

Vestal Central Schools
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

PRESENT:

Rick Bray
Linda Daino – ABSENT
Jerry Etingoff
David Hanson
John Hroncich – ABSENT
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 18 Visitors

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Board President Michon Stuart in the Auditorium of Clayton Avenue Elementary School. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#290-18
Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Principal Brad Bruce welcomed everyone to Clayton Avenue Elementary. The spotlight focused on the evolution of special subject areas; that critical thinking skills can be tied to books in Art class, social skills and cooperation are evident in physical education activities. Music teacher Callan Robinson explained how a Vestal School Foundation grant funded the purchase of ukuleles; 4th and 5th graders demonstrated their ability to play simple chords. In the gym, PE teacher Steve Daglio had set up numerous stations to shows both traditional games (basketball, kickball, volleyball) and non-traditional ways to encourage physical activity, such as, pogo sticks, bicycles, stilts, sleds, cup stacking, ladder golf, bowling, roller blades.

Spotlight on Clayton Avenue Elementary School

On motion by Rick Bray, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 7 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 a personnel legal issue.

#291-18
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 7:05pm.

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting January 23, 2018, as written. Rick Bray abstained from the vote.

#292-18
Minutes from Previous Meetings

None.

#293-18
Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representative reported: N/A

#294-18
Reports

Board President Michon Stuart reported:

--Liaisons: Pie Night was held last week at Tioga Hills. African Road Elementary hosted Taste of ARE, where 25 families representing 22 countries shared food and cultural items.

--Chinese New Year celebration will be Thursday at 4:30pm

--Trivia fundraiser for the Vestal School Foundation was very successful

--BT School Board Association sponsored a Legislative Breakfast and Superintendent/Board president dinner hosted at Maine Endwell.

--Beauty and the Beast will be performed February 22-25

--Winterguard home show will be February 17th

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported:

--the Shared Decision Making Plan document has to be approved by the Board every 2 years, it is the result of the District Planning Group's meeting in January where the plan is reviewed for changing priorities, connecting curriculum with District needs and student based initiatives

--Vestal hosted a BOCES workshop on Regents exams with over 70 area teachers attending

--Union Endicott staff visited Tioga Hills to view how we use Lucy Calkins

--the Responsive Classroom agreement will be funded with Rewards School monies

--March 16 Conference Day will be led by teachers, celebrating our practices

--Preliminary information regarding 2018-19 State Aid, the Governor's budget proposals, projected maximum allowable levy and impacts on 2018-19 expenditures were presented

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 7 to 0 accept Schedule E Enrollment (January 2018); Schedule F – Travel & Conference; Schedule I – Transfers (378-382) and approve Schedule P – Personnel.

#295-18
Acceptance of Schedules E, F,
and I;
Approval of Schedule P

Under Schedule P the following changes were made:

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>
Bates, Barbara	Special Education	Perm	MS	2/14/18	
Battaglini, Cole	Social Studies	None	MA	2/14/18	
Bonfiglio, Gennaro	Physical Education	None	MS	2/14/18	
D'Esti, Frank	Physical Education	None	BA	2/14/18	
Erle, Jacob	Science	None	BS	2/14/18	
Franco, Laura	English	Perm	BA	9/1/18	
Marshall, Kaitlyn	Elementary/Special Ed	None	BS	2/14/18	
Nistico, Christopher	Math/Science	None	MS	2/14/18	
Wilson Yao, Suzanne	School Counselor	Provisional	MS	1/2/18-3/1/18	Permanent Sub
Zotter, Corinne	Science	None	MAT	2/14/18	

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

Attached please find page 3 and 4 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>Baseball: Varsity</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>			<u>Franz, Michael</u>	<u>2/13/18</u>
<u>VOLUNTEER</u>					
<u>Baseball: Varsity</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>			<u>Gray, Patrick</u>	<u>2/13/18</u>
<u>VOLUNTEER</u>					
<u>Lacrosse: JV Head – Girls</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>	<u>\$4024</u>	<u>12/4/17</u>	<u>Daino, Jeremy*</u>	<u>2/13/18</u>
<u>Lacrosse: JV Head – Girls</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>	<u>\$4024</u>	<u>12/4/17</u>	<u>Baldwin, Gina</u>	<u>2/13/18</u>
<u>Lacrosse: Modified Head Girls</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>	<u>\$3733</u>	<u>12/4/17</u>	<u>Daino, Jeremy</u>	<u>2/13/18</u>
<u>Softball: Varsity VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>			<u>Berry, Danette</u>	<u>2/13/18</u>
INTRAMURALS					
<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>\$500</u>		<u>Hoyt, Scott</u>	<u>2/13/18</u> <u>*RESIGNED</u>

SCHEDULE IP 4B.B**RESIGNATIONS: ABOVE CONTRACT**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following ABOVE CONTRACT RESIGNATION:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Daino, Jeremy	Lacrosse: JV Head Girls	1/24/18	

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

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Ferratella, Colleen	School Counselor	Special Subject Area: Guidance	Revised Leave of Absence dates from 1/2/18-2/2/18 to 1/2/18-3/1/18		Family responsibilities
Rotondi, Michael	Director of Physical Education and Athletics	Administrative Area: Director of Physical Education and Athletics	Withdraw resignation for retirement	2/14/18	

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>
Naus, Janet	Bus Driver PT/S	Transportation	1/23/18	

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>
Carey, CodyJames	Cleaner PT/S	2/14/18	
Williams, Renee	Teacher Aide PT/S	2/14/18	

SCHEDULE NIP 8C**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS (OTHER): NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREA OF SERVICE</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Cotton, Marcia	Volunteer	Glenwood	2/14/18

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</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Vojtisek, Loretta	Bus Attendant DIT	Transportation	2/14/18-2/26/19	\$10.40/hr	52 week probation period

On motion by David Hanson, second by Rick Bray, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission for approximately 100 high school music students for a trip to New York City to watch a Broadway musical production on June 16, 2018. There is no cost to the district for this trip.

#296-18
Extended Field Trip – Music Students to NYC

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

#297-18
Professional Services Agreement – SH Musical

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a contracts 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

Teresa Battestin	Scenic Artist
Emily DiAngelo	Pit Orchestra
Cathleen Murphy	Pit Orchestra
Kristina Ruffo	Pit Orchestra
Christopher Weber	Pit Orchestra

On motion by David Hanson, second by Rick Bray, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the grant from Tioga Hills PTA for playground supplies at Tioga Hills in the amount \$150.00. (F2110.450.26-99x90)

On motion by Rick Bray, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission for approximately 280 12th grade students to travel to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ on June 5, 2018 for the Senior Class trip. There is no cost to the District for this trip.

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a contact with Freedom to Speak to provide speech training and related services for a student as approved by the Committee on Special Education, 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 7 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 Pittari to provide lifeguard services in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement, through June 30, 2018.

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education pursuant to its authority under Section 1709 (12) of the Education Law hereby accepts the following gifts:

Description	Approx. Value	Donor	Recipient
Cash Donation for Hall of Fame expenses	\$100.00	Beverly Ochiai	Vestal Central School District
Cash Donation for Hall of Fame expenses	\$100.00	Southern Tier Physical Therapy Associates	Vestal Central School District
Cash Donation for Hall of Fame expenses	\$100.00	Matthews Auto Group Inc.	Vestal Central School District
Cash Donation for Hall of Fame expenses	\$150.00	Feduke Ford Inc.	Vestal Central School District
Cash Donation for Hall of Fame expenses	\$200.00	Hogan, Sarzynski, Lynch, DeWind & Gregory LLP	Vestal Central School District

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

Support Positions (Battestin, DiAngelo, Murphy, Ruffo, Weber)

#298-18
Acceptance of Grant Funds – Tioga Hills PTA

#299-18
Extended Field Trip – Senior Class Trip to Six Flags, NJ

#300-18
Contract with Freedom to Speak (Susan M. Cochrane) Special Education Student Services

#301-18
Professional Services Agreement – Lifeguard Services (Pittari, Danielle)

#302-18
Acceptance of Donations – Hall of Fame (5)

#303-18
Lease with The Dance Shoppe

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, 2018 through January 31, 2019.

On motion by Rick Bray, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

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 Town of Vestal for the rental of space in the former Central Junior High School in accordance with said agreement effective March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Rick Bray, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President be authorized to sign the preventative maintenance agreement with Syracuse Time & Alarm Co, Inc. to provide monitoring of all security systems in the district buildings, as outlined in the attached agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$4,560.00.

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President be authorized to sign the preventative maintenance agreement with Syracuse Time & Alarm Co, Inc. to provide an annual inspection of Dick Hoover Stadium and the Transportation Building fire alarm systems, as outlined in the attached agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$770.00.

On motion by David Hanson, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President be authorized to sign the preventative maintenance agreement with Syracuse Time & Alarm Co, Inc. to provide semi-annual inspections of fire alarm systems in the district buildings, as outlined in the attached agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$12,950.00.

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President be authorized to sign the preventative maintenance agreement with Syracuse Time & Alarm Co, Inc. to provide an annual inspection of security systems in district buildings, as outlined in the attached agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$1,230.00.

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission for approximately twenty seven (27) students to attend the FIRST Robotics competition in Utica, NY from March 2-4, 2018.

On motion by Rick Bray, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission for approximately twenty seven (27) students to attend the FIRST Robotics competition in Pittsburg, PA from March 21-24, 2018.

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that upon a decision of the State of New York Supreme Court dated January 31, 2018 pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, Article 7, that the tax amounts for tax years 2015, 2016 and 2017 be adjusted and refunded as follows:

#304-18
Lease with Town of Vestal
(Senior Citizens Center)

#305-18
Preventative Maintenance
Agreement; Syracuse Time &
Alarm – Security Systems

#306-18
Preventative Maintenance
Agreement; Syracuse Time &
Alarm – Inspections (Trans,
Stadium)

#307-18
Preventative Maintenance
Agreement; Syracuse Time &
Alarm – Fire Alarm Inspections

#308-18
Preventative Maintenance
Agreement; Syracuse Time &
Alarm – Security Systems
Inspections

#309-18
Extended Field Trip – FIRST
Robotics Team to Utica, NY

#310-18
Extended Field Trip – FIRST
Robotics to Pittsburg, PA

#310-18
Refund of Taxes Paid – Clayton
Avenue LLC

NAME	ADDRESS	TAX MAP #	REFUND
Clayton Avenue LLC	112 Clayton Ave	157-18.2-8	\$10,596.83

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tax certiorari reserve be used in the amount of \$7,027.81 (A864-Reserve for Tax Certiorari)

On motion by Rick Bray, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Board of Education entered into an agreement with Language Land (Heevy Ibrahim) to provide interpretation services during the 2017-18 at their June 27, 2017 meeting; and

WHEREAS the District has been determined that additional interpretation services will be needed by Language Land though June 20, 2018,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the agreement between the Vestal Central School District and Language Land be increased to \$8000.00.

#311-18
PSA – Language Land
(REVISED)

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a service agreement with the Center for Responsive Classroom, Inc to provide consultation/training workshop for staff, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement, at a cost of \$9000.

#312-18
Contract with Center for
Responsive Schools – Staff
Training Workshop

First Reading of Policy 5670 Records Management (revision); Policy 7540 Dignity For All Students Act (addition wording), Policy 7222 Credential Options for Students with Disabilities (updated); Policy 5661 Wellness (rewritten)

Policy – First Reading

Second Reading and proposed acceptance will be scheduled for the February 27 meeting.

George Phillips, Endwell, NY spoke to the Board as a representative of Reclaim New York regarding property taxes and the tax certiorari fund

Voice of the Public

Patrick Madden, 81 Dodd Road, Vestal, told the Board how happy he is with the value of education his children are getting at Vestal

Diane Sommerville, 18 E Countrygate Place, Vestal, reiterated how pleased she is with the work of the District

Linda Quilty, 200 Evergreen Street, Vestal, retired Vestal teacher, spoke to the excellence of the district and noted that Reclaim New York doesn't belong in the District

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

#313-18
Future Meetings

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

Tuesday, April 10, 2018; 6:00pm, Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room, Administration Building

On motion by David Hanson, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn immediately.

#314-18
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM

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Kay Ellis
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOLS
Vestal, New York

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School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel
Rosalie Sullivan, Director of Special Education – left 6:49pm

Executive Session commenced at 6:45pm in the Library of Clayton Avenue Elementary School.

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 Mario Nunes, the Board voted 7 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 a legal issue.

The session was adjourned at 7:01pm.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk