

Vestal Central School District
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 5, 2021

THIS MEETING WAS PHYSICALLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

PRESENT:

Mark Browning*
Linda Daino*
John Hroncich*
Lynne Majewski*
Dinno Nistico* - ABSENT
Mario Nunes
Christina Pierce*
Sylvia Place*
Tony Turnbull*- 6:10pm

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

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/XEo5OhkaKlo>.

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

#217-21
Call to Order and Pledge of
Allegiance

On motion by John Hroncich, second by Linda Diano, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting December 15, 2020 as written.

#218-21
Approval of Minutes

None.

#219-21
Public Comment on Agenda
Items

Student Government Representative: Lizzie England:

-Just back from the holiday break, there is not much to report. Key Club and NHS are busy; the scholastic art competition will take place.

#220-21
Reports

Board President Mario Nunes reported on the following:

Liaisons: TH will reschedule the Jared Campbell concert to later January or February; they supported the Lions food drive to help the food pantry and two families; lip sync event will be January 22 and a Trivia Night is planned for February. They also voted to become a PTO.

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:

--County numbers for positive cases for today is 206; a 4.2% increase. District numbers for today: 14 positive cases (9 students, 2 teachers, 3 staff) quarantined numbers for today: 39 total (34 students, 3 teachers, 2 staff) There is no evidence that any spread has occurred in our facilities.

--Jane Hashey has replaced Mike Rotondi as the interim principal at the middle school. Mr. Rotondi will stay on for a short time to help with some projects.

--the start of Phase 3 has gone smoothly for grades 3-5. Grades K-5 now attend 2 days in person and 2 remotely. Grades 6-12 will go to Phase 3 on January 11.
 --SED has canceled the January Regents tests and those days will be days of instruction; notifications will be sent out.
 --the budget calendar for the annual vote in May was distributed. The preliminary budget forecast will be presented at the February 9 meeting. State Aid projections are not clear yet. The amount of transportation aid and high cost aid are uncertain.
 --computer based testing will be used for ELA assessments in April. A simulated training will take place January 12-14 to test the network to ensure the platform can handle that much all at once.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 to 0 to accept Schedule E – Enrollment December 2020; Schedule F Travel & Conference; and approve Schedule P – Personnel

#221-21
 Acceptance of Schedules E, F;
 Approval of Schedule P

Under Schedule P the following changes were made:

SCHEDULE IP2

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>
Card, Kristen	Special Education Teacher	Special Subject Area: Gen Special Education	7/1/21

SCHEDULE IP 4A

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL</u>	<u>CERTIF</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Young, Cayleen	Elementary/Spec Ed	None	BS	1/6/21	

SCHEDULE IP 4B

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find page 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: January 5, 2021**

<u>AREA OF APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>AREA/BLDG</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS					
Soccer: Modified Girls	Fall Season	\$4199	3/2/20	Kendall, Mercedes	1/5/21

SCHEDULE IP 8

CHANGES IN STATUS: 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>CHANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lacey-Corcoran, Denise	Music Teacher	Special Subject Area: Music	Change leave of absence from 9/8/20-1/29/21 to 9/8/20-4/16/21		Family responsibilities
Schumacher, Alexis	Reading Teacher	Special Subject Area: Remedial Reading	Change probation period from 12/7/20-12/6/24 to 12/7/20-12/6/23		Previous NYS tenure

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>
Dornbos, Terry	Bus Driver	Transportation	1/6/21	

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>
Bussom, Joan	Teacher Aide	High School	1/19/21	

SCHEDULE NIP 8A

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT (SUBSTITUTES): NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Solinsky, Angela	Teacher Aide PT/S	9/1/21	
Wright, Sunshine	Cleaner PT/S	1/6/21	

SCHEDULE NIP 9B

PART TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PART TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/BLDG</u>	<u>PROBATION PERIOD</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Barnes, Shannon	Bus Driver	Transportation	1/6/21-1/18/22	\$14.63/hr	52 wk probation period

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>
Frisbie, Dale	School Bus Route Coordinator	Transportation		1/13/21
Woodruff, Cindy	Bus Attendant	Transportation		1/20/21

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
 RESOLVED, that the Vestal Board of Education accepts the proposal from IBI Group for 2020 AHERA 6-month inspections and authorizes the President or Vice-President to sign a contract with IBI Group for services to perform AHERA inspections (December 2020) as outlined in the attached proposal.

#222-21
 Contract with IBI Group –
 AHERA 6-Month Inspections
 December 2020

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 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 documents and compliant with Education Law 2d.
 Next Epoch Tech Inc.

#223-21
 Software/Licensing Agreement
 Next Epoch Tech Inc.

On motion by Mark Browning, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 8 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:

#224-21
 Acceptance of Gift – Knoll
 MacDonald Foundation
 Donation for Odyssey of the
 Mind

<u>Description</u>	<u>Approx. Value</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Cash Donation for Odyssey of the Mind	\$350.00	Knoll-MacDonald Foundation	Vestal Central School District

On motion by Christina Pierce, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 8 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

#225-21
 Bid Award – NY Geographic
 Preference Bid 9/1/21 – 6/30/22

After second reading and on motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the revised Policy 5670 Records Management

#226-21
Policy: Second Reading of 5670
Records Management (revised)

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.

#227-21
Voice of the Public

Board President Mario Nunes and Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn read questions and comments submitted from the following stakeholders:
None.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

#228-21
Future Meetings

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 @ 6:00 PM Regular Meeting

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

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 @ 6:00 PM Regular Meeting

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

On motion by Mark Browning, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn into Executive Session to review the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and review the employment status of a particular staff member and a possible legal matter.

#229-21
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 6:36pm

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

#230-21
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37PM.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

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Director of Special Education Rosalie Sullivan*

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Executive Session commenced at 6:23PM 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 Linda Daino, second by Sylvia Place, 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.

On motion by Mark Browning, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn executive session and return to open session immediately.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:36PM.

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