

Vestal Central School District  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, October 12, 2021

PRESENT:

Mark Browning – attended via Zoom  
Linda Daino  
Kathryn Egan  
Eric LaClair  
John Hroncich  
Lynne Majewski  
Dinno Nistico – attended via Zoom  
Mario Nunes  
Tony Turnbull

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Ahearn  
Asst Supt for Finance, Operations & Personnel Clifford Kasson  
Asst Supt for Instruction Patrick Clarke  
School Attorney Michael Sherwood  
  
District Clerk Kay Ellis  
  
About 4 Visitors

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Board President Mario Nunes in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#136-22  
Call to Order and  
Pledge of Allegiance

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Eric LaClair, 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 Preschool Special Education, an update on the VEA agreement and the status of a prospective employee.

#137-22  
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 6:16pm.

On motion by John Hroncich, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting September 28, 2021 as written.

#138-22  
Approval of Minutes

Shoba Agneshwar, Stonehedge Drive, spoke to the Board regarding the history of the dugouts at the AR complex. The donation of time and materials by Filbin Painting was acknowledged, both when the dugouts were constructed in 2011 and last month when they were repainted.

#139-22  
Public Comment on  
Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Samson Wong:

--Club advisors were asked to nominate a student for the Golden Bear with qualities like leadership, respect, compassion. 24 students were nominated, voting will be this week and the winner will be announced at homecoming.  
--a card drive will be sponsored again this year  
--Varsity Club will sponsor a pink out sales that benefit breast cancer awareness  
--Latin American month is being celebrated

#140-22  
Reports

Board President Mario Nunes reported on the following:

Liaisons: VH is planning an eventful year, a chicken bbq will be 10/15, school photos are 10/19, used sneakers are being collected to be redistributed or recycled. Weis Markets has started a Weis4Schools program that donates a percentage of your purchases to the named schooled. TH is sponsoring school pictures tomorrow, will hold a virtual book fair, a harvest lunch on 11/12 and a Jared Campbell concert is being planned.  
--NYSSBA conference will be virtual on Monday October 25<sup>th</sup>

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:

--COVID numbers: as of today, 11 positive students, 1 positive teacher. 26 students are quarantined, along with 2 teachers. Since September, 75 students tested positive, 5 teachers and 3 staff also were positive. Cumulative quarantines: 407 students, 10 teachers, 3 staff.  
--board members were given proclamations from BT SBA and Broome County thanking them for their service in honor of School Board Appreciation Week.

--Vestal Hills closure last week was handled very well; our staff recognized the problem; students were taken back home or to AR to await parent pick-up. Faculty, staff, maintenance personnel were thanked. The faulty valve on the boiler was identified and replacement parts ordered. The Vestal Fire Chief, BOCES Health & Safety Specialist, NYSEG, Postler & Jaeckle staff all were on the scene.

--the requirement for unvaccinated staff to be tested weekly will begin on Monday. The gym at Central Junior will be use as the testing location. The company hired will provided test kits, nursing staff to administer them, analyze and report the results. Testing will be Mondays 12:45-2:15pm and 3-6pm; on Fridays 3-6pm.

--tutoring and extra help for quarantined students will be in place in the next couple of weeks. Some help will be during the school day and some after school.

--Testing results for grades 3-8 are still embargoed

--Title I information night for parents will be virtual this year; all buildings except for the high school are Title I buildings.

--the independent external audit will be reviewed by the audit committee next week, along with the corrective action plan. It will be presented for board approval at the 10/26 meeting.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 9 to 0 to accept Schedule E Enrollment September 2021, Schedule F Travel & Conference and approve Schedule P – Personnel.

#141-22  
Acceptance of  
Schedule E, F and  
Approval of Schedule P

Under Schedule P the following changes were approved:

#### SCHEDULE IP 1

##### RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL

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

NAME	POSITION	TENURE AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Kohlman, Karissa	Substitute Teacher		10/4/21	Relocation

#### SCHEDULE IP 4A

##### TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

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

NAME	INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL	CERT	DEGREE	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Gaylord, Morgan	Elementary	None	BS	10/13/21	
Genzer, Rebecca	Math	None	BA	10/13/21	

#### SCHEDULE IP 4B

##### TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find pages 2 and 6 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2021-22 school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position and stipend that is underlined and in bold print. **Board Meeting: October 12, 2021**

AREA OF APPOINTMENT	AREA/BLDG	STIPEND	POSTED	NAME	APPROVED
<b>INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS</b>					
<b><u>JV Basketball Girls Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Winter Season</u></b>	<b><u>\$5288</u></b>	<b><u>6/7/21</u></b>	<b><u>Rouse, Kathleen*</u></b>	<b><u>10/12/21</u></b>
<b><u>JV Basketball Girls Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Winter Season</u></b>	<b><u>\$5288</u></b>	<b><u>6/7/21</u></b>	<b><u>Daino, Jeremy</u></b>	<b><u>10/12/21</u></b>
<b><u>Modified Basketball G Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Winter Season</u></b>	<b><u>\$4889</u></b>	<b><u>6/7/21</u></b>	<b><u>Daino, Jeremy*</u></b>	<b><u>10/12/21</u></b>
<b><u>Modified Wrestling Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Winter Season</u></b>	<b><u>\$4889</u></b>	<b><u>6/7/21</u></b>	<b><u>Faughnan, James</u></b>	<b><u>10/12/21</u></b>
<b>ADVISORS</b>					
<b><u>Students Against Destructive Decisions</u></b>					<b><u>10/12/21</u></b>
<b><u>Students Against Destructive Decisions</u></b>	<b><u>High School</u></b>	<b><u>\$853</u></b>	<b><u>6/8/21</u></b>	<b><u>Doolittle, Karen (co)</u></b>	
<b><u>Students Against Destructive Decisions</u></b>	<b><u>High School</u></b>	<b><u>\$853</u></b>	<b><u>6/8/21</u></b>	<b><u>Daino, Stephanie (co)</u></b>	<b><u>10/12/21</u></b>

\*CANCEL

#### SCHEDULE IP 7

##### LEAVES OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

NAME	POSITION	TENURE AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON
Tyler, Kimberly	Music Teacher	Special Area: Music	10/4/21-11/26/21	Family responsibilities

**SCHEDULE IP 8****CHANGES IN STATUS: INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGES IN STATUS:

NAME	POSITION	TENURE AREA	CHANGE	REMARKS
Giannetto, Justin	Special Education Teacher	Special Area: General Special Education	Change probation period from TBD to 10/29/21-10/28/24	Previous NYS tenure

**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 DATE	REMARKS
Gaddy, Christina	Teacher Aide (Monitor)	Middle School	9/15/21	
Sodhi, Nirmaljit	Food Service Helper (4.0 hrs/day)	Middle School	10/18/21	

**SCHEDULE NIP 2****RETIREMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

NAME	POSITION	SHIFT/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Pipher, Miriam	Teacher Aide	Glenwood	12/31/21	

**SCHEDULE NIP 4****PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

NAME	POSITION	SHIFT/SCHOOL	PROBATION PERIOD	SALARY	REMARKS
Chicone, Elizabeth	Teacher Aide	Middle School	10/12/21-1/2/23	\$18368	52 wk probation period
Lewis, Christopher	Teacher Aide (Monitor)	High School	10/12/21-1/2/23	\$18000	52 wk probation period

**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
Fosco, Julia	Teacher Aide PT/S	10/13/21	
Robertson, Gary	Cleaner PT/S	10/13/21	
Young, Katie	Typist PT/S	9/6/21	

**SCHEDULE NIP 8C****TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL (OTHER)**

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

NAME	AREA OF SERVICE	LEVEL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Gaylord, Morgan	Lifeguard	District	10/13/21-6/30/22	\$12.50/hr

**SCHEDULE NIP 10****LEAVE OF ABSENCE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

NAME	POSITION	SHIFT/BLDG	EFFECTIVE DATES	REASON
Wiggins, Patricia	Food Service Helper (3.0 hrs/day)	District	10/7/21 PM-12/31/21	Medical reasons

**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/BLDG	CHANGE	EFFECTIVE	REASON
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Kalsy, Shea	Cleaner	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift, AR Complex	To Custodian, 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift Clayton Avenue	10/13/21
Metcalfe, Glenn	Bus Attendant (DIT)	Transportation	To Bus Attendant	9/1/21
Nishikawa, Miki	Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT	African Road	Change probation period from 9/29/21-12/13/22 to 9/30/21-12/14/22	
Peretore, Tessa	Teacher Aide	Middle School	Change probation period from 9/28/21-12/12/22 to 10/5/21-12/19/22	
Strum, Paul	Cleaner	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift, Tioga Hills	To Custodian, 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift	10/13/21
The following employees have achieved satisfactory completion of District probationary period:				
Miele, Samuel	Bus Driver	Transportation		10/27/21
White, Glenn	Custodian	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift, High School		10/14/21

On motion by John Hroncich, second by Eric LaClair, 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 agreements for those listed below and as outlined in the attached documents and compliant with Education Law 2d.

2ny LLC  
Shutterfly Lifetouch LLC

#142-22  
Software/Licensing  
Agreements (2)  
Ed Law 2-d  
2021-22

On motion by Kathy Egan, second by Tony Turnbull, 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/donation:

Description	Approx. Value	Donor	Recipient
Donation for 100 Mile Club at Vestal Hills	\$276.66	Visions FCU	Vestal Central School District
Weis4School Program (Vestal Middle School)	\$400.00	Weis Markets	Vestal Central School District

#143-22  
Acceptance of  
Gift/Donation (2)

On motion by John Hroncich, second by Linda Daino, 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 contract with Charles Hickin for musical equipment tuning services at a rate of \$60/hr through 6/30/22 per the attached agreement in an amount not to exceed \$2000.

#144-22  
Service Agreement -  
Hickin

Rob Hammaker, Grippen Hill Road, spoke to the Board regarding communication and responses to voice of the public questions.

Gabby Vu, 15 Rebecca Drive, introduced her daughter and asked Board members to introduce themselves to her.

#145-22  
Voice of the Public

#### FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

**Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting**  
**Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

**Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting**  
**Tioga Hills Elementary School (TENTATIVE LOCATION)**

**Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 6:00pm; TENTATIVE MEETING IF NEEDED**  
**Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting**  
**Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

#146-22  
Future Meetings

#### FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 5:30pm; Audit Sub Committee**  
**Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn the meeting immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

#147-22  
Adjournment

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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About 0 Visitors  
Special Education Director Rosalie Sullivan – dismissed 6:04pm

Executive Session commenced at 6:02pm in the Small Conference Room of the Administration Building.

Recommendations 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 Kathy Egan, 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.

The Board was informed of a possible update to the VEA agreement and the status of a possible new employee.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn executive session.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:15pm.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk