

Vestal Central School District
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 1, 2020

THIS MEETING WAS PHYSICALLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

PRESENT:

Mark Browning*
Linda Daino*
John Hroncich*
Lynne Majewski*
Dinno Nistico*
Mario Nunes
Christina Pierce*
Sylvia Place*
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
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel*
District Clerk Kay Ellis

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 public 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/UkGelU6Xvx0>.

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:03PM by Board President Mario Nunes in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#181-21
Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting November 17, 2020 as written.

#182-21
Approval of Minutes

None.

#183-21
Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representative: Carlin Reyen

--the holiday card drive was a huge success; they collected 800 cards that will be distributed to 5 area nursing homes tomorrow

#184-21
Reports

Board President Mario Nunes reported on the following:

Liaisons: TH is donating collected food to the Park Terrace Church food pantry. A virtual Jared Campbell concert is being planned.

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:

--COVID numbers as of today: 6 positive cases; 4 students, 1 teacher, 1 staff. There have been 52 total positive cases since September and a total of 705 quarantined. Currently there are 165 staff/students quarantined; that number will go down tomorrow as some complete the quarantine timeframe. Monday we had a total of 12 positive cases. Staff have been very cooperative to cover openings due to staff shortages; it has taken a lot of effort to keep the doors open.

--Governor Cuomo announced new changes to COVID responses including monitoring hospital capacity, additional testing availability and resources, striving to keep school

open if safe to do so, preventing the spread via small gatherings and operationalizing the vaccine distribution program.

--Assistant Superintendent Clifford Kasson reported on the Steering Committee meeting held November 18th from 4pm-6:30pm. The committee consisted of over 40 members including administrators, bargaining unit representatives, staff members, parents and a student.

--Assistant Superintendent Laura Lamash reported on the Teaching & Learning committee that all could agree we want to move to Phase 3 as soon as safely possible. Scenarios and the timeline were discussed by stakeholders at that committee meeting.

--a survey is being prepared to send to out to secondary families

--the tentative timeline to move to Phase 3 for grades K-12 is January 4th. We have a short timeframe to ensure we have everything in place with staff, facilities and transportation. We will lose some time with the holiday break. The Board is cautioned that if we do not have enough staff available, we could be forced to go back to total remote instruction.

--the annual fiscal stress report scores Vestal as having a "0" rating which is the best you can receive. This report has been issued for 10 years and Vestal has continually had a zero rating with no designation of fiscal stress.

--there is still some talk at the State level about a 20% reduction in State Aid; the 19-20 Transportation Aid is still in jeopardy since the State announced it would not consider the use of Transportation for delivering computer equipment, curriculum supplies and meals to students/families. High-Cost Aid is also being reviewed for possible reductions.

--the high school course handbook for 2021-22 was reviewed; the Board will take action at the next meeting.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 9 to 0 to appoint Barbara Gaylord as the Central Treasurer at the Vestal Middle School for the 2020-21 school year

#185-21
Appointment of VMS Central
Treasurer 2020-21

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Christina Pierce, the Board voted 9 to 0 to accept Schedule E – Enrollment November 2020; and approve Schedule P – Personnel

#186-21
Acceptance of Schedule E;
Approval of Schedule P

Under Schedule P the following changes were made:

SCHEDULE IP 3

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: 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 DATE</u>	<u>TENURE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Crissman, Ruth	Music Teacher	Special Subject Area: Music	Initial	11/30/20-2/29/24	3/1/24	\$56546	Jarema credit for 0.5 Music Teacher and 0.8 Music Teacher positions 2019-20 and 2020-21

*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 receives 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.

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>
Kintner, Andria	Teacher Aide	Clayton Avenue	12/7/20	Other employment
Weseman, Emma	Teacher Aide	Vestal Hills	11/23/20	Other employment

SCHEDULE NIP 2

RETIREMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Gulachok, Myron	Custodian	2 nd shift, VMS	12/31/20	
Sabitus, Leslie	Teacher Aide	VMS	1/1/21	

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/SCHOOL</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Fletcher, John	Bus Attendant (DIT)	Transportation	To: Bus Driver	11/18/20

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
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 for the 2020-21 school year as per the attached agreements.

Alexandra Laletina

#187-21
Service Agreement – Interpreter
Laletina

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Linda Danio, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following reserve transactions for the 2020-21 school year:

Reduce the Tax Certiorari Reserve (A86400) in the amount of \$3,031.40 based on current claims for the Supreme Court decision for Misbahuddin.
Reduce the Tax Certiorari Reserve (A86400) in the amount of \$2,236.41 based on current claims for the Supreme Court decision for Kovacevic.
Reduce the Tax Certiorari Reserve (A86400) in the amount of \$1,367.45 based on current claims for the Supreme Court decision for Miller.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase to the 2020-2021 General Fund Appropriation in budgetary account A1964.400-99-990 in the amount of \$1,506.70 for the prior year portion of this refund.

#188-21
Authorization for Use of Reserve
Funds (Tax Certiorari)

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 9 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 gift:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Approx. Value</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Cash Donation for Playground Supplies	\$150.00	Tioga Hills PTA	Vestal Central School District

#189-21
Acceptance of Gift – TH PTA
Playground Supplies

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Tony Turnbull, 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 the Children with Disabilities Provider/Evaluator agreement with Broome County Health Department for the term July 1, 2020 through and including June 30, 2022.

#190-21
Provider Agreement with
Broome County Health
Department CPSE

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Lynne Majewski, 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 Translation and Interpretation Service Agreement with the Multicultural Resource Center Translation Interpretation Program to provide services as needed from November 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement.

#191-21
Contract with Multicultural
Center at BU
Translation/Interpretation
Services

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution
WHEREAS, the Board of Education approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Institute for Child Development of Binghamton University for student assessment, social training and staff consultation at the August 11, 2020 Board of Education meeting,
AND WHEREAS the District requires the continuation of services outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves continuation of the approved Memorandum of Understanding with Institute for Child Development of Binghamton University through June 30, 2021.

#192-21
MOU with BU Institute for Child Development – Extension of Approved Agreement

On motion by Mark Browning, second by Christina Pierce, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the digital terms of service agreement, software licensing and/or website agreement for those listed below and as outlined in the attached document and compliant with Education Law 2d.
OnShape

#193-21
Software/Licensing Agreement OnShape

On motion by Linda Daino, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with a retired staff member to provide substitute personnel and payroll services from December 4, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

#194-21
Approval of Agreement with Retired Employee

After second review and on motion by Sylvia Place, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the revised policies 6121 Sexual Harassment and 7551 Sexual Harassment of Students.

#195-21
Second Reading and Approval of Policies 6121,7551

NOTE: As a temporary departure from the intent of Voice of the Public, the District will respond back to the questions, and they would be added to the FAQs on the website. Also, those comments or questions not submitted directly by the author to the District or forwarded by a third party, cannot be included since the District cannot confirm the intent of the author was to make a submission to the Board.

#196-21
Voice of the Public

Board President Mario Nunes and Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn read questions and comments submitted from the following stakeholders:
Gabby Passante Vu
Ryan Woodiwiss

FUTURE MEETINGS:

#197-21
Future Meetings

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 @ 6:00 PM Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room – Administration Building, Via Zoom, Via Youtu.be

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 @ 6:00 PM Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room – Administration Building, Via Zoom, Via Youtu.be

Tuesday, January 19, 2021; 6:00pm Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room – Administration Building, Via Zoom, Via YouTu.be

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 @ 6:00 PM Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room – Administration Building, Via Zoom, Via Youtu.be

On motion by Mark Browning, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn into Executive Session to review the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education

#198-21
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 6:54pm

12/1/20

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn immediately.

#199-21
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

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Executive Session commenced at 6:52\PM in the Board 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 Sylvia Place, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 9 to 0 to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for all students considered.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Christina Pierce, be Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn executive session and return to open session immediately.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:54PM.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk