

Vestal Central School District  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

PRESENT:

Linda Daino  
David Hanson  
John Hroncich  
Dinno Nistico  
Mario Nunes  
Sylvia Place – ABSENT  
Christina Pierce  
Michon Stuart – ABSENT  
Tony Turnbull – ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Ahearn  
Asst Superintendent for Finance, Operations & Personnel Cliff Kasson  
Asst Superintendent for Instruction Laura Lamash  
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel  
School Attorney Michael Sherwood  
District Clerk Kay Ellis  
Interim Asst Superintendent for Finance, Operations & Personnel – Lorraine Paushter  
About 6 Visitors

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Board Vice President John Hroncich in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance tm was recited.

#325-19  
Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

On motion by David Hanson, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn immediately into Executive Session to discuss recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education; two student legal issues and the employment status of a particular staff member

#326-19  
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 7:12pm.

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting March 12, 2019.

#327-19  
Minutes from Previous Meetings

None.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Daniel Shaw reported:

--Sophomores were invited to a Career Day March 20  
--Vestal Voices performed a concert tonight  
--Running of the Bears is this weekend, sponsored by the Varsity Club to benefit Team Hopeful  
--IB Art Show is April 4  
--Junior Prom is April 5 at the Treadway in Owego  
--Odyssey of the Mind state completion was held last weekend

#328-19  
Reports

Board Vice President John Hroncich reported:

Liaisons: SH-John Hroncich: fundraising is on-going for the Allnighter; concession stand sales at the OM competition earned \$2,000; trivia night will be held April 5  
VMS/District Council-Sylvia Place: ABSENT ARE-Michon Stuart: ABSENT  
CA-Dinno Nistico: No meeting GL-Michon Stuart: ABSENT  
TH-Linda Daino: Book Fair was held  
TH-Mario Nunes: One Book/One School featured a mouse on a motorcycle driven around the building  
VH-David Hanson: No  
VH-Tony Turnbull: ABSENT  
--the District received an excellence award from Utica National Insurance at the titanium level and a cash award of \$500  
-- Odyssey of the Mind state competition had 6 teams performing last weekend; 5 teams from the Middle School and one from the High School  
--VMS will present the musical Willy Wonka this weekend

--staff recognitions have been held at Vestal Hills, High School and African Road Elementary for those who have reached 10, 15 and 20 years of service. More buildings are scheduled for April.  
 --the Board needs to do a self-evaluation and a second executive session will be held at the April 9 meeting to start the process for the required Superintendent evaluation

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported:

--ELA testing will start 4/2; Math testing will be done on the computer. By May, 3500 tests will have been administered. Refusals are down significantly from last year.  
 --the District will be sending a team to Syracuse to participate in a mental health panel discussion  
 --addition budget information shows a \$31,000 gap, when the final figures are submitted the District is confident the gap will be eliminated. The proposed budget stands at a 1.72% increase over last year with a tax levy increase of 0. The three part component budget will be presented at the next meeting for action.

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 6 to 0 to accept Schedule A Treasurer's Report February 2019, Schedule B Year-to-Date Budget Report February 2019, Schedule C Schedule of Bills February 2019, Schedule F Travel & Conference; and approve Schedule P.

#329-19  
 Acceptance of Schedules A, B, C, F and; Approval of Schedule P

Under Schedule P the following changes are approved:

**SCHEDULE IP 3**

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: 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 DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Osterhout, Melissa	Reading Teacher	Special Subject Area: Remedial Reading	Professional	6/17/19-6/16/23	6/17/23	\$59,776

**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</u>
French, Iris	Social Studies	None	BA	3/27/19
Loso, Jana	Elementary	None	BS	3/27/19
Meade, Bridget	Technology	None	MS	3/27/19
Renner, Olivia	Elementary	None	BS	3/27/19

**SCHEDULE IP 4B**

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT**

Attached please find page 3 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2018-19 school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position and stipend that is underlined and in bold print. Board Meeting: March 26, 2019.

<u>AREA OF APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>AREA/BLDG</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS					
<b><u>Softball: JV VOLUNTEER</u></b>	<b><u>Spring Season</u></b>			<b><u>Noack, Heather</u></b>	<b><u>3/26/19</u></b>

**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/BLDG</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Clapper, Christine	Cook	High School	3/27/19	To accept high school Cook Manager position
Johnson, Kirsten	Typist	Administration	4/2/19	

**SCHEDULE NIP 4**

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/BLDG</u>	<u>PROBATION PERIOD</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Clapper, Christine	Cook Manager	High School	3/27/19-6/16/20	TBD	52 wk probation period

**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>
Frear-Cary, Brian	Cleaner PT/S	3/27/19	

**SCHEDULE NIP 8C**

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL (OTHER)**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREA OF SERVICE</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Tarricone, Suzanne	Volunteer	Vestal Hills	3/27/19-6/30/19

**SCHEDULE NIP 11**

**CHANGES 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/BLDG</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Giammarino, Jennifer	Typist PT/S	District	Termination of employment	3/27/19	In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and Broome County Rule X.A.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 6 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. The proposition hereinafter set forth is hereby authorized to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters at the annual school district election to be held in said School District, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2019.

Section 2. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include as a part of the notice of the annual district meeting and election notice (and hereby ratifies the prior inclusion thereof) with reference to the submission of said proposition in substantially the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual election to be held on May 21, 2019, the following proposition will be submitted:

**BUS PROPOSITION**

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of not exceeding \$854,000 and that said amount, 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.

If necessary, due to space constraints on the voting machines, said proposition may be presented in substantially the following abbreviated form:

**BUS PROPOSITION**

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase school buses, and that the maximum estimated cost of not exceeding \$854,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the

#330-19  
Bus Purchase; Proposition #2

Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said District shall be issued.

On motion by Christina Pierce, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual election to be held on May 21, 2019, the following proposition will be submitted:

#331-19  
Vestal Public Library;  
Proposition #3

VESTAL PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, as follows:  
Section 1. The proposition hereinafter set forth is hereby authorized to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters at the annual school district election to be held in said School District, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2019.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual election to be held on May 21, 2019, the following proposition will be submitted:

VESTAL PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:  
Section 2. Shall the sum of \$741,815 be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Vestal Central School District for the purpose of funding the operating budget of the Vestal Public Library?  
Section 3. The School District shall also place on the ballot the names of candidates for 5 (five) Library Board Trustee officers to be elected by the voters of the School District for a term of three (3) years.

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to take a class trip to Dorney Park in Allentown, PA on May 31, 2019. There are no direct cost to the District for this trip.

#332-19  
Extended Field Trip – Grade 8  
Students to Dorney Park, PA

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission for approximately 280 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to travel to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ on June 4, 2019 for the Senior Class trip.

#333-19  
Extended Field Trip – Senior Class  
to Six Flags, NJ

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Christina Pierce, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Director of Facilities & Operations, declare the equipment from the Central Junior High storage and the maintenance department listed on the attachments as obsolete and authorize the disposition of these items in accordance with Board Policy 5250.

#334-19  
Declaration of Obsolete Equipment  
CJH, Maintenance

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Christina Pierce, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the tuition charges for non-resident students for the 2018-19 school year be set as follows:

#335-19  
Non- Resident Tuition Rates for  
2018-19

	<u>Per Year</u>
Grades K-6:	\$ 10,080
Grades 7-12:	\$ 12,441

On motion by David Hanson, second by Christina Pierce, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement with the Binghamton City School District to provide Health and Welfare Services to approximately forty six (46) Vestal students attending non-public schools in the Binghamton City School District during the 2017-18 school year at a cost of \$13,432.00.

#336-19  
Health & Welfare Charges 17-18  
Binghamton City School District

On motion by Mario Nunes, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

#337-19

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign an agreement with the listed individual to provide interpretation services for District students as needed through June 30, 2019 as per attached agreements.

Imran Najaf  
Muhammad Karim

On motion by Christina Pierce, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
WHEREAS, a request for an impartial hearing has been made, and  
WHEREAS, James McKeever is the next available person from the School District's rotational hearing officer list,  
BE IT RESOLVED, that James McKeever is appointed Hearing Officer in regard to a pending request for a hearing and is requested to issue a decision within the appropriate time period of the laws and regulations.

On motion by Christina Pierce, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
WHEREAS, the Board of Education entered into an agreement with Theresa Battestin to provide costume design/make-up services for the Middle School musical production at their February 26, 2019 Board meeting for an amount not to exceed \$2000.00, and

WHEREAS, the District as determined that additional services will be required from her,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the terms of the approved agreement be revised to reflect an increase to the amount of \$3,500.00

On motion by Christina Pierce, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
WHEREAS, the Board of Education entered into an agreement with Laura Preston to provide assistant director services for the high school musical production at their August 14, 2018 Board meeting for an amount not to exceed \$1500.00, and

WHEREAS, the District as determined that additional services will be required from her,

THEREFORE ,BE IT RESOLVED that the terms of the approved agreement be revised to reflect an increase to the amount of \$2084.00.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Christina Pierce, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the Vestal Central School District, a BOCES component school district, in accordance with Education Law Section 1950-11, hereby nominates Ursula Hambalek for the position of member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for terms ending June 30, 2022.

On motion by Christina Pierce, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED that the Vestal Central School District Board of Education, hereby declares the Vestal Central School District as the Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), associated with the 2019 Small Capital Project (Vestal Hills Controls).

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
WHEREAS, the Vestal Central School District Board of Education (the "Board") has considered the effect upon the environment of the 2019 Small Capital Project listed in the State Environmental Quality Review Act Process Record Sheet submitted at this meeting, and

3/26/19

Service Agreement: Interpretation Services (2)

#339-19

Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer - McKeever

#340-19

Service Agreement – Battestin REVISED

#341-19

Service Agreement- Preston REVISED

#342-19

Nomination for BOCES Board Member – Ursula Hambalek

#343-19

2019 SCP – Vestal Hills Controls SEQRA Lead Agency

#344-19

2019 SCP – Vestal Hills Controls SEQRA Determination Type II

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed the State Environmental Quality Review Act Process Record Sheet prepared and submitted in connection with the Project, now therefore  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vestal Central School District Board of Education, acting as Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), hereby determines that the Project is a Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to review under SEQRA.

None

#345-19  
Voice of the Public

**Future Board Meetings**

- Monday, April 8, 2019; 7:00pm; Special Board Meeting  
Upper Conference Room – Administration Building
- Tuesday, April 9, 2019; 6:00pm; Regular Meeting  
Board Conference Room – Administration Building
- Tuesday, April 23, 2019; 7:00pm; Regular Meeting  
Board Conference Room – Administration Building
- Tuesday, May 7, 2019; 6:00pm; Regular Meeting/Public Hearing  
Auditorium – Clayton Avenue Elementary School
- Tuesday, May 21, 2019; 8:00pm; Regular Meeting/ANNUAL VOTE  
Board Conference Room – Administration Building

***Policy Committee Meeting – April 1, 2019; 1:30pm; Small Conference Room***

On motion by David Hanson, second by Christina Pierce, the Board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn immediately.

#346-19  
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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School District Attorney Michael Sherwood  
District Clerk Kay Ellis  
  
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 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 Mario Nunes, the Board voted 6 to 0 to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for all students considered.

The Board was updated on two student legal matters and the status of the employment of a particular staff member.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Mario Nunes, the Board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn the Executive Session and return to Open Session immediately.

The session was adjourned at 7:11pm.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk