

Vestal Central School District
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 22, 2022

THIS MEETING WAS LIVE STREAMED AT: <https://youtu.be/LbxKG1sO5f8>

PRESENT:

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

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 2 Visitors

*attended via Zoom

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Board President J Dinno Nistico in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#321-22
Call to Order and
Pledge of Allegiance

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Linda Daino, 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 along with the employment status of several staff members.

#322-22
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 6:32pm.

On motion by Mark Browning, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting March 8, 2022 as written.

#323-22
Approval of Minutes

The amount of above contract stipends was questioned; it was asked if the bus purchase is separate from the proposed budget and the library budget was questioned.

#324-22
Public Comment on
Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Samson Wong:

- Talent Fest was held last week, both in person and live-streamed. Google form was used for students to vote for their favorite act – over 500 students voted.
- World Peace Day is March 26th
- Plans continue for the spring KB semi formal
- in April a personal care items drive will go to Volunteers of America
- Junior Prom tickets are on sale now
- Varsity Club is planning the spring pep rally
- BCMEA competition was held last weekend
- last week music was played during passing time

#325-22
Reports

Board President J Dinno Nistico reported on the following:

- Liaisons: AR is planning May activities including a spring book fair, science fair and the Taste of ARE. GL held a talent show last week.
- order forms for graduation gowns were distributed to Board members
- the BOCES business meeting on their 2022-23 budget is April 6th; the vote for BOCES budget and trustees is April 18th.
- Petitions for Board candidates are due by 5:00pm April 18th.

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:

--COVID numbers: current active cases 4 students, 1 staff. Since the last meeting: 14 students and 2 staff positive.
 --Broome County will sponsor a vaccination clinic tomorrow, March 23rd, 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Central Junior gym
 --parent groups can meet back in the buildings, some outdoor events can be held
 --the 2022-23 budget powerpoint was reviewed. With the additional expenditures included, the current gap is \$294,647 if we stay with the 2.27% maximum allowable levy increase. The state budget is due April 1st that should have the final state aid funding. At the April 5th meeting, we will present the final balanced budget to the Board.
 --graduation rates over the last 8 years were presented; we have exceeded the NYS rate every year. The comparison of graduation rates among 15 other local districts show we have the third highest percentage rate at 94%.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept Schedule A – Treasurer’s Report February 2022, Schedule B – Year-to-Date Budget Report February 2022, Schedule C – Schedule of Bills February 2022, and approve Schedule P – Personnel.

#326-22
 Acceptance of
 Schedules A, B, C and
 Approval of Schedule P

Under Schedule P the following changes were approved:

SCHEDULE IP 1

RESIGNATION: INSTRUCTIONAL

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

NAME	POSITION	TENURE	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Shah, Maryam	ENL Teacher	Special Subject Area: ESL	7/1/22	

SCHEDULE IP 4B

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find pages **3, 5, and 6** 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: March 22, 2022**

AREA OF APPOINTMENT	AREA/BLDG	STIPEND	POSTED	NAME	APPROVED
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS					
Baseball: Varsity					
<u>VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>			<u>Mullins, Michael</u>	<u>3/22/22</u>
Lacrosse: Varsity Girls					
<u>VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>			<u>Paige, Benjamin</u>	<u>3/22/22</u>
Lacrosse: JV Girls					
<u>VOLUNTER</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>			<u>Battaglini, Jenna</u>	<u>3/22/22</u>
DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON					
Level I					
Home Teaching					
<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>9-12</u>	<u>\$898</u>	<u>6/8/21</u>	<u>Brinsko, Bernadette</u>	<u>3/22/22</u>
<u>Earth Science</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>6/8/21</u>	<u>Smith, Andrea(co)*</u>	<u>3/22/22</u>
<u>Earth Science</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>6/8/21</u>	<u>Thayer, Adam (co)*</u>	<u>3/22/22</u>

SCHEDULE IP 7

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL

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

NAME	POSITION	TENURE	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON
Rouse, Kathleen	0.8 Physical Education Teacher PT/NP	NA	3/23/22-4/8/22	Unpaid Leave – Family responsibilities

SCHEDULE NIP 1

RESIGNATION: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

NAME	POSITION	SHIFT/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Brown, Betty	Bus Attendant PT/S	Transportation	3/15/22	

Hinrichsen, Randall
Tom, Rhonda

Bus Driver
Bus Driver

Transportation
Transportation

3/28/22
3/28/22

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/SCHOOL	CHANGE	EFFECTIVE	REASON
Burlingame, Andrew	Assistant Director Facilities & Operations	Facilities & Operations	Change probationary appointment to provisional appointment	4/18/22	Pending Civil Service exam

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District participate in Cooperative Bidding with other school districts in New York State for the following bids:

- Grocery – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- Paper Products – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- Meat/Cheese/Dairy – three times per school year (2022-2023)
 - July 1, 2022 – October 31, 2022
 - November 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023
 - March 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023
- Processing of U.S.D.A. Commodities (Net Off Invoice) – July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023
- Milk & Milk Products – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- Ice Cream Products – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- Bread & Bread Products – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- Smart Snack Bid – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- Small Wares – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- Geographical Fruit/Vegetable – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- Breakfast Bagged Meals – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- Chicken Products – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- Chemical Bid – *3-year bid – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Andrea Hudock, Director of Food Services, Broome-Tioga BOCES, or Designee, be designated to receive and open said bids and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Tony Turnbull, 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 musical instruments from Vestal High School listed on the attachments as obsolete and authorize the disposition of these items in accordance with Board Policy 5250.

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Lynne Majewski, 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 the listed individual to provide interpretation services for District students as needed through August 31, 2022 per the attached agreement.

Sonexay (Sean) Chanthasone

On motion by Linda Daino, 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 chicken products through the Broome County Specification Group for the 2022-2023 school year.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Lynne Majewski, 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 processed foods through the Broome County Specification Group for the 2022-2023 school year.

#327-22
Authorization to Join
Group Bid 2022-23

#328-22
Declaration of Obsolete
Equipment – SH
Musical Instruments

#329-22
Svc Agreement –
Interpreter
Chanthasone

#330-22
Cooperative Bid Award
Chicken Products
2022-23

#331-21
Cooperative Bid Award
Processed Foods
2022-23

On motion by Linda Daino, second by John Hroncich, 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 meat/cheese products through the Broome County Specification Group for the period May 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

#332-22
Bid Award –
Meat/Cheese Products

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, as follows:
Section 1. The proposition hereinafter set forth is hereby authorized to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters at the annual school district election to be held in said School District, on the 17th day of May 2022.

#333-22
Proposition #2 School
Bus Purchase 2022-23

Section 2. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include as a part of the notice of the annual district meeting and election notice (and hereby ratifies the prior inclusion thereof) with reference to the submission of said proposition in substantially the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual election to be held on May 17, 2022, the following proposition will be submitted:

BUS PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of not exceeding \$989,000 and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

If necessary, due to space constraints on the voting machines, said proposition may be presented in substantially the following abbreviated form:

BUS PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase school buses, and that the maximum estimated cost of not exceeding \$989,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said District shall be issued.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, as follows:

#334-22
Proposition #3
Vestal Public Library

Section 1. The proposition hereinafter set forth is hereby authorized to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters at the annual school district election to be held in said School District, on the 17th day of May 2022.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual election to be held on May 17, 2022, the following proposition will be submitted:

VESTAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

Section 2. Shall the sum of \$785,842 be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Vestal Central School District for the purpose of funding the operating budget of the Vestal Public Library?

Section 3. The School District shall also place on the ballot the names of candidates for 3 (three) Library Board Trustee officers to be elected by the voters of the School District for a term of three (3) years.

None.

#335-22
Voice of the Public

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

#336-22
Future Meetings

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

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

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
Clayton Avenue Auditorium**

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022 – ANNUAL VOTE/ELECTION noon-8:00pm
Central Junior High gym**

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022 – Regular Meeting; ~9:00pm
Board Conference Room**

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

#337 -22
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE SESSION #1
Tuesday, March 22, 2022

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

Executive Session commenced at 6:05pm 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 Eric LaClair, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for all students considered.

The Board was updated on the status of tenure recommendations.

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn Executive Session.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:29pm

Kay Ellis
District Clerk