

Vestal Central School District
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

PRESENT:

Mark Browning*
Linda Daino*
Kathryn Egan
Eric LaClair
John Hroncich*
Lynne Majewski*
Dinno Nistico*
Mario Nunes
Tony Turnbull*

*attended via Zoom

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Ahearn
Deputy Superintendent Clifford Kasson*
Asst Supt for Instruction Patrick Clarke*
School Attorney Michael Sherwood
District Clerk Kay Ellis

About 3 Visitors

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Board President Mario Nunes in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#240-22
Call to Order and
Pledge of Allegiance

On motion by Kathy Egan, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn into Executive Session to review the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education, update on negotiation with VAA, the employment status of a particular staff member.

#241-22
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 6:29pm.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting January 4, 2022 as written.

#242-22
Approval of Minutes

None

#243-22
Public Comment on
Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Samson Wong*:

- planning continues for the King Bruin event in the spring
- auditions for Talent Fest will continue until 1/31; the event will be live-streamed
- a scavenger hunt was held
- Track Club is collecting winter outwear to donate
- current 8th graders attended an orientation program for next year that included a scavenger hunt
- students would like more vegetarian options for lunches

#244-22
Reports

Board President Mario Nunes reported on the following:

Liaisons: VH is administering student assessments; a Blaze Pizza fundraiser will be held on 2/4. Panera and Tall Pines fundraising was successful. Family game night is scheduled for 2/4.
--Mario Nunes read a statement announcing that as of midnight tonight, he would be resigning from the Board due to a relocation outside of the District. He thanked many of his co-members, past and present, and acknowledged how much he has learned and grown during his tenure on the Board. Vice President Dinno Nistico will assume the President position and the Board will elect a new Vice President at the next meeting.

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:

The Superintendent thanked Mario Nunes for his dedication and service over the years.
 --COVID numbers: currently quarantined are 138 students, 3 teachers, 2 staff, 1 clerical for a total of 144. Positive cases are 38 students, 3 teachers and 3 staff. Guidelines from NYS and local health departments have been updated and that information has been distributed. The cumulative totals from September until now for positive cases is 653 and quarantined is 3093. The middle school has accounted for a large number of cases.
 --The updated COVID protocol charts from NYS Department of Health were reviewed. The Test to Stay procedures include at home testing guidelines. The District has received test kits that will be given to students who fit the criteria to Test to Stay. Starting today, anyone can order up to 4 test kits at www.covidtest.gov at no cost
 --staff training took place on the Early Release Day; two more are planned
 --the Comprehensive Student Support Plan (formerly Academic Intervention Services or AIS) was compiled to delineate how services would be delivered to students.

On motion by Kathy Egan, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 9 to 0 to accept Schedule A – Treasurer’s Report December 2021, Schedule B – Year-to-Date Budget Report December 2021, Schedule C – Schedule of Bills December 2021, and approve Schedule P – Personnel.

#245-22
 Acceptance of Schedules A, B, C and Approval of Schedule P

Under Schedule P the following changes were approved:

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
Fromowitz, Ariella	Elementary	None	Pending BS	1/14/22	
Post, Benjamin	Social Studies	None	BA	1/10/22	
Powell, Penny	English	Permanent	MA	9/1/22	
Sawicki, Peter	Elementary/English	None	BS	1/11/22	
Torchia, Nicolina	Physical Education	None	BS	1/11/22	
Turner, Elizabeth	Social Studies	None	MA	1/10/22	
Victoria, Beverly	Science	Permanent	MS	1/14/22	
Weiss, Andrew	Social Studies	None	MA	1/11/22	

SCHEDULE IP 4B

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find pages **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: January 18, 2022**

AREA OF APPOINTMENT	AREA/BLDG	STIPEND	POSTED	NAME	APPROVED
INTRAMURALS					
High School	Winter	\$500		O’Shea, Ronald	1/18/22
OTHER					
Bus Supervision (1)	Glenwood	\$15.43/per diem	6/8/21	Pipher, Miriam*	1/18/22
Bus Supervision (2)	Glenwood	\$15.43/per diem	6/8/21	Economou, Donna	1/18/22
					*CANCEL

SCHEDULE IP 7

CHANGE IN STATUS: INSTRUCTIONAL

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

NAME	POSITION	TENURE AREA	EFFECTIVE	REASON
Mirtallo, Jessica	Elementary Teacher	Elementary	1/31/22-TBD	Other reasons

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
Edward, Alyssa	Teacher Aide	Tioga Hills	1/17/22	
McMurray, Craig	Cleaner	2 nd shift/AR Complex	12/27/21	

Schuhle, Linda Food Service Helper AR Complex 1/4/22
 Wiggins, Patricia Food Service Helper District-wide 1/3/22

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
Gill, Sarah	Teacher Aide	Glenwood	6/30/22	
Pooler, Roy	Head Custodian	Glenwood	7/27/22	

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
Joy, Justine	Registered Professional Nurse	District	1/6/22-9/7/22	\$40,000	26 wk probationary 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
Brown, Betty	Bus Attendant PT/S	1/19/22	

SCHEDULE NIP 8C

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: NON- INSTRUCTIONAL(OTHER)

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

NAME	AREA OF SERVICE	LEVEL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Lee, Wei-Cheng	Volunteer	Middle School	1/19/22-6/30/22	

SCHEDULE NIP 9B

PART TIME, NONCOMPETITIVE 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
Miele, Theresa	Bus Attendant	Transportation	1/19/22-1/31/23	\$18.70/hr	52 wk probation period
Patel, Vanita	0.5 Teacher Aide	Vestal Hills	1/19/22-4/11/23	\$8686	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
Savage, Neal	Bus Attendant	Transportation	To: Bus Driver	1/11/22	

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
 WHEREAS, the Vestal Central School District Board of Education has been requested by Lesley Reece to hold a hearing pursuant to Section 71 of the Civil Service Law; and
 WHEREAS, the Vestal Central School District Board of Education has determined that the aforementioned hearing is to be conducted by an impartial hearing officer.
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vestal Central School District Board of Education does hereby direct the Superintendent of Schools to conduct a hearing for Lesley Reece pursuant to Civil Service Law §71; and

#246-22
 Appointment of
 Impartial Hearing
 Officer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vestal Central School District Board of Education does hereby appoint David Grasso, Esq. as the impartial hearing officer pursuant to Section 71 of the Civil Service Law to hold the aforementioned hearing; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT David Grasso, Esq. is to make a record of such hearing which shall, with his written findings of fact and recommendations, be referred to Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn and the Vestal Central School District Board of Education for review and decision; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vestal Central School District Board of Education does hereby direct that David Grasso Esq. be paid his usual and customary fee for services rendered in this matter.

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 adopt the updated District’s Student Support Plan in accordance with the Commissioner’s Regulations

#247-22
 Comprehensive Student Support Plan

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
 RESOLVED, that the tuition charges for non-resident students for the 2021-22 school year be set as follows:

#248-22
 Non-Resident Tuition Rates for 2021-22

- Grades K-6 \$ 11,543.00
- Grades 7-12 \$ 12,279.00

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Tony Turnbull, 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 agreements with the higher learning institutions below to accept student internships from their school according to the terms of the attached agreements for the term indicated in each document.

#249-22
 Student Teaching Affiliation Agreement SUNY Binghamton

Affiliation Agreement with SUNY Binghamton

On motion by Dinno Nistico, 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 enter into a lease agreement for a period of one year with The Dance Shoppe for the rental of space in the former Central Junior High School in accordance with said agreement effective February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023.

#250-21
 Lease Renewal – The Dance Shoppe

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
 RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President be authorized to sign the preventative maintenance agreement with Syracuse Time & Alarm Co, Inc. to provide monitoring of all security systems in the district buildings, as outlined in the attached agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$4,560.00 from 2/1/22-1/31/23

#251-22
 Syracuse Time/Alarm Monitoring of Security Systems

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
 RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President be authorized to sign the preventative maintenance agreement with Syracuse Time & Alarm Co, Inc. to provide an annual inspection of security systems in district buildings, as outlined in the attached agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$1,230.00 from 2/1/22-1/31/23.

#252-22
 Syracuse Time/Alarm Inspection of Security Systems

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
 RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President be authorized to sign the preventative maintenance agreement with Syracuse Time & Alarm Co, Inc. to provide semi-annual inspections of fire alarm systems in the district buildings, as outlined in the attached agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$14,310.00 from 2/1/22 to 1/31/23.

#253-22
 Syracuse Time/Alarm Semi-Annual Fire Alarm Inspections

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

#254-22

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 documents and compliant with Education Law 2d.

- Upstate Images
- Wallwisher, Inc. (d/b/a Padlet)
- OverDrive
- Scholastic, Inc.
- Wonder Workshop Inc.

Software/Licensing Agreement Ed Law 2-d Compliant (5)

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

WHEREAS the Vestal Central School Districts' Board of Education entered into an agreement with Dr. Melissa DeVincentis to provide training and consultation services per District students' IEP at the August 10, 2021 Board of Education meeting and, WHEREAS Dr. DeVincentis has updated the name of her company to Little Stars Consulting LLC and no other changes were made to the approved contract, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign the updated agreement.

#255-22
UPDATED Contract with Melissa DeVincentis

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Mark Browning, 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.

#256-22
Student Teaching Internships – (2)

Name	College/University	Internship period	Building/Area	Cooperating Teacher
Kaczynski, Lucas	SUNY Cortland	1/24/22-5/11/22	Senior High	Donlin/Groves
Sherman, Christi	SUNY Cortland	1/3/22-TBD	Tioga Hills	Kara Talbut

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission to approximately five (5) Business Club students to participate in the FBLA Spring District Competition on February 4, 2022 at Bryant & Stratton College in Albany, NY.

#257-22
Extended Field Trip – Business Students to Albany NY

Rob Hammaker, Grippen Hill Road, Vestal, thanked Mario Nunes on behalf of parents for his time and efforts on the Board; asked how more parents could be involved in committees and voiced concerns on preparing for future unknown mandates.

#258-22
Voice of the Public

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

**Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting(Spotlight on Vestal Hills)
Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting (spotlight on Middle School)
Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

#259-22
Future Meetings

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn into Executive Session for the mid-year Superintendent evaluation

#260-22
Executive Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:11pm.

1/18/22

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting immediately.

#261-22
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE SESSION #1
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mark Browning*	Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Ahearn
Linda Daino*	Deputy Superintendent Clifford Kasson
Kathryn Egan	Asst Supt for Instruction Patrick Clarke
Eric LaClair	School Attorney Michael Sherwood
John Hroncich*	
Lynne Majewski*	District Clerk Kay Ellis
Dinno Nistico*	
Mario Nunes	About 0 Visitors
Tony Turnbull*	Special Education Director Rosalie Sullivan – dismissed 6:16pm

*attended via Zoom

Executive Session commenced at 6:14pm in the Staff Development Room of the Administration Building.

Recommendations of the Committee on 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 Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 9 to 0 to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for all students considered.

The Board was updated on VAA negotiations and the employment status of a particular staff member.

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

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:27pm.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE SESSION #2
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

PRESENT:

Mark Browning*
Linda Daino*
Kathryn Egan
Eric LaClair
John Hroncich – ABSENT
Lynne Majewski*
Dinno Nistico*
Mario Nunes
Tony Turnbull*

*attended via Zoom

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Ahearn
Deputy Superintendent Clifford Kasson – Dismissed
Asst Supt for Instruction Patrick Clarke – Dismissed
School Attorney Michael Sherwood – Dismissed

District Clerk Kay Ellis - Dismissed

About 0 Visitors

Executive Session commenced at 7:27pm in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building.

The Board conducted the required mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent.

On motion by Kathy Egan, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn executive session.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:11pm.