

Vestal Central Schools
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, JANUARY 23, 2018

PRESENT:

Rick Bray – ABSENT
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
School Attorney Michael Sherwood
District Clerk Kay Ellis
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel

About 11 Visitors

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

#276-18
Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Greg Harris, Music Department Chairperson, was introduced. He gave a background of the Winterguard program. There is a Senior Guard that has students grades 7-12 and a Junior Guard for grades 5-6. The first show is this weekend and they continue through April. The Board and members of the audience went to the Central Junior gym to see a routine performed by the Senior Guard.

Winterguard Demonstration

The Board returned to the conference room at 7:23pm.

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Mario Nunes, 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 an update on legal issues.

#277-18
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 7:41pm.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting January 9, 2018, as written. David Hanson was not in the room for the vote.

#278-18
Minutes from Previous Meetings

None.

#279-18
Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representative reported: (submitted electronically)
--regents and midterm testing is this week and the marking period is ending on Friday

#280-18
Reports

Board President Michon Stuart reported:

--Liaisons: the middle school's Mathalon gold team place first in the competition; the green team came in third. The high school parent group meeting reviewed electronic device security; the SRO discussed safety. 8th grade orientation was held. The Barnes & Noble fundraiser netted \$727. A blood drive will be April 26. ARE will have a monthly one school/one book program tied to the IB learner profile. Lockheed Martin will have a presentation on February 23. A Taste of ARE is this week. Dollars for Scholars will hold a telethon fundraiser this weekend.

--A mental health wellness program for parents will be held March 28

--the student recognition breakfast was held

--VSF trivia fundraiser will be Friday

- a Chinese New Year celebration will be held 2/15 at Vestal Hills
- BTSBA will host a joint dinner will be tomorrow at Maine Endwell; the Legislative Breakfast will be February 2
- District Planning Group will meet all day tomorrow

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported:

- the 18-19 State Aid figures from the governor were announced; preliminary figures show a 1% increase (\$165,000) for Vestal; Legislative figures will come out in March
- student Aspen Poole was recently recognized for her generosity to the community. She is legally blind and uses knitting as a way to keep focused in class. Her creations are donated to local charities. She also designs and makes jewelry.
- information regarding a recent Freedom of Information request was distributed
- the new assistant principal for the high school, Andrew Blaine, was introduced

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

#281-18
Acceptance of Schedules A, B,
C and F;
Approval of Schedule P

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>
Ryan, Daniel	Substitute Teacher		1/24/18	

SCHEDULE IP 3

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>CERTIF</u>	<u>PROBATION PERIOD</u>	<u>TENURE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Blaine, Andrew	Assistant Principal	Administrative Area: Assistant Principal	Initial	2/1/18-1/31/22	2/1/22	\$84,500

To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law 2509, 3212 and 3014, in order to be granted tenure the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional review ratings pursuant to Education Law 3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) or the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal received an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, classroom teacher and building principal mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30.3.2 of this Part.

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>
Barney, Jake	Science	None	BA	1/24/18	
Gusefski, Christina	English	None	BS	1/24/18	
Hernandez, Gina	English	Initial	MS	1/24/18	
Reggero, Julianne	Elementary	None	MS	1/24/18	

SCHEDULE IP 4B

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find page 3, 4, 5 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: January 23, 2018

<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>Lacrosse: JV Head Boys</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>	<u>\$4024</u>	<u>12/4/17</u>	<u>Kinney, Brian</u>	<u>1/23/18</u>
<u>Lacrosse: JV Boys</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>			<u>Butler, Matthew</u>	<u>1/23/18</u>
<u>VOLUNTEER</u>					
<u>Lacrosse: Modified Head Boys</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>	<u>\$3733</u>	<u>12/4/17</u>	<u>Trowbridge, Robert</u>	<u>1/23/18</u>
INTRAMURALS					
<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>\$500</u>		<u>Daglio, Steven</u>	<u>1/23/18</u>
<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>\$500</u>		<u>Daglio, Steven</u>	<u>1/23/18</u>
DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON LEVEL II					
<u>Home Teaching Coordinator</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>\$786</u>	<u>5/23/17</u>	<u>Dinnel, Joan</u>	<u>1/23/18</u>
MUSIC					
<u>Musical Support Position: Pit Orchestra</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>\$350</u>	<u>5/23/17</u>	<u>Robinson, Callan</u>	<u>1/23/18</u>

SCHEDULE IP 4C**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL (OTHER)**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREA OF SERVICE</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Caddick, Deborah	Administrative	District-wide	3/5/18-6/30/18	Per diem work district-wide

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</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Horan, Patricia	Special Education Teacher	Special Subject Area: Gen Spec Education	1/20/18-1/20/19	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>
Dennis, Jean	Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT	Tioga Hills	2/5/18	

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/BLDG</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Campo, Isabel	Bus Driver	Transportation	2/5/18	

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>
Campo, Isabel	Bus Driver PT/S	2/6/18	
Dennis, Jean	Teacher Aide PT/S	2/5/18	

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>
The following employees have achieved satisfactory completion of district probationary period:					
Bowen, Ashley	Registered Professional Nurse	Middle School		2/8/18	
Gale, April	Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT	African Road		2/14/18	

On motion by David Hanson, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$26,085,000 BONDS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$4,000,000 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND \$4,675,000 OTHER MONIES OF THE VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, BROOME AND TIOGA COUNTIES, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES, BUILDINGS AND PLAY GROUNDS IN AND FOR SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") as an "Unlisted Action", have been performed and it has been determined that said capital project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, at a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York (the "School District"), held on December 12, 2017, a proposition was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education of said School District to authorize the financing of the cost to reconstruct various School District facilities, buildings, and playgrounds, including site improvements, 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, with a \$4,000,000 portion to be paid with Capital Reserve Fund monies and \$4675,000 portion to be paid with available monies thereof and the remaining \$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 and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the authorization of such class of objects or purposes and for the financing thereof; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Education of Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The reconstruction of various School District facilities, buildings, and playgrounds, including site improvements, 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 is hereby authorized.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost shall consist of:

- a) the issuance of not to exceed \$26,085,000 bonds of said School District hereby authorized to be issued therefor, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law; and
- b) the expenditure of \$8,675,000 Capital Reserve Fund monies, hereby authorized to be expended therefor.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is thirty (30) years, pursuant to subdivision 97 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, as a "school construction project eligible for the apportionment of aid" as described therein.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the

issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of such School District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 9. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Roll call vote was taken for this resolution.

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Director of Facilities & Operations, declare the electrical equipment listed on the attachment as obsolete and authorize the disposition of these items in accordance with Board Policy 5250.

#283-18
Declaration of Obsolete
Equipment: Electrical

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

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a contract with those listed below to provide services as indicated for the Senior High School musical, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreements, through June 30, 2018.

#284-18
PSA – SH Musical Support
Position Pit Orchestra

Nicholas Murray Pit Orchestra

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the grant from Tioga Downs to support the math program in the amount \$100.00.

#285-18
Acceptance of Grant – VH
(Tioga Downs)

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Jerry Etingoff, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an educational contract with The Charlton School/Ketchum-Grande Memorial School for the residential placement of a special education student, per the recommendation of the Special Education Department and in accordance with the students' IEP (Individualized Education Program).

#286-18
Contract with Charlton School/Ketchum-Grande Memorial School (Residential Placement)

On motion by David Hanson, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President be authorized to sign an agreement with Auctions International, Inc. for the sale of educational institution assets, for a period of two (2) years after contract is executed, and in accordance with the terms outlined in the agreement.

#287-18
Contract with Auctions International

None.

Voice of the Public

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

#288-18
Future Meetings

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

Tuesday, March 13, 2018; 6:00pm, Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room, Administration Building

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

*Board Subcommittee Meeting: Policy Committee
February 6, 2018; 1:00pm; Small Conference Room*

On motion by David Hanson, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn into Executive Session to review a particular personnel.

#289-18
Executive Session

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

#290-18
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23PM

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOLS
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE SESSION #1
Tuesday, January 23, 2018

PRESENT:

Rick Bray – ABSENT
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
School District Attorney Michael Sherwood
District Clerk Kay Ellis
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel
Rosalie Sullivan, Director of Special Education – left 7:26pm

Executive Session commenced at 7:24pm 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 Sylvia Place, 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 legal issues.

The session was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOLS
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE SESSION #2
Tuesday, January 23, 2018

PRESENT:

Rick Bray – ABSENT
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 – dismissed
Asst Superintendent of Instruction Laura Lamash – dismissed
School District Attorney Michael Sherwood – dismissed
District Clerk Kay Ellis – dismissed

Executive Session commenced at 8:36pm in the Small Conference Room of the Administration Building.

The Board held the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent.

The session was adjourned at 9:23pm

Kay Ellis
District Clerk