

Vestal Central School District  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021

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

PRESENT:

Mark Browning\*  
Linda Daino\*  
John Hroncich\*  
Lynne Majewski\*  
Dinno Nistico\*  
Mario Nunes  
Christina Pierce\* - arrived 6:10pm  
Sylvia Place\*  
Tony Turnbull\* - arrived 6:12pm

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Ahearn  
Asst Supt for Finance, Operations & Personnel Cliff Kasson\*  
  
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/5RpLaaDp7X8>

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Board President Mario Nunes in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#282-21  
Call to Order and Pledge of  
Allegiance

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting February 23, 2021 as written.

#283-21  
Approval of Minutes

None.

#284-21  
Public Comment on Agenda  
Items

Student Government Representative Carlin Reyen:

--National Honor Society continues to partner with elementary schools for the card drive to send some cheer to health care workers  
--more staff and students have signed up for the lip sync battle  
--Fall sports began last week  
--two students have advanced to the next level of the American Math competition

#285-21  
Reports

Board President Mario Nunes reported on the following:

Liaisons: VMS is sponsoring a mindfulness training to help with anxiety  
--Health insurance consortium meeting was last Friday; the reduction in claims is due to fewer ER and hospital visits. They are excited about looking into the Excellus Advantage Care plan for retirees. With Owego Apalachin and Maine Endwell planning on leaving the consortium, they do not anticipate any significant impact on those districts remaining.

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:

--COVID numbers as of today: 2 students positive, 1 teacher and 1 staff positive; total of 4 today. Quarantined are 42 students, 2 teachers, 3 staff and 1 clerical; total of 48. Cumulative numbers since September: 183 total positive cases and 1386 total quarantined. The county numbers are increasing.

--Last week's transportation issue: the district was notified Sunday afternoon the 4 drivers were quarantined, leaving the district without enough drivers for all the bus routes on Monday. Plans were quickly made to meet this problem by dividing the district by east/west. This plan was unpopular and parents offered to drive students themselves.

--Budget 21-22 update: current revenue/expenditures for next year show a \$893,044 gap. The increase is 2.10% in spending from last year. The maximum allowable increase in the tax levy is 1.27% over last year. State aid is expected to be down since it is based on the previous years' expenditures.

--the survey about opening up grades K-5 to 4 days/week was sent to parents. Subcommittees are re-convening to address any concerns or issues regarding this move. The District will ask that those who choose remote learning stay with that decision through the end of the year; same as with in-person. A survey for secondary parents will be sent out next week. The tentative date to start 4 days is March 29<sup>th</sup>, provided everything is in place by then.

--winter sports have ended, fall sports will run from 3/1/21-4/24/21. The spring sports will start 4/19/21 and end prior to Regents testing.

--the Governor signed the bill to reduce the number of signatures required on a petition to run for a Board seat to 2% of the 2019 total number of votes or 25, whichever is greater. The candidate packet will be revised to reflect the signatures needed as 25.

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 9 to 0 to accept Schedule E Enrollment February 2021, Schedule F Travel & Conference; approve Schedule P – Personnel

#286-21  
Acceptance of Schedules E, F;  
Approval of Schedule P

Under Schedule P the following changes were made:

**SCHEDULE IP 3**

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: 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>CERT</u>	<u>PROBATION PERIOD</u>	<u>TENURE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Young, Cayleen	Special Education Teacher	Special Subject Area: Gen Spec Ed	Emergency COVID 19	3/10/21-1/13/25	1/14/25	\$56,060	Jarema Credit 1/14/21-3/9/21

**SCHEDULE IP 4A**

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL</u>	<u>CERTIF</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Naczi, Jordi	Science/Social Studies	None	MA	3/10/21	
Robinson, Callan	Music	Professional	MM	3/10/21	Reinstatement

**SCHEDULE IP 4B**

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT**

Attached please find pages 1, 2 and 11 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: March 9, 2021**

<u>AREA OF APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>AREA/BLDG</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<b>INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS</b>					
<b><u>Cross Country: Modified</u></b>	<b><u>Fall Season</u></b>	<b><u>\$3409</u></b>	<b><u>3/2/20</u></b>	<b><u>O'Shea, Ronald*</u></b>	<b><u>3/9/21</u></b>
					<b><u>*CANCEL Effective 3/19/21</u></b>
<b><u>Football: JV Assist VOLUNTEER</u></b>	<b><u>Fall Season</u></b>			<b><u>Phillips, Michael</u></b>	<b><u>3/9/21</u></b>

<u>Field Hockey: Varsity Assist VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>Fall Season</u>			<u>Dando III, Charles</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>Field Hockey: Varsity Assist VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>Fall Season</u>			<u>Storer, Joel</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>Field Hockey: JV Assist VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>Fall Season</u>			<u>Barnard, Jeffrey</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>Volleyball: Varsity Girls VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>Fall Season</u>			<u>Carden, Megan</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>Volleyball: Varsity Girls VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>Fall Season</u>			<u>Carden, Melissa</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>Volleyball: JV Girls</u>	<u>Fall Season</u>	<u>\$4526</u>	<u>3/2/20</u>	<u>Uhrlass, Howard*</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
				<u>*CANCEL Effective 3/3/21</u>	
<u>Varsity Basketball B Coach</u>	<u>Winter Season</u>	<u>\$6727</u>		<u>Carr, Robert**</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>JV Basketball B Coach</u>	<u>Winter Season</u>	<u>\$4583</u>		<u>D'Esti, Frank**</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>Modified Basketball B Coach</u>	<u>Winter Season</u>	<u>\$4237</u>		<u>Osinski, David**</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>Modified Basketball B Coach</u>	<u>Winter Season</u>	<u>\$4237</u>		<u>Watson, Darren**</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>Varsity Basketball G Coach</u>	<u>Winter Season</u>	<u>\$6727</u>		<u>Anderson, Nicholas**</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>JV Basketball G Coach</u>	<u>Winter Season</u>	<u>\$4583</u>		<u>Rouse, Kathleen**</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>Modified Basketball G Coach</u>	<u>Winter Season</u>	<u>\$4237</u>		<u>Barr, David**</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>Modified Basketball G Coach</u>	<u>Winter Season</u>	<u>\$4237</u>		<u>Daino, Jeremy**</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>Varsity Cheerleading</u>	<u>Winter Season</u>	<u>\$4670</u>		<u>Schultz, Erin**</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>JV Cheerleading</u>	<u>Winter Season</u>	<u>\$3193</u>		<u>Morris, Kim**</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>Varsity Wrestling Coach</u>	<u>Winter Season</u>	<u>\$6727</u>		<u>Policare, Anthony**</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<b>MUSIC</b>					
<u>BCMEA Level II</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>\$362</u>	<u>5/20/20</u>	<u>Wendell, Steven</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>BCMEA Level III</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>\$486</u>	<u>5/20/20</u>	<u>Harris, Gregory</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>
<u>BCMEA Level III</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>\$486</u>	<u>5/20/20</u>	<u>Wilson, Amelia</u>	<u>3/9/21</u>

#### TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS (OTHER): INSTRUCTIONAL

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREA OF SERVICE</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Khai, Nang	Home Teacher Non-Prob/Hrly	District-wide	3/10/21	Special Education Grades 7-12

#### 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 DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Deland, Luann	Bus Driver	Transportation	3/1/21	
Prince, Joanne	Senior Typist	Middle School	3/27/21	

#### SCHEDULE NIP 4

#### PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/BLDG</u>	<u>PROBATION PERIOD</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Shore, Joseph	Teacher Aide	High School	3/24/21-5/24/22	\$17,836	52 wk probation period
Wright, Sunshine	Cleaner	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift/AR Complex	3/10/21-3/9/22	\$26,100	52 wk probation period

#### 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>
DeLand, Luann	Bus Driver PT/S	3/1/21	
Papaleo, Cindy	Teacher Aide PT/S	9/1/21	
Prince, Joanne	Typist PT/S	3/29/21	

**SCHEDULE NIP 8C**

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT (OTHER): NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREA OF SERVICE</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Kim, Haein	Lifeguard	District	1/11/21-6/30/21	\$12.50/hr

**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>
Arroyo, Melinda	Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT (4.0 hrs/day)	ARE	3/10/21-5/10/22	\$9,500	52 wk probation period

**SCHEDULE NIP 10**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/BLDG</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATES</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Ackley, Andrew	Custodian	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift/ Vestal Hills	2/22/21-TBD	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:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Al-Feghali, Mireille	Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT (4.0/hrs/day)	ARE	To: Teacher Aide (Monitor) VMS	3/10/21
Wells, Carol	Teacher Aide (Monitor)	High School	To: Teacher Aide	3/10/21
The following staff have achieved satisfactory completion of district probationary period:				
Carr, Karen	Reg Prof Nurse	District		3/25/21
Kane, Karen	Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT (4.0 hrs/day)	Glenwood		3/24/21
Rostedt, Sara	Teacher Aide	Clayton Ave		3/30/21

On motion by Mark Browning, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 9 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 chicken products through the Broome County Specification Group for the 2021-2022 school year.

#287-21  
Coop Bid Award  
2021-22  
Chicken Products

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 9 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 processed foods through the Broome County Specification Group for the 2021-2022 school year.

#288-21  
Coop Bid Award  
2021-22  
Processed Foods

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District enter into a contract with Jane Kamper to allow her to transport a child to BOCES Area Center daily at a cost not to exceed \$1250.00 from March 10, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

#289-21  
Transportation  
Contract with Parent

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 9 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 Central Jr. listed on the attachment as obsolete and authorize the disposition of these items in accordance with Board Policy 5250.

#290-21  
Declaration of  
Obsolete Equipment -  
CJH

3/9/21

#291-21  
Declaration of  
Obsolete Textbooks -  
VMS

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Interim Director of Facilities & Operations, declare the textbooks from Vestal Middle School listed on the attachment as obsolete and authorize the disposition of these items in accordance with Board Policy 5250.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, those listed below are hereby granted teaching internships at with the Vestal Central School District for the timeframe indicated and supervised as described.

#292-21  
Student Teaching  
Internship

Name	College/University	Internship period	Building/Area	Cooperating Teacher
Austin Voorhees	SUNY Cortland	2/16/21-5/12/21	VHS/Secondary	Brian Donlin

After second reading and on motion by John Hroncich, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following policies:

**Policy 7243 Parent’s Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security**  
**Policy 5633 Gender Neutral Bathrooms**

#293-21 Policy  
Second Reading and  
Approval 7243, 5633

**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.

#294-21

Board President Mario Nunes and Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn read questions and comments submitted in writing from the following stakeholders:

- Kristen Robillard
- Alicia Crispell
- Stephen Rebello
- Valerie Cook
- Roel Reinartz
- Nichole Carter
- Nathan Tumey
- Sherry Hammaker (2)
- Christina Nush
- Matthew Bull
- Amber Montalbano
- Janet Scarinizi
- Adrienne Klein
- Sarah Shepard
- Mehrin Khan
- Susan Christensen
- Jackie Scheck
- Bob Waltersdorf
- Dana Newell
- David Brocius
- David & Wendy Cartie
- James Fisher

At this time the meeting was opened to public comment via Zoom. The Board President read the guidelines for comments, including limiting the speaker to 3 minutes maximum. Approximately 23 persons addressed the Board regarding some of the following topics: reopening plan, student services, sports, taxes, committees, vaccines, quarantining and communication.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021; 6:00pm Regular Meeting**

Board Conference Room – Administration Building, Via Zoom, Via YouTube

#295-21  
Future  
Meetings

**MONDAY, April 19, 2021 @ 6:00 PM Regular Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, May 4, 2021 @ 6:00 PM Regular Meeting/Public Hearing**  
**TBD**

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021; 6:00pm Regular Meeting/Annual Vote**

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

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by John Hroncich, 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; review the employment status to two staff members and tenure recommendations.

#296-21  
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 10:00pm.

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn immediately.

#297-21  
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk

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Director of Special Education Rosalie Sullivan\*

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

Executive Session commenced at 9:26pm 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 Dinno Nistico, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 9 to 0 to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for all students considered.

The Board of updated on the employment status of 2 staff members and tenure recommendations.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn executive session and return to open session immediately.

Executive Session was adjourned at 10:00PM.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk