

Vestal Central School District  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, October 26, 2021

PRESENT:

Mark Browning  
Linda Daino – ABSENT  
Kathryn Egan  
Eric LaClair  
John Hroncich – ABSENT  
Lynne Majewski  
Dinno Nistico  
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 – ABSENT  
School Attorney Michael Sherwood  
  
District Clerk Kay Ellis  
  
About 6 Visitors

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.

#148-22  
Call to Order and  
Pledge of Allegiance

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Mark Browning, 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 Preschool Special Education and an update on negotiations with VAA.

#149-22  
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 6:19pm.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Kathy Egan, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting September 28, 2021 as written.

#150-22  
Approval of Minutes

Rob Hammaker, Grippen Hill Road, Vestal, spoke to the Board detailing questions about the financial reports, extracurricular clubs, and salaries for teacher aides.

#151-22  
Public Comment on  
Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Samson Wong:

--committee will meet to review the by-laws of clubs; the Chess Club has 30 members  
--the holiday card drive hopes to get more than 1000 this year  
--Marching Band will compete at the state level  
--student newspaper Bear Facts will be revamped  
--Yearbook Club is sponsoring a costume contest on Thursday; Pink Out, to support breast cancer awareness, is also Thursday.  
--Volleyball tournament will be 11/20

#152-22  
Reports

Board President Mario Nunes reported on the following:

Liaisons: CA is looking for a District Council rep. VH is holding a Halloween house decoration vote on 10/29. GL held a Spirit Week. A monthly newsletter will be going out to the community. They are looking to do a fundraiser for Mercy House; other fundraising ideas are being worked on. Student picture day is Thursday. AR will sponsor a trunk or treat.  
--Kathryn Egan viewed the virtual NYSSBA conference Monday, it was very informative  
--Heather Pufky was acknowledged for her recent recognition in a professional trade journal

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:

--Representative from the independent audio (Insero) reviewed the executive summary for the year ending 6/30/21. He met with the Audit Committee last week to present the complete audit and findings.

--COVID numbers as of today: 9 students positive, 2 teachers, 1 staff. Quarantined: 51 students, 3 teachers, 1 staff. Legislation is being submitted for requiring students to be vaccinated in order to attend school; the bill would add the COVID vaccine to required student immunizations  
 --testing is being scheduled for District staff who did not provide vaccination records, it will start November 1<sup>st</sup> in the gym at Central Junior on Monday and Friday afternoons  
 --Federal stimulus funds will be used for a mechanical upgrade project to HVAC systems at Glenwood, Tioga Hills and the AR complex

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept Schedule A – Treasurer’s Report September 2021, Schedule B – Year-to-Date Budget Report September 2021, Schedule C – Schedule of Bills September 2021 and approve Schedule P – Personnel.

#153-22  
 Acceptance of Schedules A, B, C 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
Jones-Megivern, Alaina	Special Education Teacher	Special Area: Gen Spec Ed	11/15/21	Other employment

### SCHEDULE IP 3

#### PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL

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

NAME	POSITION	TENURE AREA	CERTIF	PROBATION	TENURE DATE	SALARY
Webster, Mary	Elementary Teacher	Elementary	Permanent	TBD	TBD	\$66,153

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 the part.

### 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
Burghardt, Baylee	English	None	BS	10/27/21	
DeLoria-Mancini, Kathryn	Math/English	None	BS	10/27/21	
O'Donnell, Hanna	Elementary	None	BS	10/27/21	
St. John, Judith	School Counselor	Permanent	CAS	10/16/21	Reinstated

### SCHEDULE IP 4B

#### TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find pages 2, 4, 6 and 8 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 26, 2021**

AREA OF APPOINTMENT	AREA/BLDG	STIPEND	POST ED	NAME	APPROVED
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS					
<b>Modified Basketball B Coach</b>	<b>Winter Season</b>	<b>\$4889</b>	<b>6/7/21</b>	<b>Davis, Matt</b>	<b>10/26/21</b>
INTRAMURALS					
<b>Elementary</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>\$541</b>		<b>Daglio, Steven</b>	<b>10/26/21</b>
<b>Elementary</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>\$541</b>		<b>Hoyt, Scott</b>	<b>10/26/21</b>
<b>Elementary</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>\$500</b>		<b>Siegrist, Valery</b>	<b>10/26/21</b>
<b>Elementary</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>\$500</b>		<b>Tyler, Ashley</b>	<b>10/26/21</b>

## ADVISORS

<u>Student Book Store</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>\$2472</u>	<u>6/8/21</u>	<u>Jones-Megivern, Alaina*</u>	<u>10/26/21</u>
OTHER					
<u>Bus Supervision (1)</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>\$15.43/per diem</u>	<u>6/8/21</u>	<u>Lewis, Christopher (co)</u>	<u>10/26/21</u>
<u>Bus Supervision (1)</u>	<u>Glenwood</u>	<u>\$15.43 per diem</u>	<u>6/8/21</u>	<u>Pipher, Miriam</u>	<u>10/16/21</u>
					<b>*CANCEL</b>

**SCHEDULE IP 4C****TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS (OTHER): INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

NAME	AREA OF SERVICE	LEVEL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Boyce, Alicia	Administrative	District-Wide	10/25/21-6/30/22	Per diem work district-wide

**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
Poole, Ava	Teacher Aide PT/S	District	10/15/21	
Stento, Krista	Typist PT	Glenwood	11/25/21	Relocation

**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
Macchiano, Shirley	Teacher Aide	Tioga Hills	1/1/22	

**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
Knowles, Michael	Teacher Aide	High School	10/20/21-1/10/23	\$18368	52 wk probation period
Lynah, Armell	Custodian	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift, High School	TBD	\$27666	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
Fletcher, John	Cleaner PT/S	10/4/21	
McMurray, Craig	Cleaner PT/S	10/27/21	

**SCHEDULE NIP 8B****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:

NAME	POSITION	SHIFT/BLDG	PROBATION PERIOD	SALARY	REMARKS
Savage, Neal	Bus Attendant (DIT)	Transportation	10/27/21-11/8/22	\$12.50/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:

NAME	POSITION	SHIFT/BLDG	CHANGE	EFFECTIVE	REASON
Jones, Jr., Carl	Groundskeeper	Facilities/Operations	To Head Groundskeeper	7/1/21	

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

Chura-Lynch, Katherine	Senior Typist	Middle School	11/4/21
Wendland, Robert	Bus Attendant	Transportation	11/10/21

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Tony Turnbull, 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/donation:

#154-22  
Acceptance of  
Gif/Donation  
Weis4 Schools, VH  
PTA

Description	Approx. Value	Donor	Recipient
Weis4School Program (Glenwood Elementary)	\$591.38	Weis Markets	Vestal Central School District
Donation for 100 Mile Club at Vestal Hills	\$872.54	VH PTA	Vestal Central School District

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Kathy Egan, 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 an agreement with those listed to provide interpretation services for District students as needed for the 2021-22 school year as per the attached agreement.  
Junko Schwartzman

#155-21  
Svc Agreement –  
Interpreter  
Schwartzman

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the license agreements with Music Theatre International for the rights for two (2) musical productions for the 2021-22 school year. These productions will be at the Vestal High School and Vestal Middle School.

#156-21  
License Agreements –  
Music Theatre  
International  
VMS and SH

On motion by Mark Browning, second by Kathy Egan, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District approves the Transportation Contracts with A&D Transportation to provide special education student transportation as outlined in the attached documents.

#157-21  
Contract Busing for  
Special Education  
students  
A&D Transportation

On motion by Mark Browning, second by Dinno Nistico, 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 a contract with Christopher Perez to provide individual psychological counseling for a Special Education student on home instruction, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$1000.00.

#158-21  
Svc Agreement –  
Counseling Services  
Perez

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Mark Browning, 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 grocery products through the Broome County Specification Group for the period December 2021 to June 2022.

#159-22  
Bid Award – Paper  
Products  
12/21-6/22

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt and hereby accepts the Independent Audit Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 as submitted by the district's auditing firm, Insero & Co. CPAs, LLC and as reviewed by the Audit Committee. This report includes the Management Letter, the Single Audit Package and the Extraclassroom Activity Funds Financial Statements. The Board also acknowledges the Corrective Action Plan in response to audit findings.

#160-22  
Independent Audit  
Report  
2020-21

On motion by Kathy Egan, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of Corrective Action Plan in response to the Internal Risk Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 from the Board of Education's Audit Committee.

#161-22  
Corrective Action Plan  
Internal Risk  
Assessment 2018-19

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Kathy Egan, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of Corrective Action Plan in response to the Internal Risk Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 from the Board of Education's Audit Committee.

#162-22  
Corrective Action Plan  
Internal Risk  
Assessment 2019-20

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 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.

ESLibrary (Red River Press)  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company  
NCS Pearson Inc

#163-22  
Software/Licensing  
Agreement  
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On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Interim Director of Facilities & Operations, declare the equipment from the Glenwood Elementary library and high school receiving listed on the attachments as obsolete and authorize the disposition of these items in accordance with Board Policy 5250.

#164-22  
Obsolete Equipment –  
Glenwood Library,  
Receiving Dept

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Dinno Nistico, 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 an agreement with Upstate Images to provide school portrait services for the Vestal Middle School for the 2021-22 school year at no cost to the District.

#165-22  
Agreement with  
Upstate Images – VMS  
school pictures

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Vestal Central School District was eligible for Federal CRRSA-ESSER II funding and  
WHEREAS acceptance and usage of said funding did not require voter approval,  
WHEREAS indoor air quality (HVAC) upgrades are needed at Glenwood Elementary School, Tioga Hills Elementary School, and the African Road Elementary/Vestal Middle School buildings,  
THEREFORE, the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes the District-Wide Mechanical Upgrades Project as recommended and outlined.

#166-22  
District-Wide  
Mechanical Upgrades  
Project (ESSER II  
funding)

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Vestal Central School District Board of Education, hereby declares the Vestal Central School District as the Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), associated with the District-Wide Mechanical Upgrades Project.

#167-22  
District-Wide  
Mechanical Upgrades  
Project – SEQRA  
Declaration of Lead  
Agency

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Vestal Central School District Board of Education ("Board") has considered the effect upon the environment of the District-Wide Mechanical Upgrades Project, a multi-site project to be located at the following sites: Glenwood Elementary School, Tioga Hills Elementary School and African Road Elementary/Vestal Middle School  
and

WHEREAS the Board has received and reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Forms prepared and submitted in connection with the multi-site project, now therefore  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the Short Environmental Assessment Forms as completed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vestal Central School District Board of Education, acting as Lead Agency for the purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), hereby determines that all sites associated with the project are unlisted actions with negative declarations, which will not have a significant impact on the environment.

#168-22  
District-Wide  
Mechanical Upgrades  
Project – SEQRA  
Determination

Michael Kirsch, Brown Road, Vestal, spoke to the Board regrading CRT (Critical Race Theory)  
Rob Hammaker, Grippen Hill Road, Vestal, addressed the Board regarding extra-curricular activities, COVID testing and vaccines  
Philip Grayson, University Court, Vestal, talked to the Board about basketball for grades 3-6

#169-22  
Voice of the Public

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

#170-22  
Future Meetings

**Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting (Virtual TH Spotlight)  
Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

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

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting  
Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting  
Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting immediately.

#171-22  
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk

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About 0 Visitors  
Special Education Director Rosalie Sullivan – dismissed 6:06pm

Executive Session commenced at 6:03pm 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 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 the status of VAA negotiation and the status of a substitute administrator

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn executive session.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:18pm.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk