

Vestal Central Schools  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, December 19, 2017

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn  
Interim Asst Superintendent Lorraine Paushter  
Asst Superintendent for Instruction Laura Lamash – ABSENT  
School Attorney Michael Sherwood  
District Clerk Kay Ellis  
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel  
  
About 28+ Visitors

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Board President Michon Stuart in the Upper Conference Room of the Administration Building.

#226-18  
Call to Order

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn immediately into executive session to discuss an appeal to a Superintendent's decision.

#227-18  
Executive Session

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 9 to 0 to exit executive session. The Board returned to open session at 7:00pm.

#228-18  
Return to Open Session

The regular 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.

#229-18  
Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Members of the boys' varsity soccer team were welcomed. This season their record was 20-0; winning the sectional, regional and state competition. The captains and team members were introduced and congratulated along with Coach Barr.

Student Recognition

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Rick Bray, 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.

#230-18  
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 7:19pm.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting December 5, 2017 and the Special School District Meeting December 12, 2017 as written. Rick Bray abstained from the vote.

#231-18  
Minutes from Previous Meetings

None.

#232-18  
Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representative reported:

--Band, Orchestra and Vestal Voices all performed winter concerts; vocal groups will be fundraising at Barnes & Noble  
--Boys varsity basketball lost the game to Maine-Endwell; but we won the Toys for Tots challenge. A total of 1304 toys were donated.  
--A CHOW drive challenge will be coming up  
--the King Bruin dance was a huge success; \$1000 was donated to the Special Olympics  
--this week is a hallway decorated contest  
--Varsity Club and Vestal Voices will visit Castle Gardens senior home

#233-18  
Reports

Board President Michon Stuart reported:

--Liaisons: the Middle School performed a concert for senior citizens; it was very well done; the student government conference was very successful. They also held a women's suffrage and awards assembly. African Road uses the IB Learner Profile for character education. Dollars for Scholars held a Barnes & Noble fundraiser and will be having a phone-a-thon in January  
 --the Board will have a team compete in the Vestal School Foundation trivia contest

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported:

--All were thanked for their support for the recent successful vote for the capital project; the design phase is next.

On motion by Rick Bray, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 9 to 0 accept Schedule A Treasurer's Report (November 2017), Schedule B Year-to-Date Budget Report (November 2017); Schedule C Schedule of Bills (November 2017); Schedule F Travel & Conference; and approve Schedule P – Personnel with the exception of Schedule IP 8.

#234-18  
 Acceptance of Schedules A, B, C, and F;  
 Approval of Schedule P (with the exception of Schedule IP 8)

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>
DeAngelo, Joyce	Substitute Teacher		12/4/17	

**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>
Hendrix, Marcy	Deaf & Hearing Teacher	Special Subject Area: Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions - Education of Deaf Children	6/30/18

**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>
Franza, Brandon	Spanish	None	BA	12/20/17	
Hendrix, Marcy	Deaf & Hearing	Permanent	MA	9/1/18	
Jones, Alexander	Physical Education	None	BS	12/20/17	
Kavulich, Kimberly	Elementary	None	MAT	12/20/17	
Pacheco, Jennifer	English	Professional	MAT	12/20/17	

**SCHEDULE IP 4B**

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT**

Attached please find page 2 and 10 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: December 19, 2017

<u>AREA OF APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>AREA/BLDG</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<b>INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS</b>					
<b><u>Varsity Swimming B – Asst</u></b>	<b><u>Winter Season</u></b>	<b><u>\$1207</u></b>	<b><u>9/11/17</u></b>	<b><u>Rostedt, Sara</u></b>	<b><u>12/19/17</u></b>
<b>MUSIC</b>					
<b><u>Musical Support Position:</u></b>	<b><u>Middle School</u></b>	<b><u>\$2500</u></b>	<b><u>5/23/17</u></b>	<b><u>Duffy, Christopher</u></b>	<b><u>12/19/17</u></b>
<b><u>Set Design</u></b>					

**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>
Lewis, Michelle	Senior Typist	High School	1/3/18	To accept Secretary to District Superintendent position

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

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>PROBATION PERIOD</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Buttner, Wendy	Senior Typist	Facilities & Operations	12/27/17-12/26/18	\$27,345	52 wk probationary period
Keener, Brian	Cleaner	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift, High School	1/2/18-1/1/19	\$24,593	52 wk probationary period
Wendell, Thomas	Cleaner	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift, High School	1/2/18-1/1/19	\$24,593	52 wk probationary period

**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>
Ehrhardt, Elizabeth	Teacher Aide PT/S	9/1/18	
McGuire, Melody	Bus Attendant PT/S	12/20/17	

**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>AREA OF SERVICE</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Felton, Jalisa	Typist PT	Middle School	1/2/18-3/19/19	\$10,223	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>
Thrasher, George	Bus Attendant DIT	Transportation	To Bus Driver PT/S	12/20/17	

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

Harvey, Nancy	0.5 Teacher Aide	Clayton Avenue	12/13/17
Hill, Pamela	Cleaner	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift, Glenwood	12/21/17
Reece, Stacy	Food Service Helper (4 hr/day)	Middle School	12/27/17
Zimmerman, Laurie	Teacher Aide	Clayton Avenue	12/26/17

On motion by Rick Bray, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 7 to 2 to approve the following schedule:

#235-18  
Approval of Personnel Schedule  
IP 8

**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>EFFEFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Ahearn, Jeffrey	Superintendent of Schools		\$4950 Salary Adjustment	7/1/17	In accordance with instructions from the President of the Board of Education

A roll call vote was taken for this resolution: Rick Bray, Linda Daino, Jerry Etingoff, David Hanson, John Hroncich, Mario Nunes, Michon Stuart voted yes; Sylvia Place and Tony Turnbull voted no.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education amend resolution 5.5-14, Medicare Benefits, to read as follows:

The Vestal Central School District will reimburse the cost of Medicare benefits to qualified retirees at the following rates:

a. Eligible individuals who have their retirement accepted by the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District prior to July 1, 1988 will receive reimbursement for Medicare part B costs not to exceed \$104.90 per month, per retiree and per eligible spouse, through and including December 31, 2017.

b. Eligible individuals who have had their retirement accepted by the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District after July 1, 1988 will receive reimbursement for Medicare part B costs not to exceed \$24.80 per month, per retiree and per eligible spouse, through and including December 31, 2017.

On motion by Rick Bray, second by John Hroncich, 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 professional services agreement with Danielle Meissner to provide Wellness Committee sponsored yoga classes for regular District employees, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement, through June 30, 2018.

On motion by David Hanson, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Vestal Central School District Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement with the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Education Services for the energy services in accordance with the terms of the agreement attached (full text of resolution attached).

On motion by David Hanson, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in accordance with a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District of the Towns of Vestal and Binghamton, Broome County, New York and Town of Owego, Tioga County, New York, the special school district meeting of the qualified voters of the said School District was duly held and conducted on December 12, 2017 for the purpose of voting on a proposition contained in the notice of said special school district meeting; and WHEREAS, pursuant to paragraph c of subdivision 7 of Section 2034 of the Education Law, the inspectors of elections in each of the election districts have duly made a written report of the results of the voting at said special school district meeting; and

WHEREAS the chief inspector of each election district has duly filed such written reports with the Clerk of said School District, which reports have been duly presented to said Board of Education;

#236-18  
Amendment of Resolution 5.5-14, Medicare Benefits

#237-18  
Professional Services Agreement – Meissner, Danielle

#238-18  
Agreement – OCM BOCES Energy Services

#239-18  
Re-Certification of Vote Results, Special School District Meeting December 12, 2007

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District of the Towns of Vestal and Binghamton, Broome County, New York and Town of Owego, Tioga County, New York as follows:

Section 1. Upon an examination of the reports of the inspectors of election presented to this Board of Education, as described in preambles hereof, the attached is hereby declared to be the result of the voting on said proposition submitted at the special school district meeting of the qualified voters of Vestal Central School District held on December 12, 2017.

Section 2. In accordance with the attached tabulation of the vote at said special school district meeting, it is hereby determined and declared that:

Proposition No. 1 was approved

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Jerry Etingoff, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission to approximately 18 high school music students for a trip to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to compete in the International Championship of High School A Cappella on Friday, January 26, 2018. There is no cost to the District for this trip.

#240-18  
Extended Field Trip –  
A Cappella Students to Troy, NY

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by David Hanson, 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 contracts with those listed below to provide services as indicated for the Vestal Middle School musical, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreements, through June 30, 2018.

#241-18  
Professional Services  
Agreement – VMS Musical  
Support

Teresa Battestin                      Costumer  
Sunshower Productions      Sound Design  
(Stephen Samsonik)

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Rick Bray, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a grant of \$16,293.017 from the Vestal School Foundation, Inc., to fund expenditures for 2017-18.

#242-18  
Acceptance of Grant Funds –  
Vestal School Foundation 17-18

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 established 2017-18 petty cash accounts and persons noted as signatories for said accounts at their July 11, 2017 meeting and WHEREAS Elizabeth Engle was named the signatory for the petty cash account established for Administration and intends to retire as of January 3, 2018, therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the signatory for the petty cash for Administration shall be Michelle Lewis as of January 4, 2018.

#243-18  
Petty Cash Signatory Change –  
Administration Building

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the attached unit cost methodology is hereby approved for shared services with the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the 2018-19 school year.

#244-18  
BOCES 2018-19; Unit Cost  
Methodology

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by David Hanson, 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 an agreement with Binghamton University Psychological Clinic for an independent evaluation of a special education student in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement.

#245-18  
Agreement with Binghamton  
University Psychological Clinic –  
student evaluation

On motion by Linda Daino, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

#246-18

Upon the recommendation of legal counsel and the Superintendent, the Board hereby authorizes settlement of the request for due process in a special education matter and authorizes the Board President or Vice-President to sign the settlement agreement.

Special Education Settlement Agreement

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of Corrective Action Plan in response to the Internal Risk Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, from the Board of Education's Audit Committee.

#247-18  
2016-17 Internal Risk Assessment-Corrective Action Plan

After second reading and on motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following policies:  
Policy 3420 Notice of Non-Discrimination (revised) and Policy 8212 Fire Drill, Bomb Threat and Bus Emergency Drills (revised)

#248-18  
Second Reading – Policies 3420, 8212

Roxanna Fitzgerald, Vestal, NY, told the Board of gesture of kindness made the by the African Road complex custodial staff that was greatly appreciated by the building staff.

Voice of the Public

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

#249-18  
Future Meetings

Tuesday, January 9, 2018; 6:00pm, Regular Meeting  
**Glenwood Elementary School**

Tuesday, January 23, 2018; 7:00pm, Regular Meeting  
Board Conference Room, Administration Building

Tuesday, February 13, 2018; 6:00pm, Regular Meeting  
**Clayton Avenue Elementary School**

Tuesday, February 27, 2018; 7:00pm, Regular Meeting  
Board Conference Room, Administration Building

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Rick Bray, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn immediately into executive session.

#250-18  
Executive Session

On motion by Rick Bray, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 9 to 0 to exit executive session immediately. The Board returned to open session at 9:20pm

#251-18  
Return to Open Session

On motion by Rick Bray, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 2 to approve the following resolution:  
The Vestal Board of Education, having met in Executive Session in relation to an appeal of the decision of the Superintendent regarding the suspension of a student and after hearing representatives of the student, and each Board member having reviewed the record, including the transcripts, and after deliberation hereby RESOLVE that the findings of the Superintendent and assessment of punishment are hereby upheld, with the additional understanding that the Contract of Conduct to be offered to the student will provide for supplemental support to him.

#252-18  
Appeal of Superintendent's Suspension

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

#253-18  
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOLS  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE SESSION #1  
Tuesday, December 19, 2017

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn – left 6:15pm

District Clerk Kay Ellis – dismissed 6:26pm  
Wendy DeWind, Esq. – dismissed 6:26pm

About 3 visitors

The Board heard an appeal to a Superintendent's suspension. The Board deliberated and came to consensus to continue the discussion in executive session at the end of the regular meeting.

Appeal to Superintendent  
Suspension

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 9 to 0 to exit executive session. The Board returned to open session at 7:00pm.

Return to Open Session

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOLS  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE SESSION #2  
Tuesday, December 19, 2017

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn  
Interim Asst Superintendent Lorraine Paushter  
Asst Superintendent of Instruction Laura Lamash – ABSENT  
School District Attorney Michael Sherwood  
District Clerk Kay Ellis  
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel  
Rosalie Sullivan, Director of Special Education – left 7:16pm

Executive Session commenced at 7:14pm 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 Sylvia Place, second by Jerry Etingoff, the Board voted 9 to 0 to accept the recommendations the Committee on special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for all students considered.

The session was adjourned at 7:16pm.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk



VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOLS  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE SESSION #3  
Tuesday, December 19, 2017

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn

District Clerk Kay Ellis

Executive Session commenced at 8:50pm in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building.

The Board continue the discussion and deliberation of an appeal to a Superintendent's suspension.

On motion by Rick Bray, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 9 to 0 to exit executive session. The Board returned to open session at 9:20pm.

Deliberation of Appeal to  
Superintendent's  
Suspension

Return to Open Session

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk