<b><u>McKinley, Brian</u></b>	<b><u>12/20/16</u></b>
MUSIC					
<b><u>Colorguard (Winter)</u></b>	<b><u>High School</u></b>			<b><u>Bemis, Erin</u></b>	<b><u>12/20/16</u></b>
<b><u>VOLUNTEER</u></b>					
<b><u>Colorguard (Winter)</u></b>	<b><u>High School</u></b>			<b><u>Merges, Molly</u></b>	<b><u>12/20/16</u></b>
<b><u>VOLUNTEER</u></b>					

**SCHEDULE IP 6****TENURE APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>CERTIF</u>	<u>PROB PERIOD</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Quinn, Tierney	Math Teacher	Academic Area: Math	Initial	3/17/14-3/16/17	3/17/17	
Trowbridge, Robert	Special Education Teacher	Special Subject Area: General Spec Education	Professional	3/13/15-3/12/17	3/13/17	Previous NYS tenure

**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>
Lenga, Alanna	Physical Education Teacher	Special Subject Area: Physical Education	1/3/17-3/3/17	Family responsibilities

**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>
Carey, Cody James	Bus Driver	Transportation	12/21/16	To accept Cleaner, 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift position
Hill, Pamela	Bus Driver	Transportation	12/21/16	To accept Cleaner, 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift position

**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>
Goodrich, Shirley	Teacher Aide	Middle School	6/30/17	

**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>
Carey, Cody James	Cleaner	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift/ High School	12/21/16-12/20/17	\$24,759	52 week probation period
Hill, Pamela	Cleaner	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift/ High School	12/21/16-12/20/17	\$24,097	52 week 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>
Goodrich, Shirley	Teacher Aide PT/S	9/1/17	

**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 PERIOD</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Dennis, Jean	Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT (4 hr/day)	Tioga Hills	12/21/16-3/20/18	\$7699	52 week probation 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>
Bynes, Mary Ann	Teacher Aide (Monitor)	Glenwood	Change retirement date from 3/17/17 to 1/7/17	
Hamar, Laurie	Bus Driver PT/S	Transportation	To: Bus Driver	12/12/16

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

Ackley, Kathleen	Senior Typist	Administration		1/4/17
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On motion by David Hanson, second by Linda Daino, 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 a contract with Teresa Battestin to provide costume design services for the 2016-17 Vestal Middle School musical production in an amount not to exceed \$1000.00, per the terms of the attached agreement. This is a budgeted expense.

#225-17  
PSA – Battestin, Teresa

On motion by Rick Bray, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following:  
 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission to approximately 14 music students for a trip to the Northern Highlands Regional High School for the International Championship of High School A Cappella quarterfinal competition Saturday, January 21, 2017.

#226-17  
 Field Trip – Music Students to Allendale, NJ

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by John Hroncich, 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 enter into a lease agreement for a period of one year with The Dance Shoppe for the rental of space in the former Central Junior High School in accordance with said agreement effective February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018.

#227-17  
 Lease Renewal – The Dance Shoppe

On motion by Rick Bray, second by Sylvia Place, 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:

#228-17  
 Donation for Odyssey of the Mind (Knoll-MacDonald)

Description	Approx. Value	Donor	Recipient
Cash Donation for Odyssey of the Mind	\$350.00	Knoll-MacDonald Foundation	Vestal Central School District

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following:  
 RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law 2034(6), after six months without challenge to the election, the Board of Education orders the District Clerk to open the ballot boxes from the annual meeting of May 17, 2016 and destroy all the ballots therein after December 17, 2016.

#229-17  
 Opening of Ballot Boxes

On motion by Rick Bray, second by Tony Turnbull, 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 a contract with Postler & Jaeckle Corp for mechanical construction for the 2016 Small Capital Project – Clayton Avenue Boiler Replacement, per the attached contract.

#230-17  
 Contract with Postler & Jaeckle – SCP Clayton Avenue Boiler

On motion by John Hroncich, second by Jerry Etingoff, the Board voted 6 to 2 to approve the following:  
 Upon consultation with legal counsel, and upon review of the last chance agreement signed by a particular personnel member in lieu of 3020-a charges, the Superintendent recommends that the particular personnel member be terminated for breach of the last chance agreement, the Board hereby terminates the particular personnel member effective immediately.  
 Rick Bray, Linda Daino, Jerry Etingoff, David Hanson, John Hroncich, Michon Stuart voted for this resolution. Sylvia Place and Tony Turnbull voted against this resolution.

#231-17  
 Termination of Staff Member

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following:  
 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the 2017-18 Vestal Senior High Course Handbook as previously reviewed.

#232-17  
 2017-18 High School Course Handbook

After a second review and on motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Rick Bray, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following policies:  
 #5680 Safety and Security/School Safety Plans/Crisis Response (REVISED)  
 #6115 Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct (NEW)  
 #6410 Use of Email in the School District (REVISED)  
 #6411 Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources (REVISED)  
 #7132 Non-Resident Students (REVISED)  
 #7315 Student Use of Computerized Information Resources (REVISED)

#233-17  
 Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Review

None.

#234-17  
Voice of the Public

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

#235-17  
Future Meetings

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017 – Regular Meeting 6:00PM**

*Clayton Avenue Elementary School - auditorium*

**Tuesday, January 24, 2017 – Regular Meeting 7:00PM**

Board Conference Room – Administration Building

**Tuesday, February 1, 2017 – Regular Meeting 6:00PM**

*Tioga Hills Elementary School - cafeteria*

**Tuesday, February 14, 2017 – Regular Meeting 7:00PM**

Board Conference Room – Administration Building

*Board Committee Meetings:*

*Audit Committee 1/24/17 5:30pm Small Conference Room*

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

#236-17  
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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District Clerk Kay Ellis  
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel  
Rosalie Sullivan, Assistant Director of Special Education

Executive Session commenced at 7:01PM 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 Jerry Etingoff, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 6 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 a student situation and a contractual issue.

The session was adjourned at 7:37PM.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk