

Vestal Central Schools  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn  
Asst Superintendent for Instruction Laura Lamash  
Interim Asst Superintendent Lorraine Paushter  
School Attorney Michael Sherwood – ABSENT  
District Clerk Kay Ellis  
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel  
  
About 54 Visitors

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

#122-18  
Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

On motion by Rick Bray, 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.

#123-18  
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 7:25PM.

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting September 12, 2017 as written. Tony Turnbull and Sylvia Place abstained from the vote.

#124-18  
Minutes from Previous Meetings

None.

#125-18  
Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representatives reported:

--Marching Band has attended two competitions, coming in first and second. The Circle of Bands will be held in October. Vestal Voices is sponsoring a pancake breakfast this Saturday; they have started an all-male group called Bearitones.  
--Fall sports are continuing; girls volleyball competed last weekend, varsity football beat Johnson City last weekend. Plans are continuing for Homecoming events, including Spirit Week and tailgating. The mentor program is going well. PSAT tests for juniors will be in October. National merit scholars are Teresa Deskur, Will Hirschi, Kelsey Horn, Kate Labonsky and Dana Sullivan. Student clubs have started up and a club fair will be held. The new student government advisor is Kalini Naslund.

#126-18  
Reports

Board President Michon Stuart reported:

--Liaisons: VH faculty meeting was conducted very well, Sarah Evans presented some computer training. District Council held their first meeting, all school were represented. Several Board members commented on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at Tioga Hills held last weekend. It was very well organized and a great event. Representatives from the Town of Vestal were in attendance. The new banner was hung on Clayton Avenue for the first day of school; their opening went well.  
--Marching Band has moved up a class in competitions  
--NYSSBA Conference is coming up in October in Lake Placid

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported:

--High School Principal Cliff Kasson introduced Dawn Young, who will be the new assistant principal at the high school starting October 30, 2017  
 --the District has successfully completed contract negotiations with Substitutes United in Broome (SUB); the contract will run through June 30, 2019.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Rick Bray, the Board voted 8 to 0 accept Schedule A Treasurer's Report (August), Schedule B Year-to-Date Budget Report (August), Schedule C Schedule of Bills (August), Schedule F Travel & Conference; and approve Schedule P - Personnel.

#127-18  
 Acceptance of Schedules A, B, C, F; Approval of Schedule P

Under Schedule P the following changes were made:

**SCHEDULE IP 3****PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>CERTIF</u>	<u>PROBATION PERIOD</u>	<u>TENURE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Young, Dawn	Assistant Principal	Administrative Area: Assistant Principal	Initial	10/30/17-10/29/21	10/30/21	\$87,000	

**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>
Mones, Michelle	Elementary	Permanent	MSED	9/27/17	

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

Attached please find page 4, 8, 9 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: September 26, 2017

<u>AREA OF APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>AREA/BLDG</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<b>Elementary</b>	<b>Fall</b>		<b>TBD</b>	<b>Daglio, Steven</b>	<b>9/27/17</b>
<b>Elementary</b>	<b>Fall</b>		<b>TBD</b>	<b>Novotny, Jennifer</b>	<b>9/27/17</b>
OTHER					
<b>Bus Supervision – Late</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>5/23/17</b>	<b>McAllister, Lisaann (co)</b>	<b>9/27/17</b>
<b>Bus Supervision – Late</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>5/23/17</b>	<b>Martino, Rebecca (co)</b>	<b>9/27/17</b>
<b>Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator</b>	<b>K-12</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>5/23/17</b>	<b>Minde, Katelyn (co)</b>	<b>9/27/17</b>
<b>Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator</b>	<b>K-12</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>5/23/17</b>	<b>Murphy, Benjamin (co)</b>	<b>9/27/17</b>
MUSIC					
<b>Musical Director</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>\$4185</b>	<b>5/23/17</b>	<b>Kiley, Austin</b>	<b>9/27/17</b>
<b>Musical Support: Set/Sound Design</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>\$2600</b>	<b>5/23/17</b>	<b>Duffy, Christopher</b>	<b>9/27/17</b>
<b>Musical Support: Stage Manager/Production Assistant</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>5/23/17</b>	<b>Gaylord, Barbara</b>	<b>9/27/17</b>
<b>Musical Support: Ticket Sales</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>\$396</b>	<b>5/23/17</b>	<b>Harris, Gregory</b>	<b>9/27/17</b>

**SCHEDULE IP 6****TENURE APPOINTMENT: 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>PROBATION PERIOD</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
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Laramee, Elaine	Music Teacher	Special Subject Area: Music	Initial Extension	12/1/14-11/30/17	12/1/17
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**SCHEDULE IP 7****LEAVE OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Cirbus, Teresa	Elementary Teacher	Elementary	10/16/17-11/10/17	Family responsibilities

**SCHEDULE IP 8****CHANGES IN STATUS: INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Minde, Katelyn	Science Teacher	Academic Area: Science	Change probation period from 9/1/17-6/30/21 to 9/1/17-6/30/20	Previous NYS Tenure
Worsnoop, William	Spanish Teacher	Academic Area: Foreign Language	Change probation period from 9/1/17-6/30/21 to 9/1/17-6/30/20	Previous NYS Tenure

**SCHEDULE NIP 3****PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Rice, Vita	Senior Typist	Facilities & Operations	9/18/17	\$27,745	Pending Civil Service exam results

**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>
Wahl, Rick	Bus Attendant (DIT)	Transportation	9/27/17-10/9/18	\$9.70/hr	52 wk probation period

**SCHEDULE NIP 10****LEAVE OF ABSENCE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Horn, Melinda	Teacher Aide	Clayton Avenue	12/21/17-1/2/18	
Murdock, Tracy	Food Service Helper (3.5 hr/day)	Tioga Hills	9/19/17-10/20/17	Family responsibilities
Rice, Vita	Teacher Aide	Glenwood	9/18/17-9/17/18	Concurrent with provisional appointment to Senior Typist

**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>
Tom, Kiana	Bus Attendant	Transportation	To Bus Attendant PT/S	8/31/17	
The following employees have achieved satisfactory completion of district probationary period:					
Bechtel, Matthew	School Business Executive	Administration		10/24/17	
Gana, James	Assistant Director of School Facilities & Operations	Facilities & Operations		11/1/17	
Gregson, Carol	Bus Attendant	Transportation		10/4/17	
Gregson, Paul	Bus Attendant	Transportation		10/4/17	

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following;  
 RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Director of Facilities & Operations, declare the equipment from Clayton Avenue, Glenwood Elementary, Central Junior and the High School listed on the attachments as obsolete and authorize the disposition of these items in accordance with Board Policy 5250.

#128-18  
 Declaration of Obsolete Equipment (Clayton Ave, Glenwood, Central Junior, High School )

On motion by David Hanson, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following;  
 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the following grants from the Vestal Hills PTA; \$218.22 for paints; \$168.17 for story garden; \$930.00 for 100 Mile Club.

#129-18  
 Acceptance of Grants – Vestal Hills PTA (3)

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 President or Vice-President is authorized to sign the agreement with the Town of Vestal for the services of the School Resource Officer the 2017-18 school year, for an amount not to exceed \$52,088.00; per the attached agreement.

#130-18  
 Contract with Town of Vestal – School Resource Officer (SRO) 2017-18

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 the Vestal Cross Country team for an overnight trip to attend the McQuaid Invitational in Rochester, NY from September 29, 2017 to September 30, 2017. There is no cost to the district for this trip.

#131-18  
 Extended Field Trip – Cross Country to Rochester, NY

On motion by David Hanson, 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 sign an agreement with the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia to provide instructional services to a Ross Corners student admitted to that facility 9/8/17 for approximately 2 weeks, at a rate of \$55.19/hour, per the attached documentation.

#132-18  
 Agreement with Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (student services)

On motion by Rick Bray, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 6 to 1 to approve the following;  
 COMMENTS: Prior to the vote Tony Turnbull expressed concerns about authorizing a capital project expenditure before the negotiations for the VTA contact have been finalized. David Hanson commented that if the work isn’t done now it will increase the costs down the road.

#133-18  
 2018 Capital Improvement Project:  
 Authorization of Project

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York approve the 2018 Capital Improvement Project to reconstruct various School District facilities, playgrounds and buildings, including site improvement, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, related demolition of existing facilities and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$34,760,000 and that \$8,675,000 Capital Reserve Fund monies, and any interest therein shall be used to pay a portion thereof, and that \$26,085,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

Tony Turnbull voted against the resolution. Sylvia Place abstained from the vote.

On motion by Linda Daino, 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 sign contracts with those listed below to provide services as indicated for

#134-18  
 Professional Services Agreements: SH Musical

the Senior High School musical, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreements, through June 30, 2018.

Ernest Backus	Pit Director
Ernest Backus	Accompanist
Kathleen Kreidler	Costumer

Support (Pit Director, Accompanist, Costumer)

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following;

#135-18  
Agreement with Jostens  
2017-2020

RESOLVED that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement with Jostens to provide products as outlined in the attached document, through June 30, 2020.

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following;

#136-18  
Tax Roll Corrections 2017-18 (2)

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 #.	Billed	Taxes Tax	Actual Owner
Vestal	206.09-1-28	\$4,762.52	\$4,082.93	Kelley, Dennis P.
Vestal	173.37-1-43	\$624.70	\$0	Riley, Anne M.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following;

#137-18  
Implementation of Agreement  
with Substitutes United in  
Broome ( SUB)

RESOLVED, that the 2015-17 Agreement between the Superintendent of Schools and Substitutes United in Broome is hereby implemented and the additional funds are provided in accordance with Civil Service Law 204A, effective from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

None.

Voice of the Public

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

#138-18  
Future Meetings

Tuesday, October 10, 2017; 6:00pm Regular Meeting  
**Senior High School - Cafeteria**

Tuesday, October 24, 2017; 7:00pm Regular Meeting  
Board Conference Room – Administration Building

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

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

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

#138-18  
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE SESSION #1  
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Asst Superintendent of Instruction Laura Lamash  
School District Attorney Michael Sherwood – ABSENT  
District Clerk Kay Ellis  
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel  
Rosalie Sullivan, Director of Special Education – left 7:04pm

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 Sylvia Place, second by Linda Daino, 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 a student issues, a legal matter and negotiations.

The session was adjourned at 7:23PM.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk