

Vestal Central Schools
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

PRESENT:

Rick Bray
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 – ABSENT
School Attorney Michael Sherwood – left 8:10pm
District Clerk Kay Ellis
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel

About 22 Visitors

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Board President Michon Stuart in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#164-18
Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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; a legal issue.

#165-18
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 7:26pm.

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting October 10, 2017 as written.

#166-18
Minutes from Previous Meeting

Charlie Lauth, address unknown, requested clarification on the resolution regarding the corrective action plan for the extraclassroom audit.

#167-18
Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representative reported:

--Golden Circle of Bands was held; Marching Band came in 2nd and earned their highest score in history. Vestal Voices cabaret will be November 6th at 7pm. Audition and call backs for the musical production will be the first 2 weeks of November.
--Varsity football held their Senior's Night last week; volleyball Senior Night is tonight and sectionals begin in November. Cheerleading went to the STAC competition.
--King Bruin Dance will be December 9th, the theme will be announced. A winter blood drive is being planned.
--YES! Leads and SADD members distributed Red Ribbons to elementary students. --
--The German exchange students arrived Sunday, will be here 2 weeks; the French students will be here 11/1 for one week.
--Pink Out Day was today to promote breast cancer awareness.

#168-18
Reports

Board President Michon Stuart reported:

--Liaisons: African Road held an AIS parent information night on October 18; a puppet show focused on kindness and friendship. A blood drive is planned for October 25; a Veterans Day assembly will be November 8th. November 15th will be a Turkey Trot. Glenwood will have Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad. Their talent show will be Thursday in the African Road auditorium; featuring over 40 acts.
--NYSSBA convention reports: Over 3000 attended; a lot of various workshops were held. Topics included technology upgrades, dealing with student trauma, education in

a diverse community and transgender students. Vendor demonstration included 'bulletproof' glass. Other workshops attended were board evaluations, analyzing student performance data, rethinking student discipline and Board professional development. Many Board members were impressed with Commissioner MaryEllen Elia' comments.

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported:

- School Board Recognition week is 10/23/17-10/27/17
- Vestal Hills received an Award School grant; the monies will be used for professional development
- New Master Teacher is Jamie Hurlburt, 7th grade science teacher
- SUNY Broome Fast Forward program has increased over the years
- Corrective action plan in response to the extraclassroom audit will address the 3 findings; this will be an audit item for next year
- Transportation Alternative Program is a safety initiative for 434/Clayton Avenue signage, sidewalks, etc. The Town of Vestal asks for a letter of intent to split the costs over the amount of the grant (\$525,000). No Board action at this time.

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 to 0 accept Schedule A – Treasurer’s Report September 2017, Schedule B – Year-to-Date Budget Report September 2017, Schedule C – Schedule of Bills September 2017; and approve Schedule P - Personnel.

#169-18
Acceptance of Schedules A,B,C;
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> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Severance, Kelly | Substitute Teacher | | 10/16/17 | Other employment |

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> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Merrell-Lee, Debra | Elementary | None | BA | 10/25/17 | |
| Wilson Yao, Suzanne | School Counselor | Provisional | MS | TBD | |

SCHEDULE IP 4B

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find page 2, 6, 9 and 12 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: October 24, 2017

| <u>AREA OF APPOINTMENT</u> | <u>AREA/BLDG</u> | <u>STIPEND</u> | <u>POSTED</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>APPROVED</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| INDERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS | | | | | |
| <u>Indoor Track-VOLUNTEER</u> | <u>Winter Season</u> | | | <u>Miller, Joshua</u> | <u>10/24/17</u> |
| ADVISORS | | | | | |
| <u>German Club</u> | <u>High School</u> | <u>TBD</u> | <u>5/23/17</u> | <u>White, Steven</u> | <u>10/24/17</u> |
| <u>Mathletes</u> | <u>High School</u> | <u>TBD</u> | <u>5/23/17</u> | <u>Jeremko, Catherine</u> | <u>10/24/17</u> |
| OTHER | | | | | |
| <u>Odyssey of the Mind</u> | <u>Vestal Hills</u> | <u>TBD</u> | <u>5/23/17</u> | <u>Adams, Robyn</u> | <u>10/24/17</u> |
| <u>Odyssey of the Mind</u> | <u>High School</u> | <u>TBD</u> | <u>5/23/17</u> | <u>Chantry, Denelle</u> | <u>10/24/17</u> |
| MUSIC | | | | | |
| <u>Concert in the Mall</u> | <u>High School</u> | <u>TBD</u> | <u>5/23/17</u> | <u>Kiley, Austin*</u> | <u>10/24/17</u> |

***CANCEL**

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>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> | <u>REASON</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| Cirbus, Teresa | Elementary Teacher | Elementary | Revised leave of absence dates from 10/16/17-11/10/17 to 10/30/17-11/10/17 | Family responsibilities |
| Rivera, Valerie | Special Education Teacher | Special Subject Area: Gen Spec Educ | 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> |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Wilson Yao, Suzanne | Teacher Aide | African Road | TBD | Pending effective start date for long-term substitute School Counselor position |

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

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

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Allis, Candy | Teacher Aide PT/S | 10/25/17 | |

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/SCHOOL</u> | <u>PROBATION PERIOD</u> | <u>SALARY</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Hutchings, Denise | Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT (4 hrs/day) | African Road | 10/25/17-1/15/19 | \$7927 | 52 wk probation period |

SCHEDULE NIP 11**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> |
|--|---|-------------------|--|------------------|----------------------------|
| Goamaa, Tayseer | Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT | African Road | To: Teacher Adie PT/S District | 11/15/17 | |
| Murdock, Tracy | Food Service Helper (3.5 hrs/day) | Tioga Hills | Revised leave of absence dates from 9/19/17- 10/20/17 to 9/19/17-12/4/17 | | Family responsibilities |
| Pizzuti, Joseph | Bus Attendant PT/S | Transportation | To: Bus Attendant | 10/25/17 | |
| The following employees have achieved satisfactory completion of District probationary period: | | | | | |
| Braun, Andrea | Typist | High School | | 11/15/17 | |

On motion by David Hanson, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following:
WHEREAS, the External Auditor 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 prepare a corrective action plan within 90 days of receipt of that report, it is therefore

#170-18
Corrective Action Plan –
Extraclassroom Activity Funds
Audit 2016-17

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Corrective Action Plan for Extracurricular Classroom Funds, as attached, to be submitted to the State Education Department.

On motion by Rick Bray, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following:

WHEREAS, a request for an impartial hearing has been made, and
 WHEREAS, Paul T. Bumbalo is the next available person from the School District's rotational hearing officer list,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Paul T. Bumbalo is appointed Hearing Officer in regard to a pending request for a hearing and is requested to issue a decision within the appropriate time period of the law and regulations.

#171-18
 Appointment of Impartial
 Hearing Officer
 (Bumbalo, Paul T.)

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Rick Bray, the Board voted 7 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 correction for the property owners delineated below for the reasons outlined on the attached applications for correction.

| Town | Tax Map #. | Taxes Billed | Actual Tax | Owner |
|--------|-------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Vestal | 159.19-1-26 | \$3,161.18 | \$2,481.59 | Chalson, Jerome and Dorla |

#172-18
 Correction of Tax Rolls
 (Chalson)

David Hanson abstained from the vote

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 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 11/1/17 through 12/31/17.

#173-18
 Meat and Cheese Bid
 11/1/17-12/31/17

On motion by David Hanson, second by Rick Bray, 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 contracts with those listed below to provide accompanists' services, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreements, through June 30, 2018.

- Jean Henssler Staff Accompanist (Secondary)
- Brenda Yeier Staff Accompanist (Secondary)

#174-18
 PSA – Staff Accompanist (2)
 Henssler, Yeier

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Rick Bray, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission to approximately 34 Glee Club students for a trip to Hershey Park, Hershey, PA for a music competition on May 12, 2018. There is no cost to the District for this trip.

#175-18
 Extended Field Trip – Glee Club
 to Hershey, PA

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint Thomas Comerford III as the Records Access Officer (RAO).

#176-18
 Management Appointment:
 Records Access Officer
 (Comerford)

On motion by David Hanson, 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 a contract with those listed below to provide a service as indicated for the Senior High School musical, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement, through June 30, 2018.

- Corey Konnick Prop Master

#177-18
 PSA – SH Musical Support
 2017-18
 Propmaster (Konnick)

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, 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 the Memorandum of Agreement with Broome Community College to provide the Fast Forward program to qualified students during the 2017-18 school year, per attached.

#178-18
SUNY Broome – Fast Forward
Program 2017-18

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education gives permission for one Varsity tennis athlete to go to Latham, NY for the NYSPHAA Tennis Championship October 27-30, 2017. There is no cost to the District for this trip.

#179-18
Extended Field Trip – Varsity
Tennis to Latham, NY

None.

Voice of the Public

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Tuesday, November 14, 2017; 6:00pm, Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room – Administration Building

#180-18
Future Meetings

Tuesday, December 5, 2017; 6:00pm, Regular Meeting
African Road Elementary School

***Tuesday, December 12, 2017 – Special School District Meeting
2018 Capital Improvement Project Vote 10:00am-8:00pm***

Tuesday, December 19, 2017; 7:00pm, Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room, Administration Building

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

#181-18
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Vestal, New York

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EXECUTIVE SESSION #1
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John Hroncich – ABSENT
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Tony Turnbull

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn
Interim Asst Superintendent Lorraine Paushter – ABSENT
Asst Superintendent of Instruction Laura Lamash
School District Attorney Michael Sherwood
District Clerk Kay Ellis
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel
Rosalie Sullivan, Director of Special Education – left 7:11pm

Executive Session commenced at 7:02pm 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 Rick Bray, 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 legal issues/negotiations.

The session was adjourned at 7:26pm.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk