

Vestal Central School District
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 11, 2020

THIS MEETING WAS PHYSICALLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

PRESENT:
Mark Browning*
Linda Daino*
John Hroncich*
Lynne Majewski*
Dinno Nistico*
Mario Nunes
Christina Pierce – ABSENT
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 – ABSENT
School Attorney Michael Sherwood
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel*
District Clerk Kay Ellis
Director of Special Education Rosalie Sullivan*

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/0R6QLtWlVo>

The Board meeting was called to order at 10:02AM by Board President Mario Nunes in the South Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#435-20
Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting May 19, 2020 and the meeting/public hearing May 26, 2020 as written.

#436 -20
Approval of Minutes

None.

#437-20
Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Claire Lee reported the following: None.

#438-20
Reports

Board President Mario Nunes reported the following:

--Board members were reminded to send in any suggestions for topics/issues for the annual Board retreat in August

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported the following:

--Capital Project: work is continuing at the African Road complex and is on target. The change order on the agenda for work at Glenwood was explained.

--the Governor has extended the timeframe to mail in ballots for the annual vote until 6/16/20 at 5:00pm. He also issued notification on how that school could do a revote in July if necessary. So far we have received approximately 4400 returned ballots to be counted.

--a letter regarding the grading of students was sent out to all parents – it will be resent to Board members

--the Governor has announced that school could have graduation ceremonies of up to 150 people. Clarification is needed if that figure is for total attendance or senior students. Our senior class totals 270. Administration has been working hard to come up with plans for the ceremony. In-person could be possible if done in several

sessions or virtual is another option. But planning does take a lot of time to work out the details so a decision would have to be in place within the next week or so. It is understood that graduation this year will not be anything like those in the past. All agreed it is important to celebrate the graduates as best we can under the guidelines. --the Governor issued a directive regarding summer special education services, more clarification is needed.
 --Food Service will continue to provide breakfast/lunches for students under 18 through the end of June. The District was just given approval by the USDA to help fund the summer program for food distribution so it will continue until the end of August. The process will remain the same.
 --the question of opening schools in September is hard to answer. Districts were to submit a plan to the State in July on reopening but we have not received the guidance document yet. Discussions are on-going and will continue. We are taking information from local health departments, CDC and NYS.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 to 0 to accept Schedule E Enrollment May 2020; and approve Schedule P - Personnel.

#439-20
 Acceptance of Schedule E –
 Enrollment May 2020
 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 APPOINTMENT:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>CERTIF</u>	<u>PROBATION DATE</u>	<u>TENURE DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Marks, Caroline	ENL Teacher	Special Subject Area: ESL	Initial	9/1/20-6/30/24	9/1/24	\$58932
Miller, Joy	ENL Teacher	Special Subject Area: ESL	Initial	9/1/20-6/30/24	9/1/24	\$58230

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.

SCHEDULE IP 4A

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTION APPOINTMENTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lowenstein, Sarah	Math	Permanent	MAT	9/1/20	
Reynolds, Carol	Math	Permanent	MS	9/1/20	

SCHEDULE IP 4B

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find pages 5 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: **June 11, 2020.**

<u>AREA OF APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>AREA/BLDG</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS					
Reading	K-12	TBD	5/11/18	Evans, Sarah	6/11/20

SCHEDULE IP 4B

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find pages 5 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: **June 11, 2020.**

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DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS					

<u>Library</u>	<u>K-12</u>	<u>\$7463</u>	<u>5/17/19</u>	<u>Cornwell, Tracey</u>	6/11/20
<u>Reading</u>	<u>K-12</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>5/17/19</u>	<u>Evans, Sarah</u>	<u>6/11/20</u>

SCHEDULE IP 4B

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find pages 1 of a master list of above contract positions for the **2020-21** school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position and stipend that is underlined and in bold print. Board Meeting: **June 11, 2020.**

<u>AREA OF APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>AREA/BLDG</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS					
<u>Football: Varsity Head</u>	<u>Fall Season</u>	<u>\$7762</u>	<u>3/2/0</u>	<u>Evans, Sarah</u>	<u>6/11/20</u>
<u>Field Hockey: JV</u>	<u>Fall Season</u>	<u>\$3684</u>	<u>3/2/20</u>	<u>Barnard, Emily</u>	<u>6/11/20</u>

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</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Hill, Pamela	Custodian	2 nd shift/ Glenwood	7/16/20	

SCHEDULE NIP 2

RETIREMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Solinsky, Angela	Teacher Aide	Middle School	6/30/21	

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>	<u>REASON</u>
Cochran, Barbara	Cleaner	CJH/Trans	Revised leave of absence dates from 11/18/19-TBD to 11/18/19-5/6/20		Medical Reasons

The following employees have achieved satisfactory completion of District probation period:

Clapper, Christine	Cook Manager	High School		6/17/20	
Stewart, Kelly	Senior Typist	Spec Ed Office		6/25/20	

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the student attendance calendar for the 2020-21 school year, as determined to comply with attendance regulations

#440-20
Adoption of Student Attendance Calendar 2020-21

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President or Vice-President be authorized to sign the services agreement with Omni Financial Group, Inc. for the 403(b) third party administration services for the 2020-21 academic year.

#441-20
Service Agreement with Omni Financial Group 2020-21

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District accepts the results of Bid #2020-2021-06 Printing Copy Paper and awards the bid to Contract Paper Group for printing copy paper for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

#442-20
Bid Award: Printing Copy Paper 2020-21

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District accepts the results of the cooperative bid for milk/milk products through the Broome County Specification Group for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

#443-20
Bid Award: Milk Products 2020-21

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District accepts the results of the cooperative bid for ice cream products through the Broome County Specification Group for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

#444-20
Bid Award: Ice Cream Products
2020-21

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District accepts the results of the cooperative bid for bread products through the Broome County Specification Group for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

#445-20
Bid Award: Bread Products
2020-21

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an inspection renewal agreement with Davis-Ulmer Sprinkler Company Inc. to provide quarterly inspections of the systems at the African Road complex from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement.

#446-20
Inspection Agreement with Davis-
Ulmer Sprinkler Company
2020-21

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a service agreement with Guardian CSC to provide water management program for all District buildings of the systems at the African Road complex from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement.

#447-20
Agreement with Guardian CSC

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement with Hillside Children's Center for special education and/or related services for Vestal students as indicated by IEP recommendations for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

#448-20
Contract with Hillside Children's
Center 2020-21

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following motion:

RESOLVED, Board of Education accepts the proposal for special inspection services from Keystone Associates Architects, Engineers and Surveyors, LLC dated April 27, 2020 and authorizes the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education to sign an agreement with Keystone Associates for services effective as of April 27, 2020 per the attached document.

#449-20
CIP Contract with Keystone
Associates

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an amendment to the employment agreement with Jeffrey J. Ahearn, Superintendent of Schools, which extends the term of the Superintendent's employment agreement through June 30, 2024.

#450-20
Extension of Superintendent's
Contract

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Change Order GE MC2 for J&K Plumbing and Heating Co., Inc to deduct Alternate GE-002 Office RTU& Controls, etc and to add Alternate GE-001 Relief Air & Controls etc at Glenwood Elementary School for a net cost of \$177,000.00.

#451-20
CIP Change Order (J&K
Plumbing) Glenwood

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following motion:

#452-20
Appointment of Election Workers
REVISED

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:

Darlene Weidman

Election Inspectors:

Mary Berlinger

Marta Foster

Michelle Lewis

Edmond Mohring

Marilyn Mohring

Joseph Schlitz

Theresa Schlitz

Casey Weidman

Diane Wickham

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, June 17, 2020; SPECIAL MEETING @ TBD

South Conference Room and via Zoom; Youtu.be

#453-20
Future Meetings

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 @ 6:00PM Regular Meeting

South Conference Room and via Zoom, You.Tube

Tuesday, July 7, 2020; 6:00pm; RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

South Conference Room – Administration Building

On motion by Mark Browning, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 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 matter regarding the employment status of a particular staff member

#454-20
Executive Session

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn immediately.

#455-20
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55AM.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Laura Lamash – ABSENT

School District Attorney Michael Sherwood
District Clerk Kay Ellis
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel*
Director of Special Education Rosalie Sullivan* – dismissed 10:33pm

***BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF ATTENDED VIA ZOOM**

Executive Session commenced at 10:33AM in the South Conference Room of the Administration Building.

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 Dinno Nistico, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 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 the employment status of a particular staff member.

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn Executive Session and return to open session immediately.

Executive Session was adjourned at 10:55AM.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk