Vestal Central School District

Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

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| **THIS MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.** | |
| PRESENT: | ALSO PRESENT: |
| Mark Browning\* | Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Ahearn |
| Linda Daino\* | Asst Supt for Finance, Operations & Personnel Cliff Kasson\* |
| John Hroncich\* | Asst Superintendent for Instruction Laura Lamash\* |
| Lynne Majewski\* | School Attorney Michael Sherwood |
| Dinno Nistico – ABSENT | School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel\* |
| Mario Nunes | District Clerk Kay Ellis |
| Christina Pierce\* | Director of Special Education Rosalie Sullivan\* |
| Sylvia Place – ABSENT |  |
| Tony Turnbull\* | About 0 Visitors |
| **\*BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF ATTENDED VIA ZOOM** | |

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. BY AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE**

**GOVERNOR ON MARCH 13, 2020, A PORTION OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW WAS WAIVED. SPECIFICALLY:**

***“Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such***

***actions authorized by the law without permitting in pubic in-person access to meetings and authorizing such***

***meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to***

***view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.”***

**This meeting was also streamed live on YouTube:** <https://youtu.be/vq3aASZFAAE>

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| The Board meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Board President Mario Nunes in the South Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. | #419-20  Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance |

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| On motion by Linda Daino, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting May 5, 2020 and the Special Meeting May 12, 2020 as written. | #420 -20  Approval of Minutes |

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| None. | #421-20  Public Comment on Agenda Items |

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| Student Government Representative Claire Lee reported the following: None.  Board President Mario Nunes reported the following:  --Discussion was held regarding the change in the date of the first meeting in June – that is now the Annual Vote date. It was decided to move that meeting to Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 10:00am.  Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported the following:  --Instructional packets were delivered by bus drivers this week to those that needed the materials.  --Food Service staff have distributed more the 57,878 meals since March. There will be a single pickup location at the high school starting next week. SROs are still being used to delivery meals to those that cannot get out to the pickup locations. It is possible that meals could continue through August.  --Over 1,100 Chromebooks have been distributed to students so far; delivered by our bus drivers. Once the last day of instruction is determined, the drivers will begin retrieving the devices and they will be brought to Central Junior to be clean, sanitized and stored for use. Some will be at end of life and will need to be replaced. Depending on what instruction looks like going forward, they will be ready to be deployed as needed  --Student belongings have been bagged up and will be delivered to Vestal Hills students on Thursday; African Road students on Wednesday. Other elementary schools will schedule their deliveries.  --Capital Project: Work continues at African Road complex, gutting classrooms and some abatement. Construction of the new secure entrance to the elementary side has begun.  --May 21st and 22nd will be instructional days and will count towards establishing the final day of instruction. Monday, May 25th (Memorial Day) will still be a holiday.  --Grading issues have been discussed. At the secondary level, the first 3 quarters will be used to help establish the 4th quarter. The work being done now will be honored and students should not be penalized for this closure.  --the Student Recognition Breakfast was held remotely this morning; over 60 students were honored.  --Graduation is being discussed at the high school, possible virtual ceremony since no social gatherings are allowed.  --Plans for re-opening have begun; looking at a regional plan but not sure what that will be yet. It could include a blending of schedules or some continuation of remote learning.  --Professional development has continued with 160 staff members participating in 700 hours of training over the past 2 months via virtual workshops.  --We will be adding a Director of Technology to the staff.  --Vote Day is June 9th. All ballots must be received, not just postmarked, by 5:00pm that day to be counted. The remote public hearing is scheduled for May 26th. All absentee ballots will be mailed out the week of May 26th. | #422-20  Reports |

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| On motion by Linda Daino, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept Schedule A – Treasurer’s Report March 2020; Schedule B – Year-to-Date Budget Report March 2020; Schedule C – Schedule of Bills March 2020; Schedule A – Treasurer’s Report April 2020; Schedule B – Year-to-Date Budget Report April 2020; Schedule C – Schedule of Bills April 2020; and approve Schedule P - Personnel. Under Schedule P the following changes were made: | #423-20  Acceptance of Schedules A, B C for March 2020; Schedules A, B C for April 2020;  Approval of Schedule P |

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| SCHEDULE IP 3 | | | | | | |
| **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL** | | | | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: | | | | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | TENURE AREA | CERTIF | PROBATION DATE | TENURE DATE | SALARY |
| Blair, Brooke | English Teacher | Academic Area: English | Pending Certification | 9/1/20-6/30/24 | 9/1/24 | $56,123 |
| Klatt, Christopher | Technology Teacher | Special Subject Area: Technology Education | Professional | 9/1/20-6/30/24 | 9/1/24 | $63,797 |
| Martin, Laine | English Teacher | Academic Area: English | Initial | 9/1/20-6/30/24 | 9/1/24 | $57,673 |
| Schumacher, Alexis | Reading Teacher | Special Subject Area: Remedial Reading | Pending Certification | 9/1/20-6/30/24 | 9/1/24 | $64,055 |
| To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law 2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014, in order to be granted tenure the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law 3012-c and/or 3012/d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of 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. | | | | | | |

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| SCHEDULE IP 4A | | | | | |
| **TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES** | | | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL TEMPORARY SUBUSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS: | | | | | |
| NAME | INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL | CERTIFICATION | DEGREE | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
| Sanzo, Edmund | Physical Education | Permanent | MS | 9/1/20 |  |

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| SCHEDULE IP 4B | | | | | |
| **TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT** | | | | | |
| Attached please find pages 3, 5, 8, 11 and 12 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2019-20 school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position and stipend that is underlined and in bold print. Board Meeting: **May 19, 2020.** | | | | | |
| AREA OF APPOINTMENT | AREA/BLDG | STIPEND | POSTED | NAME | APPROVED |
| INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS | | | | | |
| **Baseball: Modified** | **Spring Season** | **$2019** | **9/13/19** | **Carr, Robert\*** | **5/19/20** |
| **Baseball: Modified** | **Spring Season** | **$2019** | **9/13/19** | **Donlin, Brian\*** | **5/19/20** |
| **Lacrosse: Mod Head Boys** | **Spring Season** | **$2019** | **9/13/19** | **Towbridge, Robert\*** | **5/19/20** |
| **Lacrosse: Mod Head Girls** | **Spring Season** | **$2019** | **9/13/19** | **Cook, Sara\*** | **5/19/20** |
| **Softball: Modified** | **Spring Season** | **$2019** | **9/13/19** | **Vojtisek, Nicole\*** | **5/19/20** |
| **Track: Modified** | **Spring Season** | **$2351** | **9/13/19** | **Scelsi, Samuel\*** | **5/19/20** |
| **Track: Modified Asst** | **Spring Season** | **$2169** | **9/13/19** | **Lenga, Alanna\*** | **5/19/20** |
| DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS | | | | | |
| **Home & Careers** | **6-8** | **$1250** | **5/17/19** | **Zwolinski, Erin** | **5/19/20** |
| **Physics** | **High School** | **$594** | **5/17/29** | **Klimas, Peter\*** | **5/19/20** |
| **Social Studies** | **6-8** | **$1080** | **5/17/19** | **O’Brien, Kelly\*** | **5/19/20** |
| OTHER | | | | | |
| **Science Distribution** | **Vestal Hills** | **$1002** | **5/17/19** | **Danek, Pamela\*** | **5/1/9/20** |
| MUSIC | | | | | |
| **Select Choir #1 (full year)** | **Middle School** | **$1076** | **5/17/19** | **Warneck, Aubrey\*** | **5/19/20** |
| **BCMEA Level IV** | **Middle School** | **$603** | **5/17/19** | **Persley, Kristin\*** | **5/19/20** |
| **BCMEA Level IV** | **Middle School** | **$594** | **5/17/19** | **Warneck, Aubrey\*** | **5/19/20** |
| **BCMEA Level IV** | **High School** | **$594** | **5/17/19** | **Persley, Kristin\*** | **5/19/20** |
| **District Mass Perf Level I** | **Middle School** | **$97** | **5/17/19** | **Warneck, Aubrey** | **5/19/20** |
| **NYSSMA Major Org Pgm Lvl 1** | **Middle School** | **$97** | **5/17/19** | **Warneck, Aubrey\*** | **5/19/20** |
| **NYSSMA Solo Level II** | **Middle School** | **$183** | **5/17/19** | **Warneck, Aubrey\*** | **5/19/20** |
| **NYSSMA Solo Level III** | **High School** | **$324** | **5/17/19** | **Persley, Kristin\*** | **5/19/20** |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 1 | | | | |
| **RESIGNATIONS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL** | | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS: | | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | SHIFT/SCHOOL | EFFECTIVE | REMARKS |
| Wendell, Thomas | Cleaner | 2nd shift, High School | 5/30/20 |  |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 8A | | | |
| **TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS/SUBSTITUTES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL** | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS(SUBSTITUTES): | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
| Wendell, Thomas | Cleaner PT/S | 6/1/20 |  |

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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: | | | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | SHIFT/SCHOOL | CHANGE | EFFECTIVE | REASON |
| The following employees have achieved satisfactory completion of District probation period: | | | | | |
| Harders, Douglas | Head Custodian | 1st shift/ CJ Complex |  | 6/10/20 |  |

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| On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following motion:  RESOLVED, that the District Clerk, Kay E. Ellis be authorized to fill any vacancies that might arise for the positions of Chief Inspector or Inspector, and  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons be appointed as Chief Inspectors (\*) and Inspectors at the polling places as indicated for the annual meeting and election on June 9, 2020:  Chief Election Inspector:  Kathleen Loveland Administration Building  Election Inspectors:  Michelle Lewis Administration Building  Edmond Mohring Administration Building  Marilyn Mohring Administration Building  Darlene Weidman Administration Building  Casey Weidman Administration Building | #424-20  Appointment of Election Workers |

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| On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Christina Pierce, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following motion:  RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a professional services agreement with Reva Reid Therapy Services to provide occupational therapy and family education services as needed, for a student as approved by the Committee on Special Education, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. | #425-20  Contract for Occupational Therapy Services: Reva Reid |
| On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following motion:  RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a contract with Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference to provide educational services for handicapped students attending the Day Treatment Program through June 30, 2021 in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement. | #426-20  Contract with Childrens’ Home of Wyoming Conference 2020-21 |
| After second reading and on motion by Linda Daino, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following policies as written:  Policy 3150 School Volunteers  Policy 5731 Idling School Buses on School Grounds  Policy 6121 Sexual Harassment  Policy 6560 Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)  Policy 7210 Student Evaluation, Promotion and Placement  Policy 7512 Student Physicals  Policy 7310 Code of Conduct | #427-20  Second Reading and Adoption of Policies 3150, 5731, 6121, 6560, 7210, 7512, 7310 |
| FUTURE MEETINGS:  **Tuesday, May 26, 2020 @ 7:00PM SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING**  South Conference Room and via Zoom, You.Tube  **THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020 @ 10:00AM Regular Meeting**  South Conference Room and via Zoom, You.Tube  **Tuesday, June 23, 2020 @ 6:00PM Regular Meeting**  South Conference Room and via Zoom, You.Tube | #428-20  Future Meetings |
| On motion by Mark Browning, second by Christina Pierce, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn immediately into Executive Session to discuss the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education; and the required Superintendent’s evaluation. | #429-20  Executive Session |
| On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Christina Pierce, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn immediately. | #430-20  Adjournment |
| The meeting was adjourned at 9:35PM. |  |

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Kay Ellis

District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

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| PRESENT: | ALSO PRESENT: |
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| Mark Browning\* | Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Ahearn |
| Linda Daino\* | Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Cliff Kasson\* |
| John Hroncich\* | Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Laura Lamash\* |
| Lynne Majewski\* |  |
| Dinno Nistico – ABSENT | School District Attorney Michael Sherwood |
| Mario Nunes | District Clerk Kay Ellis |
| Christina Pierce\* | School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel\* |
| Sylvia Place – ABSENT | Director of Special Education Rosalie Sullivan\* – dismissed 8:11pm |
| Tony Turnbull\* |  |
| **\*BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF ATTENDED VIA ZOOM** | |

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| Executive Session commenced at 8:05PM in the South Conference Room of the Administration Building. |

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| 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. |

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| On motion by Mark Browning, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for all students considered. |

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| The Board delivered the required written evaluation of the Superintendent. |

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| On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn Executive Session and return to open session immediately. |

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| Executive Session was adjourned at 9:35PM. |

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