

Vestal Central School District  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020

**THIS MEETING WAS PHYSICALLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.**

PRESENT:

Mark Browning – ABSENT  
Linda Daino\*  
John Hroncich\*  
Lynne Majewski\*  
Dinno Nistico\*  
Mario Nunes  
Christina Pierce\*  
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  
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/pb4IPAd-Vm4>

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:01PM by Board President Mario Nunes in the South Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#037-21  
Call to Order and Pledge of  
Allegiance

On motion by John Hroncich, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the minutes of the Re-Organizational Meeting Regular Meeting July 7, 2020 as written. Christina Pierce abstained from the vote.

#038-21  
Approval of Minutes

None.

#039-21  
Public Comment on Agenda  
Items

Student Government Representative: None

#040-21  
Reports

Board President Mario Nunes reported on the following:

--due to the current pandemic and the need to focus on the re-opening of school, the Board retreat is postponed for now

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:

--Capital Project update: the new entrance for ARE is being constructed and the vestibule for the middle school is being worked on. The new secure entry at CA has been started. Drainage issues at TH have been addressed and the secure entry there will be built.

--orientations and open houses for this year are being planned; but we are not sure what they will look like yet

--the summer professional development for staff is all virtual training

--Plans for re-opening of school are continuing. Committees are using the guidance documents from the DOH and SED to put together required assurances. There are three basic options: all in-person instruction, all remote instruction or a hybrid model. The parent survey last week gave the committees a lot of good feedback. Sub

committees will continue to meet this week and report to the steering committee on Friday. That committee will report to the governance committee; who in turn will make the final determination. Sub committees are in the areas of Health & Safety, Teaching & Learning, Technology, Athletics & Co-Curricular and Transportation. The deadline for assurances to be submitted is July 31; if accepted the plan would be posted on the District's website and presented to the Board.

--there is not a lot of coordination with other districts; everyone is developing their own plan to fit their needs

--the impact on the budget for 2020-21 is not known at this time; monetary support from the federal government is unlikely and the State has mentioned a possible cut in state aid.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following recommended stipend for 2020-21:

Recommended stipend for District Clerk is \$8193

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following recommended stipend for 2020-21:

Recommended stipend for Legal Counsel is \$66778

On motion by Christina Pierce, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the recommended stipend for 2020-21:

Recommended stipend for Health & Safety Coordinator is \$5000

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following recommended appointment for 2020-21:

High School Central Treasurer

1. Application from Barbara Gaylord
2. Recommended stipend for 2020-21 is \$3,422

On motion by Linda Daino, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept Schedule A – Treasurer's Report June 2020 UNAUDITED; Schedule B – Year-to-Date Budget Report June 2020 UNAUDITED; Schedule C – Schedule of Bills June 2020 UNAUDITED; and approve Schedule P – Personnel

Under Schedule P the following changes were made:

**SCHEDULE IP 1**

**RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS:

| <u>NAME</u>   | <u>POSITION</u>            | <u>TENURE AREA</u>                       | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------|
| Wood, Matthew | Physical Education Teacher | Special Subject Area: Physical Education | 7/20/20               |                |

**SCHEDULE IP 2**

**RETIREMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

| <u>NAME</u>      | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>TENURE AREA</u>          | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Persley, Kristin | Music Teacher   | Special Subject Area: Music | 8/1/20                |                |

**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> |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Roma, Kelly      | Elementary Teacher | Elementary         | Initial       | 9/1/20-6/30/24        | 9/1/24        | TBD           |                |
| Stevens, Brianna | Elementary Teacher | Elementary         | Initial       | 9/1/20-6/30/24        | 9/1/24        | \$58932       |                |

#041-21  
**Old Business**  
Recommendation of Stipends

Appointment of Extra-Curricular Treasurer

#042-21  
**New Business**  
Approval of Schedule P

\*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> |
|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Rabineau, Amanda | 0.5 Teacher Aide | Glenwood            | 7/13/20               |                |

**SCHEDULE NIP 2**

**RETIREMENT: 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 DATE</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Wells, Michael | Custodian       | High School         | 11/20/20              |                |

**SCHEDULE NIP 8A**

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

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS/SUBSTITUTES:

| <u>NAME</u>    | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Kosty, Michael | Clerk PT/S      | 7/22/20               |                |

**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> |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Fitzgerald, James | Cleaner         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift, ARE Complex | To: Custodian 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift, Glenwood | 7/22/20          |

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

|                   |               |                |  |         |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|--|---------|
| Havens, Yolanda   | Bus Attendant | Transportation |  | 8/5/20  |
| Welch, Teresa     | Bus Attendant | Transportation |  | 8/26/20 |
| Wlostowski, David | Bus Driver    | Transportation |  | 8/26/20 |

On motion by Tony Turnbull, 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 is authorized to sign agreements with the listed individuals to provide interpretation services for District students as needed for the 2020-21 school year as per the attached agreements.

- Achala Amin
- Sefali Bhutwala
- Shan Chen
- Weili Cui
- Inna Davidovich
- Saed Hadziabdic
- Sibel Karakoc
- Walaya Kretzmer
- Tuan Luong
- Tomas Guerrero-Diaz
- Sushma Madduri
- Marisol Marcin
- Karim Muhammad
- Chenqing Song
- Derek Vladescu

#043-21  
 Service Agreements for  
 Interpreter Services 2020-21  
 (15)

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Linda Daino, 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 NY Geographic Preference bid summary through the Broome County Specification Group for the period September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

#044-21  
Bid Award – Geographic Preference for 20-21

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District as Local Education Agency (LEA) be authorized to sign agreements with the following organizations as an Approved Special Education Program Provider (ASEP) to provide services to special education students, in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).

#045-21  
IDEA Flow-Through Funding Agreements 20-21

- Child Development Council
- Children’s Therapy Network
- Children’s Unit for Treatment and Evaluation BU
- Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference
- Handicapped Children’s Association

On motion by Linda Daino, second by John Hroncich, 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 the agreement with Tioga County Public Health for special education evaluation services from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, in accordance with the attached agreement.

#046-21  
Agreement with Tioga County Public Health 2020-22

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Dinno Nistico, 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 gift:

#047-21  
Donation from Vestal Cagers (Shoot-A-Way Trainer)

| Description   | Approx. Value | Donor                        | Recipient                      |
|---|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Cash Donation for Shoot-A-Way Trainer (Vestal Cagers) | \$3000.00     | Vestal Central Athletic Club | Vestal Central School District |

On motion by John Hroncich, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the 2017-2020 Agreement between the Superintendent of Schools and the Vestal Administrators’ Association is hereby extended for one year and the additional funds are provided in accordance with Civil Service Law 204A, effective from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

#048-21  
Extension of VAA Agreement 2020-21

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Dinno Nistico, 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 policy statement of the New York State Education Department for free and reduced priced meals or free meals for eligible students during the 2020-21 academic year, per the attached.

#049-21  
Free/Reduced Price Meals/Free Policy Statement 20-21

On motion by Dinno Nistico, 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 the memorandum of understanding with St. Bonaventure University for a counseling internship from August 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022, in accordance with the attached agreement.

#050 -21  
MOU with St. Bonaventure University

7/21/20

#051-21

Declaration of Obsolete  
Equipment – CJH, VH

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Assistant Director of Facilities & Operations, declare the equipment from Central Junior High and Vestal Hills listed on the attachments as obsolete and authorize the disposition of these items in accordance with Board Policy 5250.

#052-21

Appointment of  
District-Wide School Safety  
Team, Building Teams  
2020-21

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
WHEREAS in accordance with SAVE Act of 2000 and NYS Law CR155.17 the Board of Education is required to appoint the District Wide School Safety Team along with the Safety Team, Emergency Response Team and Post Incident Response Team for each District school annually;  
THEREFORE the Board of Education approves the attached safety team listings for the 2020-21 school year; AND  
WHEREAS in accordance with SAVE Act of 2000 and NYS Law CR155.17 the Board of Education is required to hold a 30-day public comment period for the District Wide School Safety Plan prior to Board approval annually, THEREFORE, District Wide School Safety Plan is available for public comment from July 22, 2020 to August 24, 2020 on the District's website: [www.vestal.k12.ny.us](http://www.vestal.k12.ny.us) or by contacting the District Clerk at 757-2265.

None

#053-21

Voice of the Public

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020 @ 6:00 PM Regular Meeting**

South Conference Room – Administration Building, Via Zoom, Via Youtu.be

#054-21

Future Meetings

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020 @ 6:00 PM Regular Meeting**

South Conference Room – Administration Building, Via Zoom, Via Youtu.be

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020 @ 6:00 PM Regular Meeting**

South Conference Room – Administration Building, Via Zoom, Via Youtu.be

On motion by Christina Pierce, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 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; review a possible student issue

The Board returned to open session at 8:25pm

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

#055-21

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk

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Vestal, New York

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Rosalie Sullivan\*, Director of Special Education – dismissed 7:55pm

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

Executive Session commenced at 7:50PM in the South 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 Tony Turnbull, second by Dinno Nistico, 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.

The Board was updated on a possible student issue

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn executive session and return to open session immediately.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:25PM.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk