

Vestal Central School District
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 19, 2021

THIS MEETING WAS PHYSICALLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

PRESENT:

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

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 streamed live on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/rDqNAJwAPqs>

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Board President Mario Nunes in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#317-21
Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

On motion by John Hroncich, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting March 23, 2021 and the Special Meeting April 8, 2021, as written.

#318-21
Approval of Minutes

None.

#319-21
Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Carlin Reyen:

--Student government is looking to support RISE, a local domestic violence effort and will be nominating a staff member to be honored at the District Council Award dinner
--Board President Nunes congratulated Carlin on being a named a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

#320-21
Reports

Board President Mario Nunes reported on the following:

Liaisons: CA is having a Spirit Week and will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week in May. Plans at the high school for the chem-free prom and all-nighter are moving ahead with fundraising and looking for volunteers. The One-Book One-School program will be starting at Tioga Hills.

--more information on the training for the Super Eval program will be coming
--Annual vote is May 18, plans are being finalized for in-person voting at the polling places (elementary buildings)

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:

--COVID numbers as of today: 1 student and 6 adults are currently quarantined.
 --recent guidelines released from CDC, NYSDOH and Broome County Health Department were reviewed. Since Broome County is considered a high transmission area (Red Zone), the CDC recommends secondary schools who cannot cohort remain at the 6 feet distance between students. The elementary schools and Middle School can cohort their students so they would be able to move to the 3 feet distancing protocol. NYS Department of Health has stated that if any changes are made to the physical distancing in place, that decision should include feedback from all stakeholders. Broome County Health Department announced today that they would support school districts' decisions. Consensus was to put out a brief survey to get feedback on the community's risk tolerance if we went to 3 feet at the high school, which would be against CDC recommendations. The survey would be out for 2 days (Tuesday, Wednesday) and the Board will schedule a special meeting on Thursday or Friday to review the results.
 --second round interviews for the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction position will be held Wednesday; based on the feedback, the candidates will be narrowed down for the third round.
 --applications for the middle school principal position are being reviewed
 --the 2021-22 final budget figures were presented. The proposed tax levy increase is zero. Additional State Aid and the increase to Foundation Aid factored into the zero increase. Federal stimulus funds are being considered grant monies. This is one-time funding that we are looking at using to the best advantage.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 8 to 0 to accept Schedule A – Treasurer's Report March 2021, Schedule B – Year-to-Date Budget Report March 2021, Schedule C – Schedule of Bills March 2021, Schedule E Enrollment March 2021; and approve Schedule P – Personnel

#321-21
 Acceptance of Schedules A, B, C,
 E and
 Approval of Schedule P

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>
Sprouse, Heidi	Substitute Teacher		4/2/21	

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>CERTIF</u>	<u>PROBATION PERIOD</u>	<u>TENURE DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Howard, Erica	Spanish Teacher	Foreign Language	Initial	4/20/21-6/30/24	9/1/24	\$58230	Jarema Credit 9/1/20-4/19/21

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 probation 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 30-2.3 of this Part.

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>
Carvellas, Sarah	Math	None	MSED	4/20/21	
Franz, Michael	Social Studies	None	BA	4/20/21	
Missavage, Emily	Health/Science	None	MA	4/20/21	
Papastrat, Margo	Elementary	None	BS	4/20/21	
Reynolds, Margaret	Art/Science	None	BA	4/20/21	

SCHEDULE IP 4B**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT**

Attached please find pages 1 and 3 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: April 19, 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					
<u>Volleyball: JV Girls</u>	<u>Fall Season</u>	<u>\$4425</u>	<u>3/2/20</u>	<u>Nemecek, Joseph</u>	<u>4/19/21</u>
<u>Baseball: Varsity</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>			<u>Anderson, Nicholas</u>	<u>4/19/21</u>
VOLUNTEER					
<u>Lacrosse: JV Head Boys</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>	<u>\$4526</u>	<u>3/4/21</u>	<u>Cook, Bradley</u>	<u>4/19/21</u>
<u>Lacrosse: JV Head Girls</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>	<u>\$4526</u>	<u>3/4/21</u>	<u>Leska, Nicole</u>	<u>4/19/21</u>

SCHEDULE IP 7**LEAVES OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Fridrich, Monika	Elementary Teacher	Elementary	9/1/21-6/30/22	Education reasons

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

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lacey-Corcoran, Denise	Music Teacher	Special Area: Music	Change leave of absence from 9/8/20-4/16/21 to 9/8/20-6/30/21		Family responsibilities

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>
Eaves, London	Bus Driver	Transportation	4/19/21	

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>
Fuhrman, Brittany	Teacher Aide (Monitor)	High School	4/20/21-6/20/22	\$17500	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>
Lavo, Rosann	Typist PT/S	6/3/21	

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>
Corcoran, Patricia	Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT 4.0 hrs/day	Clayton Ave	5/3/21-9/4/22	\$9500	52 wk probation period

Schuhle, Linda Food Service Helper ARE Complex 4/20/21-6/20/22 \$7875 52 wk probation period 3.5 hrs/day

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/SCHOOL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATES</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Sanders, Joni	Teacher Aide	Clayton Ave	4/15/21-4/30/21	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:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Dennis, Jean	Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT 4.0 hrs/day	Clayton Ave	To: Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT 4.75 hrs/day	4/12/21

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED that the proposed tentative school budget for the 2021-22 school year be and is hereby adopted in the amount of \$82,272,893 and said amount will be the spending plan upon which the eligible voters of the Vestal Central School District will consider on May 18, 2021 and

#322-21
Adoption of 2021-22
Budget, Property Tax
Report Card

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the submission of the 2021-22 Property Tax Report Card to the New York State Department of Education as required by NYS regulations.

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District will participate in the attached services during 2021-22 to the extent indicated. The Board of Education agrees to pay Broome-Tioga BOCES the charges identified on the base contract according to the schedule as determined by Broome-Tioga BOCES. Also, be it resolved that payments on supplemental contracts will be implemented by the district in accordance with the Broome-Tioga BOCES requirements.

#323-21
BOCES Request for
Services 2021-22

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the 2021-22 Administrative Budget of the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$3,245,861 is hereby approved.

#324-21
Approval of BOCES
Administrative
Budget 2021-22

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that John Crosby is designated to serve as trustee of the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services for a term ending June 30, 2024; and be it
RESOLVED, that David Hawley is designated to serve as trustee of the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services for a term ending June 30, 2024; and be it
RESOLVED, that Nick Matyas is designated to serve as trustee of the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services for a term ending June 30, 2022.

#325-21
Election of BOCES
Board Members

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following reserve transaction for the 2020-21 school year: Reduce the Tax Certiorari Reserve (A86400) in the amount of \$108,126.57 based on current claims for the Supreme Court decision for Target #1056, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase to the 2020-21 General Fund Appropriation in budgetary account A1964.400-99-990 in the amount of \$46,887.71 for the prior years' portion of the refund.

#326-21
Authorization for Use
of Reserve Funds –
Tax Certiorari
(Target)

On motion by Christina Pierce, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President or Vice-President be authorized to sign an agreement with Cub Care Children’s Center, Inc. to provide prekindergarten services for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grant, in accordance with the terms outlined in the agreement, for the 2021-22 academic year.

#327-21
 UPK Agreement
 2021-22
 Cub Care Children’s
 Center

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President or Vice-President be authorized to sign an agreement with the Jewish Community Center to provide prekindergarten services for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grant, in accordance with the terms outlined in the agreement, for the 2021-22 academic year.

#328-21
 UPK Agreement
 2021-22
 Jewish Community
 Center

On motion by John Hroncich, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a mini-grant in the amount of \$580.00 from Rochester Institute of Technology, in support of the Project Lead The Way program.

#329-21
 Acceptance of Mini-
 grant from RIT for
 PLTW

On motion by Christina Pierce, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
 WHEREAS, Ashley Whetsell was appointed the Deputy Treasurer at the October 27, 2020 Board of Education meeting, and
 WHEREAS, Ashley Whetsell is no longer able to serve as the District’s Deputy Treasurer,
 THEREFORE, upon recommendation from Central Business Office, Magen Kaechmeister is appointed Deputy Treasurer for the remainder of the 2020-21 fiscal year.

#330-21
 Appointment of
 Deputy Treasurer

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 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 Association for Vision Rehabilitation and Employment, Inc. to provide assessment and services for a disabled student per the recommendation of the Special Education department and IEP, according to the attached document, through June 30, 2021.

#331-21
 Agreement with
 AVRE

On motion by John Hroncich, 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:

#332-21
 Acceptance of Gift –
 Photography
 Equipment
 John Scarlett

Description	Approx. Value	Donor	Recipient
Photography Equipment	\$500.00	John Scarlett	Vestal Central School District

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 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 the Union Endicott School District to provide Health and Welfare Services to approximately 20 students residing in the Vestal Central School District attending non-public schools in the Union Endicott School District during the 2020-21 school year.

#333-21
 Health & Welfare
 Services – Union
 Endicott CSD

On motion by John Hroncich, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
 WHEREAS the Board of Education approved a service agreement with Sean Sherwood at the January 19, 2021 Board of Education meeting and
 WHEREAS the District requires additional recording and editing services from Sean Sherwood,
 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the current agreement is increased by \$1,000 for an amount not to exceed \$2000.

#334-21
 UPDATED
 Service Agreement
 for SH Musical
 Sean Sherwood

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
 RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign

#335-21
 MOU with Research
 Foundation at BU

the Memorandum of Understanding with Research Foundation for SUNY at Binghamton for social work supervision services as outlined in the attached document from March 19, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

Social Work Supervision

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 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 Linda A. Willets to provide services as outlined in the attached document. This agreement supersedes and replaces the current agreement approved at the December 1, 2020 meeting.

#336-21
Service Agreement
Linda Willets

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the student attendance calendar for the 2021-22 school year, as determined to comply with attendance regulations.

#337-21
Attendance Calendar
for 2021-22

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 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 letter with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield for the continuation of medical and prescription benefits (BlueCross BlueShield Classic Blue Plan/PPO H Plan/Simply Prescription Plan) from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

#338-21
Continuation of
Excellus BCBS
Benefits

At this time the meeting was opened to public comment via Zoom. <https://vestal-k12-ny-us.zoom.us/j/99839610168>
The Board President read the guidelines for comments, including limiting speakers to 3 minutes maximum. Those who spoke were:
Nathan Toomey
Christina Nush

#339-21
Voice of the Public

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 @ 6:00 PM Regular Meeting/Public Hearing
Board Conference Room – Administration Building, Via Zoom, Via Youtu.be

#340-21
Future
Meetings

Tuesday, May 18, 2021; TBD Regular Meeting/Annual Vote
Board Conference Room – Administration Building, Via Zoom, Via YouTu.be

Tuesday, June 8, 2021; 6:00pm Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room – Administration Building, Via Zoom, Via YouTu.be

Tuesday, June 22, 2021; 6:00pm Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room – Administration Building, Via Zoom, Via YouTu.be

On motion by John Hroncich, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn into Executive Session to review the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education, the status of particular employees, negotiations update and a student legal matter

#341-21
Executive Session

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Christina Pierce, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting from executive session where no action was taken.

#342-21
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

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Director of Special Education Rosalie Sullivan*

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

<https://vestal-k12-ny-us.zoom.us/j/95723277969>

Executive Session commenced at 7:40pm 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 Sylvia Place, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 8 to 0 to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for all students considered.

The Board was updated on the status of negotiations with bargaining units, the employment status of several staff members and a student legal issue.

On motion by Christina Pierce, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn executive session immediately.

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:59pm.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk