

Vestal Central School District
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 28, 2021

PRESENT:

Mark Browning
Linda Daino
Kathryn Egan
Eric LaClair
John Hroncich
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
School Attorney Michael Sherwood

District Clerk Kay Ellis

About 2 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.

#121-22
Call to Order and
Pledge of Allegiance

The oath of office was given to returning Board member John Hroncich. He was approved to complete the current year term of Sylvia Place.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn into Executive Session to review the recommendation from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education, an update on VAA negotiations and the status of a particular employee.

#122-22
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 6:10pm.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting September 14, 2021 as written.

#123-22
Approval of Minutes

None.

#124-22
Public Comment on
Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Samson Wong:

--Homecoming events are planned
--Spirit Week will be held in October; an outdoor pep rally is scheduled for 10/15
--support for breast cancer awareness will be in October

#125-22
Reports

Board President Mario Nunes reported on the following:

Liaisons: ARE PTA will host a virtual book fair. Plans are being made for a possible language club partnered with BU virtually. Character Education will have one book every three months, the first one is All Are Welcome. CA PTO is looking for a District Council representative. HS PTA is looking for volunteers. TH Kindergarten held a color week, the virtual book fair is 9/27-10/8, Fund Walk is scheduled for 10/8 and a possible Fall Fest this October. VH has a chrome book safety program for parents with apps and links. The kick-off concert by Jared Campbell was held 9/24. The 100 Mile Club will be up and running soon. PARP begins 10/1; Book Fair is 10/4-10/17; Barbeque is 10/15. VMS PTO is looking at a virtual book fair. A Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser is being planned. Curriculum Night was moved from 9/20 to 10/1, videos will be presented.
--the annual NYSSBA conference planned for NYC in October has been changed to virtual only.

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:

--COVID numbers: currently 14 students, 2 teachers have tested positive; 70 are quarantined. Quarantine numbers to date: 298 students, 6 teachers, 1 staff, 1 transportation staff. Closed classes so far this year: VH Grade K, 1, 2; ARE Grade 1, 2; CA Grade K; Glenwood Grade K.
 --state required testing of unvaccinated staff will take place weekly in a central location; approximately 130 so far will have to be tested. The testing company will provide equipment, staff and results will be in 24-48 hours. Staff will have a portal to check results. Positive cases will be reported to the counties and the data will be uploaded to the state.
 --Retirees have the option to enroll in Humana Medicare supplement plan that gives the same coverage but significantly less cost than Excellus
 --The dead-end street behind Vestal Hills (Case Drive) will be monitored since there are traffic concerns
 --Very few parents attended the walk through at VMS September 20th; pictures were posted on the website of the construction areas
 --Curriculum Nights K-12 will be virtual
 --there are several undersubscribed courses at the high school needed to complete IB or Honors diploma sequences
 --the ELA-Math testing scores for grades 3-8 are embargoed by the State. Results will be announced
 --Since August plans have been underway to establish protocols for quarantined student instruction; if a class has greater than 50% quarantined, it will go remote, less than 50% will remain in person with work provided to the absent students. Tutoring is being looked at also.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 9 to 0 to accept Schedule A – Treasurer’s Report August 2021, Schedule B – Year-to-Date Budget Report August 2021, Schedule C – Schedule of Bills August 2021, Schedule F Travel & Conference and approve Schedule P – Personnel.

#126-22
 Acceptance of
 Schedule A, B, C, F
 and Approval of
 Schedule P

Under Schedule P the following changes were approved:

SCHEDULE IP 3

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

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

NAME	POSITION	TENURE AREA	CERT	PROBATION PERIOD	TENURE	SALARY	REMARKS
Giannetto, Justin	Special Education Teacher	Special Area: General Special Education	Professional	TBD	TBD	\$66,069	

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
Dinnel, Joan	Elementary	Permanent	MS	11/8/21	
Hines, Andrew	English	None	BS	9/29/21	
Rozek, Sandra	Speech	Permanent	MS	9/29/21	Reinstated

SCHEDULE IP 4B

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find pages 1, 4 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: September 28, 2021**

AREA OF APPOINTMENT	AREA/BLDG	STIPEND	POSTED	NAME	APPROVED
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS					

Football: Modified Asst

<u>VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>Fall Season</u>			<u>Malvasio, Robert</u>	<u>9/28/21</u>
INTRAMURALS					
<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>TBD</u>		<u>Daglio, Steven</u>	<u>9/28/21</u>
<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>TBD</u>		<u>Hoyt, Scott</u>	<u>9/28/21</u>
OTHER					<u>9/28/21</u>
<u>Bus Supervision (1)</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>6/8/21</u>	<u>Reece, Stacy</u>	<u>9/28/21</u>
<u>Bus Supervision (1)</u>	<u>Clayton Ave</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>6/8/21</u>	<u>Daglio, Steven</u>	<u>9/28/21</u>
<u>Bus Supervision (2)</u>	<u>Clayton Ave</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>6/8/21</u>	<u>Liberatore, Karen</u>	<u>9/28/21</u>
<u>Cafeteria Duty (9)</u>	<u>Middle School</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>6/8/21</u>	<u>Weisbrod, Heidi</u>	<u>9/28/21</u>
<u>Science Distribution</u>	<u>Clayton Ave</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>6/8/21</u>	<u>Fendick, Jodi</u>	<u>9/28/21</u>

SCHEDULE IP 6

TENURE APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

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

NAME	POSITION	TENURE AREA	CERTIF	PROBATION PERIOD	EFFECTIVE DATE
Comerford III, Thomas	Director of Special Services	Administrative Area: Director of Special Services	Permanent	10/2/17-10/1/21	10/2/21

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
Kennedy, Eileen	Cleaner	2 nd shift/ ARE Complex	9/17/21	

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
Kelley, Patricia	Teacher Aide (Monitor)	High School	10/4/21	

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
Peretore, Tessa	Teacher Aide	Middle School	9/28/21-12/12/22	\$18368	52 wk probation period

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
Kim, Haein	Lifeguard	District	9/1/21-6/30/22	\$12.50/hr

SCHEDULE NIP 9B

PART TIME NON-COMPETTIVE APPOINTMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PARTIM TIME NON-COMPETTIVE APPOINTMENTS:

NAME	POSITION	SHIFT/BLDG	PROBATION PERIOD	SALARY	REMARKS
Nishikawa, Miki	Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT	African Road Elementary	9/29/21-12/13/22	\$9500	52 wk probation period
Parks, Claudine	Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT	Clayton Avenue	9/29/21-12/13/22	\$9500	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
Dennis, Jean	Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT (4.75 hr/day)	Clayton Avenue	To Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT (4.0 hrs/day)	9/1/21	
Springer, Angelique	Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT	Glenwood	To Teacher Aide	9/27/21	

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Eric LaClair, 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 meat/cheese products through the Broome County Specification Group for the period November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

#127-22
Bid Award –
Meat/Cheese Products
11/1/21-12/31/21

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by John Hroncich, 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:

#128-22
Acceptance of
Gift/Donation (2)

Description	Approx. Value	Donor	Recipient
Baldwin Console Piano	\$500.00	Andrew Morrison	Vestal Central School District
Weis4School Program (Vestal Hills)	\$400.00	Weis Markets	Vestal Central School District

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Lynne Majewski, 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 enter into a lease agreement for a period of one year with Stephen J. Appel Photography for the rental of one room in Central Junior High School in accordance with said agreement effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

#129-22
Lease Renewal for
Appel Photography
2021-22

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 accepts the digital terms of service agreement, software licensing and/or website agreement for those listed below and as outlined in the attached document and compliant with Education Law 2d.
MakeMusic Inc.
Heinemann

#130-22
Software/Licensing
Agreement
Ed Law 2-d compliant
2021-22

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Eric LaClair, 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 the Lease Agreement with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for instructional space located at Tioga Hills Elementary (3 and Vestal Middle School (1) for the Oaktree Program from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a total cost of \$60,704.00; and BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign the Lease Agreement with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for non- instructional space located at Tioga Hills Elementary School for related services from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a total cost of \$7,176.00

#131-22
Lease of Space to
BOCES (Oak Tree
Program) at TH, VMS
2021-22

On motion by Kathryn Egan, second by Dinno Nistico, 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 service agreement with USA Medical LLC for staff COVID testing services as outlines in the attached document.

#132-22
Contract with USA
Medical LLC
(COVID testing)

Rob Hammaker, 216 Grippen Hill Road, Vestal spoke to the Board about the mandating of masks and asked the Board to support the students, teachers and staff academically, physically, emotionally and psychologically

#133-22
Voice of the Public

FUTURE MEETINGS:

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

#134-22
Future 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)***

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

#135-22
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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About 0 Visitors
Special Education Director Rosalie Sullivan – dismissed 6:05pm

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 Lynne Majewski, second by Mark Browning, 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 updated on the negotiations with VAA and the recommendation regarding that status of an employee.

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

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:10pm.

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