Vestal Central School District  
Vestal, New York  

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

PRESENT:
Mark Browning
Linda Daino
John Hroncich
Lynne Majewski
Dinno Nistico
Mario Nunes
Christina Pierce – ABSENT
Sylvia Place – ABSENT
Tony Turnbull

ALSO PRESENT:
Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Ahearn
Asst Supt for Finance, Operations & Personnel Cliff Kasson
Asst Superintendent for Instruction Laura Lamash
School Attorney Michael Sherwood – ABSENT
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel
District Clerk Kay Ellis

About 15 Visitors

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:06PM by Board President Mario Nunes in the cafeteria of the high school. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
A moment of silence was held in honor of the passing of Jerry Etingoff, retired Board member.

Principal Dawn Young welcomed everyone and introduced Katie Donlin who helps run the mentor program. This program has been in place since 2010 and each year has evolved and grown. Upperclassmen are paired by interests with incoming freshmen and/or transferred students. This program helps smooth the transition from middle school to the senior high and help to develop a sense of community in the building. Students were there to describe the program, how it has affected them and helped build leadership skills.

Members of the Board’s audit committee met prior to the meeting with the Districts’ external audit representative. He indicated the final audit for 18-19 was unmodified, the best result. There were no findings, the bond rating hasn’t changed and the audit was clean.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn immediately into Executive Session to discuss the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education; and an update on a possible student legal issue.

The Board returned to open session at 7:07PM.

On motion by John Hroncich, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 24, 2019.

None.

Student Government Representative Claire Lee reported on the following:
--Spirit Week was last week; ending in the homecoming game Friday night. A pep rally spotlighted fall sports.
--School photos were taken October 2nd and 3rd
--the first Chemistry Magic Show will be October 16th hosting Vestal Hills
--Saturday will be the Golden Circle of Bands
--PSAT will be Saturday October 19th
--upcoming college day will be held at the Arena

Board President Mario Nunes reported on the following:
--Liaisons: CA will have a fund run tomorrow from 9am-11am and a monster mash
later in the month. TH will have a fundraising run on Thursday and a fall festival October 25th. VH will be hosting a STEAM night on October 18th and a fall party October 25th.

--Donations to Dollars for Scholars in Jerry Etingoff’s name are being collected
--there will be 3 members attending the NYSSBA conference in Rochester

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:
--the status of the construction work being done at the softball, baseball and pickleball fields were reviewed. AR playground should be moved and completed in 3 weeks
--Superintendent’s Conference Day on Friday will start with staff viewing the documentary “Like” on social media. The afternoon will be department/building meetings.
--we are working with the remaining 6 students who have been excluded from school due to a lack of immunizations
--there will be a special vote on December 4th to establish a new capital reserve fund; this will include the closed out balance of an insurance reserve that is not being used
--African Road Elementary has been named a Blue Ribbon School by the USDOE
--Business First Buffalo released rankings of school districts and Vestal is number one in the southern tier area.
--Four new teachers have been named master teachers
--Doreen McSain will accept the principal of the year award in November
--Reggie Felice was given an award of merit for the budget newsletter by NYSPA

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept Schedule E-Enrollment September 2019; and approve Schedule P - Personnel.

Under Schedule P the following changes were made:

### SCHEDULE IP 4A

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES**

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

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<tr>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL</th>
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<th>DEGREE</th>
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<tr>
<td>Hicks, Shannon</td>
<td>Elementary</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>MS</td>
<td>9/17/19</td>
<td>Reinstatement</td>
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<td>Maerz, Margeaux</td>
<td>Science</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>BS</td>
<td>10/9/19</td>
<td>Reinstatement</td>
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<td>Vojtisek, Nicole</td>
<td>Physical Education</td>
<td>Initial</td>
<td>BS</td>
<td>10/9/19</td>
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### SCHEDULE IP 4B

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT**

Attached please find pages 2 and 10 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2019-2020 school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position and stipend that is underlined and in bold print. Board Meeting: **October 8, 2019**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>AREA OF APPOINTMENT</th>
<th>AREA/BLDG</th>
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<td>$7463</td>
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<td>JV Basketball B Coach</td>
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<td>9/4/19</td>
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<td>Varsity/JV Bowling B,G Coach</td>
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<td>$5408</td>
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<td>Varsity Swimming B Coach</td>
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<td>Varsity Swimming B Asst</td>
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<td>Varsity Cheerleading</td>
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<td>JV Cheerleading</td>
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<td>Varsity Wrestling Coach</td>
<td>Winter Season</td>
<td>$7637</td>
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<td>Indoor Track Coach</td>
<td>Winter Season</td>
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<td>Indoor Track Asst Coach</td>
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<td>$2176</td>
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<td>Indoor Track Asst Coach</td>
<td>Winter Season</td>
<td>$2176</td>
<td>9/4/19</td>
<td>Nemecek, Joseph (co)</td>
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#156-20 Acceptance of Schedule E, F and Approval of Schedule P
**SCHEDULE NIP 3**

**PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

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<th>NAME</th>
<th>POSITION</th>
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<td>Frisbie, Dale</td>
<td>School Bus Route Coordinator</td>
<td>Transportation</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>$32000</td>
<td>Pending Civil Service exam results</td>
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**SCHEDULE NIP 8A**

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT/SUBSTITUTES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS(SUBSTITUES):

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<td>Casstevens, Rebecca</td>
<td>Typist PT/S</td>
<td>10/9/19</td>
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<td>Moro, Marc</td>
<td>Cleaner PT/S</td>
<td>10/9/19</td>
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<tr>
<td>Whalen, Robin</td>
<td>Typist PT/S</td>
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**SCHEDULE NIP 9 B**

**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:

<table>
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<th>NAME</th>
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<td>Bennett, Jennie</td>
<td>Bus Attendant (DIT)</td>
<td>Transportation</td>
<td>10/9/19-10/20/20</td>
<td>$11.00/hr</td>
<td>52 wk probation period</td>
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**SCHEDULE NIP 11**

**CHANGES IN STATUS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

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<td>Welch, Deborah</td>
<td>Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT</td>
<td>Glenwood</td>
<td>Change probation period from 9/25/19-12/8/20 to 10/9/19-12/22/20</td>
<td>Change in effective start date</td>
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On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 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 products through the Broome County Specification Group for the period 11/1/19 through 12/31/19.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Lynne Majewski, 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 contracts with those listed below to provide the services as indicated during the 2019-20 school year, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreements.

- Quinn Singer: Co-Choreographer for VHS Musical Production
- Stephen Samsonik: Sound Production for VMS Musical (Sunshower Productions)
- Kathleen Kreidler: Costume/Props for VMS Musical
- Kathleen Kreidler: Props for VMS Musical
- Maureen Kiley: Pit Director for VHS Musical
- Laura Preston: Co-Choreographer/Asst. Director VHS Musical

#157-20  Bid Award – Meat/Cheese  11/1/19-12/31/19

#158-20  Service Agreements Musical Support Positions (6)
On motion by John Hroncich, second by Linda Daino, 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 contract with those listed below to provide accompanists' services, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement, for the 2019-20.

Jean Hensler  Staff Accompanist (Elementary and Secondary)

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by John Hroncich, 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:

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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>$1102.28</td>
<td>Walmart</td>
<td>Vestal Central</td>
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<td>School Supplies</td>
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On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS the Board of Education authorized the extended field trip for approximately 21 high school French students participate in a French exchange from April 3, 2020 through April 18, 2020 at the August 27, 2019 meeting;
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revision of the start date from April 3, 2020 to April 2, 2020.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Vestal Central School District, BROOME AND TIOGA COUNTIES, New York, as follows:
Section 1. Pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, there is hereby established a reserve fund in and for Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, which shall be designated as the "Buildings and Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund" of said School District (the "Reserve Fund").
Section 2. Such Reserve Fund is hereby established for financing, in whole or in part, the following objects or purposes of said School District:
  The construction of additions to, improvements to, reconstruction and equipping of School District buildings and facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and site and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith.
Section 3. Said Reserve Fund shall be initially funded with the transfer of the outstanding balance in the Insurance Reserve Fund heretofore established pursuant to Section 6(n) of the General Municipal Law (the "Initial Deposit"), which reserve fund is hereby thereafter terminated. The outstanding balance of said Insurance Reserve Fund is presently $679,597.79.
Section 4. In addition to the Initial Deposit from the Insurance Reserve Fund described in Section 3 hereof, the ultimate amount of such Reserve Fund shall be $10,000,000 (plus the Initial Deposit, plus accrued interest and investment earnings thereon and on the subsequent deposits or transfers from other reserve accounts, approved by the Board of Education, after voter approval if so required). Therefore, in addition to the Initial Deposit, an additional $10,000,000 (plus any accrued interest and investment earnings) is hereby authorized to be deposited into said Reserve Fund.
Section 5. The probable term of such Reserve Fund shall be ten (10) years.
Section 6. The initial source from which funds for such Reserve Fund will be obtained in any year (in addition to the Initial Deposit) is as follows: surplus dollars as unappropriated fund balance available to the School District when it closes its books every June 30, "surplus" intended to mean the difference between revenues and expenses in the General Fund, and other legally available funds to the School District.
Section 7. This resolution shall take effect upon the approval thereof by a majority of the qualified voters of said School District voting on a proposition therefor submitted at the Special School District Meeting to be held December 4, 2019, the...
details of such proposition to be specified by a further resolution of this Board of Education.

Section 8. The form of the proposition and notice thereof to be so submitted shall substantially be as provided in said further resolution.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect upon the approval of the aforesaid proposition and, upon approval of such proposition, no further action of this Board of Education will be required to perfect the establishment of such Reserve Fund.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, as follows:

**Section 1.** A Special School District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of the Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, shall be held on December 4, 2019, at 201 Main Street, in Vestal, New York, as hereinafter further described in the Notice of Special District Election attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof, and the polls shall be kept open for voting between the hours of 10:00 o’clock A.M. and 8:00 o’clock P.M., Prevailing Time, on said date. The proposition hereinafter set forth in said Notice of said Special Meeting and Election shall be submitted thereat.

**Section 2.** Voting at said Election shall be conducted by the use of paper ballots.

**Section 3.** The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to cause a Notice of said Special Meeting and Election in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be published in the sole newspaper having a general circulation in said School District, such publication to be made so that such notice shall appear in said newspaper four times within the seven weeks next preceding such district meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five days (but, preferably, not more than forty-nine days) before said meeting, and to give such other notice as may be deemed desirable.

**Section 4.** The School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend the Notice of said Special Meeting and Election from time to time as, in his or her discretion, such amendment may be required or desirable.

**Section 5.** To the extent required by law, the Board of Education shall appoint election personnel to conduct said Special Meeting and Election pursuant to a separate resolution of this Board of Education.

**Section 6.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District enter into a contract with A&D Transport Services to transport a child daily to George Junior Republic School at a cost not to exceed $67,080.00 from October 23, 2019 through June 26, 2020.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education gives permission to approximately 15 Varsity softball players for a trip to Myrtle Beach, SC to attend the Cal Ripken Experience from April 6, 2020 through April 8, 2020.

On motion by John Hroncich, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt and hereby accepts the External Audit Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 as submitted by the district’s auditing firm, Piaker and Lyons P.C. and as reviewed by the Audit Committee. This report includes the Management Letter, the Single Audit Package and the Extraclassroom Activity Funds Financial Statements.

First reading of five (5) policies:
- Policy 3420 Notice of Non-Discrimination (updated)
- Policy 7420 Sports and the Athletic Program (revised)
- Policy 7460 Voter Pre-Registration of Students (new)

#163-20 Special School District Meeting and Election

#164-20 Transportation Contract
A&D Transport Services

#165-20 Extended Field Trip- Girls Softball
to Myrtle Beach SC

#166-20 External Audit Report
2018-19

#167-20 First Reading of Policies
3420, 7420, 7460, 7511, 7622
None

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 @ 7:00PM Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room – Administration Building

MONDAY, November 4, 2019 @ 6:00PM Regular Meeting
Clayton Avenue Elementary School

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 @ 7:00PM Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room – Administration Building

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 @ 6:00PM Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room – Administration Building

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

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Kay Ellis
District Clerk
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John Hroncich
Lynne Majewski
Dinno Nistico
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Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Cliff Kasson
Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Laura Lamash
School District Attorney Michael Sherwood – ABSENT
District Clerk Kay Ellis
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel
Director of Special Education Rosalie Sullivan – ABSENT

Executive Session commenced at 6:36PM in the Main Office Conference Room of the high school.

Recommendations and annual reviews of the Committee on Special Education were on the agenda. Board members had information 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 Linda Daino, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for all students considered.

The Board was updated a possible student legal matter.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Linda Daino, be Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn executive session and return to open session immediately.

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:04pm.

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Kay Ellis
District Clerk