

Vestal Central Schools  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

PRESENT:

Rick Bray  
Linda Daino  
Jerry Etingoff  
David Hanson – arrived 7:20pm  
John Hroncich  
Mario Nunes  
Sylvia Place  
Michon Stuart  
Tony Turnbull – arrived 7:20pm

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn – ABSENT  
Interim Asst Superintendent Lorraine Paushter – ABSENT  
Asst Superintendent for Instruction Laura Lamash  
School Attorney Michael Sherwood  
District Clerk Kay Ellis  
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel  
  
About 16 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.

#315-18  
Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Rick Bray, 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 a legal update.

#316-18  
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 7:15pm.

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting February 13, 2018, as written. Linda Daino abstained from the vote.

#317-18  
Minutes from Previous Meetings

None.

#318-18  
Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representative reported: (written)

--Vestal Voices sold singing telegrams for Valentine's Day; they will have a cabaret tomorrow. Winterguard show was held February 17. The musical Beauty and the Beast was performed last weekend.  
--Senior Night for basketball was held. The Winter Pep Rally had an Olympic theme.  
--Talent Fest is being planned  
--Running of the Bears 5K event is coming up  
--Varsity Club sold flowers and red items for Red Day  
--Science Olympiad students won the regional competition; will move on the State  
--French trip students will leave on Friday

#319-18  
Reports

Board President Michon Stuart reported:

--Liaisons: both Glenwood and Tioga Hills are sponsoring a variety of after-school programs. As an additional safety measure, the Middle School is holding weekly cognitive drills; a scenario is announced over the PA system and classes then discuss responses.  
--there is a cautionary speed reduction in the area of Route 434 and Clayton Avenue for pedestrian safety  
--the production of Beauty and the Beast was excellent, all involved were congratulated  
--the Chinese New Year celebration held last week was a cooperative event

Superintendent's Report:

--Laura Lamash reported on events planned in remembrance of the victim of the school shooting in Florida. Cliff Kasson is meeting with students to finalize the voluntary event on March 14. Tentative plans include students assembling outside at 10am; the reading of the victim's names, student comments. Students will be challenged to reach out to someone they don't know for 17 days. The area will be secured and the auditorium will be used in the event of rain. The Middle School is also planning an event in their auditorium to discuss peaceful expressions of opinions, respect and foster compassion.

--new testing refusal procedures will be sent to Middle school parents

--Mental Wellness parent program is March 28 which will include a dinner, panel of speakers, tables of resource materials and staff to answer questions; this is open to the community.

--Matt Bechtel reiterated the projected impacts to the 2018-19 budget; unknown State Aid allocations; insurance increase projection. If it is available, more preliminary detail will be given at the March 13 meeting; a formal budget presentation will be given at the March 27 meeting. Anticipated Board action will be April 10.

--an update on the 2018 Capital Improvement Project will be given March 13

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 9 to 0 accept Schedule A Treasurer's Report (January 2018), Schedule B – Year-to-Date Budget Report (January 2018), Schedule C – Schedule of Bills (January 2018) and approve Schedule P – Personnel.

#320-18  
Acceptance of Schedules A, B  
and C;  
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>
Anderson, Renee	Elementary	None	BS	2/28/18	
Bongiovanni, Amanda	English/Science	None	BSED	2/28/18	
Perfetti, Peter	Music	Permanent	MM	2/28/18	
Szytko, Michael	Elementary	None	BS	2/28/18	

**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 1/2/18-3/1/18 to 1/2/18 -5/1/18		Family responsibilities
Wilson Yao, Suzanne	School Counselor		Revised effective dates from 1/2/18-3/1/18 to 1/2/18-5/1/18		Permanent Substitute

**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>
Cox, Katie	Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT 4 hrs/day	Tioga Hills	2/28/18-5/21/19	\$7927	52 wk probationary period
Valek, Patricia	Food Service Helper 3.0 hrs/day	District	2/28/18-5/21/19	\$5616	52 wk probationary period

**SCHEDULE NIP 11**

**CHANGE IN STATUS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Hilkert, Jerome	Cleaner	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift, Tioga Hills	To: Custodian, 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift	2/28/18
Maxin, Rick	Cleaner	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift, High School	To: Custodian, 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift	2/28/18
The following employees have achieved satisfactory completion of district probationary period:				
Cacciaglia, Patricia	Teacher Aide	Middle School		3/8/18
Babuka, Pam	Bus Attendant	Transportation		3/12/18

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 adopt the amended District's School Based Planning and Shared Decision Making Plan in accordance with the Commissioner's Regulations, Section 100.11.

#321-18  
Shared Decision Making Plan  
2018-20

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

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 3/1/18 through 4/30/18.

#322-18  
Meat/Cheese Cooperative Bid  
3/1/18-4/30/18

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

RESOLVED, that the tuition charges for non-resident students for the 2017-18 school year be set as follows:

#323-18  
Non-Resident Tuition Rates  
2017-18

	<u>Per Year</u>
Grades K-6:	\$ 9,808
Grades 7-12:	\$ 12,404

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission for approximately six (6) high school students for a trip to Boston for a computer science conference on March 6-7, 2018. There are no direct costs to the district for this trip.

#324-18  
Extended Field Trip – Computer  
Science Students to Boston, MA

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission to approximately seventeen (17) high school students for a trip to Syracuse, NY for the NYS Science Olympiad competition at Lemoyne College March 9-10, 2018. This is a budgeted item.

#325-18  
Extended Field Trip – Science  
Olympiad Students to Syracuse

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 a Professional services agreement with Yvonne Lucia to provide professional development services for staff in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement, through June 30, 2018.

#326-18  
Professional Services  
Agreement – Lucia, Yvonne

On motion by Rick Bray, second by Linda Daino, 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 licensed training provider agreement for courses, equipment, materials and fees with the American National Red Cross as outlined in the attached agreement, effective for 3 years.

#327-18  
Agreement with American  
National Red Cross

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

#328-18

RESOLVED that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for software licensing products through the NJPA (National Joint Power Alliance) competitive bidding process, as outlined in the attached agreement.

Software Licensing Agreement –  
Tyler Technologies, Inc.

After a second reading and on motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Jerry Etingoff, the board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following policies:  
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)

#329-18  
Policies – Second Reading and  
Approval

Rena Kiefer, 38 Glann Road, Apalachin, NY spoke to the Board regarding school safety and tolerance levels of student behavior

Voice of the Public

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

#330-18  
Future Meetings

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 9 to 0 to adjourn immediately.

#331-18  
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM

---

Kay Ellis  
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOLS  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE SESSION #1  
Tuesday, February 27, 2018

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn – ABSENT  
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 7:03pm

Executive Session commenced at 7:01pm 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 9 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 the status of a legal issue.

The session was adjourned at 7:14pm.

---

Kay Ellis  
District Clerk