

Vestal Central School District  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022

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

PRESENT:

Mark Browning  
Linda Daino  
Kathryn Egan  
Eric LaClair  
John Hroncich\*  
Lynne Majewski  
Dinno Nistico  
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 6 Visitors

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Board President J Dinno Nistico in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#303-22  
Call to Order and  
Pledge of Allegiance

On motion by Eric LaClair, 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 update on a possible legal issue.

304-22  
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 6:08pm.

Spotlight on Vestal Middle School – Principal Sarah Wiggins reviewed how the students are reacting to being back to in-person instruction this year. Assistant Principals Ashley McKenna and Melissa Williams helped present information about the goals that have been set and how students are being helped to learn social skills that they missed out on over the last two years. Fun activities are used to promote positive interaction with peers and staff. Language teachers Teresa Padavona and Erica Howard showed how world language instruction is being used to for social emotional learning.

Spotlight on Vestal  
Middle School

On motion by Mark Browning, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting February 22, 2022 as written.

#305-22  
Approval of Minutes

None.

#306-22  
Public Comment on  
Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Samson Wong ():

--the cast and crew of Mamma Mia! were congratulated on a phenomenal performance  
--scripts are being finalized for the Talent Fest on March 17  
--Varsity and Diversity Clubs will work together for Peace Day – including music and activities  
--a fundraiser for Ukraine is being planned for March 23

#307-22  
Reports

Board President J Dinno Nistico reported on the following:

Liaisons: GL parent group was thrilled to meet in person; they are planning fundraisers, including a spirit sale and basket raffle, a book fair at open house. GL had 3 teams participated in Odyssey of the Mind. GL has 56 Kindergarten student registered so far. A talent show is planned for 3/16. VH has 4 teams participating in Odyssey of the Mind. A cultural collage represented 8 countries. The Language Club has worked with BU to sponsor French after school; a treasure

hunt is planned for 3/18, Yearbook is on track, family photo event is planned and Teacher Appreciation Day is coming. CA has a new interactive website. Dr. Suess week is finished. Intramural program has been completed; fundraising is planned. They are still looking for a rep on District Council.

--information was shared on the Health Insurance Consortium meeting held Friday. The surplus will be used to offset any spikes in premiums.

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:

--COVID numbers: 6 active cases right now. Since the last meeting, 25 students, 2 teachers, 3 staff have tested positive. UPK classes have been hit hard with cases and absenteeism.

--unless the Governor extends the deadline allowing virtual meetings, this will be the last one. Board members will be meeting in person going forward.

--more information was presented regarding the 2022-23 anticipated budget. The expenditures were reviewed in comparison to last year. Keeping with the 2.27% maximum allowable levy increase, we currently have a \$111,644 gap. Some additional requests being considered total \$416,092, which would make the total gap \$527,736. Another presentation will be done at the March 22 meeting.

--Principal Dawn Young explained the Learning Recovery Plan they have implemented at the high school to respond to student academic needs.

--Superintendent's Conference Day is Friday, events for all instructional staff are in place, providing meetings, training and presentations across all grade levels.

--the new podium and table in the Board room were pointed out; Ken Ross from the Maintenance Department built the beautiful pieces. Ken was thanked for the wonderful workmanship.

On motion by Mark Browning, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 to 0 to accept Schedule E – Enrollment February 2022, Schedule F – Travel & Conference, and approve Schedule P – Personnel.

Under Schedule P the following changes were approved:

#308-22  
Acceptance of  
Schedules E, F and  
Approval of Schedule P

#### 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
Broder, Jacob	Social Studies	None	BA	3/4/22	
Howard, Sophia	Science	None	BA	3/4/22	
Malone, Madison	Elementary	None	BA	3/4/22	
Purdy, Cameron	Social Studies	None	BA	3/7/22	

#### SCHEDULE IP 4B

##### TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find pages **3 and 4** 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 8, 2022**

AREA OF APPOINTMENT	AREA/BLDG	STIPEND	POSTED	NAME	APPROVED
<b>INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS</b>					
<b>Baseball: Varsity</b>					
<b><u>VOLUNTEER</u></b>	<b><u>Spring Season</u></b>			<b><u>Anderson, Nicholas</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/22</u></b>
<b><u>Lacrosse; JV Head Girls</u></b>	<b><u>Spring Season</u></b>	<b><u>\$4526</u></b>	<b><u>12/17/21</u></b>	<b><u>Fernald, Carlyne</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/22</u></b>
<b><u>Softball: JV</u></b>	<b><u>Spring Season</u></b>	<b><u>\$4526</u></b>	<b><u>12/17/21</u></b>	<b><u>Duff, Kristen</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/22</u></b>
<b><u>Softball: JV VOLUNTEER</u></b>	<b><u>Spring Season</u></b>			<b><u>Silverio, Emily</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/22</u></b>
<b>Softball: Modified</b>					
<b><u>VOLUNTEER</u></b>	<b><u>Spring Season</u></b>			<b><u>DeRitis, Anthony</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/22</u></b>
<b><u>Track: Modified Asst</u></b>	<b><u>Spring Season</u></b>	<b><u>\$4512</u></b>	<b><u>12/17/21</u></b>	<b><u>Olson, Michael</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/22</u></b>
<b>INTRAMURALS</b>					
<b><u>Elementary</u></b>	<b><u>Spring</u></b>	<b><u>\$541</u></b>		<b><u>Hoyt, Scott</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/22</u></b>
<b><u>Elementary</u></b>	<b><u>Spring</u></b>	<b><u>\$500</u></b>		<b><u>Tyler, Ashley</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/22</u></b>
<b><u>Elementary</u></b>	<b><u>Spring</u></b>	<b><u>\$500</u></b>		<b><u>Siegrist, Valery</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/22</u></b>
<b><u>Middle School</u></b>	<b><u>Spring</u></b>	<b><u>\$500</u></b>		<b><u>Moss, Kim</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/22</u></b>
<b><u>Middle School</u></b>	<b><u>Spring</u></b>	<b><u>\$500</u></b>		<b><u>Rostedt, Sara</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/22</u></b>
<b><u>High School</u></b>	<b><u>Spring</u></b>	<b><u>\$500</u></b>		<b><u>Davis, Matt</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/22</u></b>
<b><u>High School</u></b>	<b><u>Spring</u></b>	<b><u>\$500</u></b>		<b><u>Rostedt, Sara</u></b>	<b><u>3/8/22</u></b>

**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
McCarthy, Maria	Teacher Aide	Glenwood	6/30/22	

**SCHEDULE NIP 4**

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

NAME	POSITION	SHIFT/SCHOOL	PROBATION PERIOD	SALARY	REMARKS
Burlingame, Andrew	Assistant Director of School Facilities	Facilities & Operations	4/18/22-4/17/23	\$80,000	52 wk probation 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
Torrey, Madisyn	Teacher Aide PT/S	3/7/22	

**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
Allison, Jacob	Volunteer	Senior High	3/9/22-6/30/22
Tompkins, Kyle	Volunteer	Senior High	3/9/22-6/30/22
Williams, Drew	Volunteer	Senior High	3/9/22-6/30/22

**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
The following employees have achieved satisfactory completion of District probationary period:				
Bates, Christina	Bus Driver	Transportation		3/2/22
Hroncich, Michelle	Registered Professional Nurse	Vestal Middle School		3/9/22

On motion by Kathy Egan, second by Linda Daino, 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 Memorandum of Agreement with SUNY Broome to provide the Fast Forward program to qualified students during the 2021-22 school year, per attached.

#309-22  
 Memorandum of Agreement – SUNY Broome Fast Forward Program 2021-22

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Eric LaClair, 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 service agreement with those listed below to provide the services as indicated for the 2021-22 senior high musical production accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement, through June 30, 2022. This appointment is retroactive.

#310-22  
 Service Agreement – SH Musical Support Position (1)

Harry Nichols Pit Musician

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

#311-22

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education gives permission to approximately 15 Varsity softball players for a trip to Myrtle Beach, SC to participate in the Grand Strand Softball Classic from April 9, 2022 through April 16, 2022. There is no cost to the District for this trip.

3/8/22  
Extended Field Trip –  
Varsity Softball Team to  
Myrtle Beach SC

On motion by Mark Browning, second by Tony Turnbull, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education gives permission to approximately 9 members of the Southern Tier Robotics Program for a trip to California, PA to participate in the FIRST Robotics Competition March 16, 2022 through March 19, 2022.

#312-22  
Extended Field Trip –  
Southern Tier Robotics  
Program Team to PA

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Linda Daino, 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 Jostens to provide yearbook products as outlined in the attached document, for the 2023 school year.

#313-21  
Contract with Jostens –  
VMS Yearbook 2023

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Kathy Egan, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education gives permission to approximately 20 Varsity cheerleaders for a trip to Rochester, NY to participate in the state championships from March 4, 2022 through March 5, 2022. This approval is retroactive.

#314-22  
Extended Field Trip –  
Cheerleaders to  
Rochester NY

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education gives permission to approximately 2 track students for a trip to Staten Island, NY to participate in the state track meet from March 4, 2022 through March 5, 2022. This approval is retroactive.

#315-22  
Extended Field Trip –  
Track Students to  
Staten Island NY

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education approved a proposal from Delta Engineers, Architects & Surveyors for engineering services for the AR Complex site work as part of the 2018 Capital Improvement Project at the January 2, 2022 meeting and  
WHEREAS it was determined that it was required by SED to be submitted as an addition project,  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the revised submittal for services from Delta Engineers, Architects & Surveyors in an amount not to exceed \$42,641.00.

#316-22  
UPDATED Contract  
with Delta Engineers –  
AR Sitework

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept grant funds from the Vestal Hills PTA in the amount of \$183.95 for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade grant.

#317-22  
Acceptance of Grant  
Funds – VH PTA

None.

#318-22  
Voice of the Public

#### FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

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

**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**

#319-22  
Future Meetings

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting immediately.

#320-22  
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE SESSION #1  
Tuesday, March 8, 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 6:05pm

\*attended via Zoom

Executive Session commenced at 6:04pm in the Small Conference 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 Linda Daino, second by Mark Browning, 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 a possible legal matter and tenure recommendation timeline.

On motion by Mark Browning, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn Executive Session.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:07pm

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk