

Vestal Central School District
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, April 18, 2022

PRESENT:

Mark Browning – ABSENT
Linda Daino
Kathryn Egan
Eric LaClair
John Hroncich – ABSENT
Lynne Majewski – arrived 6:29pm
Dinno Nistico
Tony Turnbull – ABSENT

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 7 Visitors

The Board meeting was called to order 6:06pm by Board President J Dinno Nistico in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#350-22
Call to Order and
Pledge of Allegiance

On motion by Kathy Egan, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 4 to 0 to adjourn into Executive Session to review the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education; an update on a legal matter regarding a specific employee and the employment status of a staff member.

#351-22
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 6:24pm.

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting April 5, 2022 as written.

#352-22
Approval of Minutes

Questions were raised regarding the contracts for services from Hillel Academy staff, the fee for health & welfare services and the contract with UE for those services.

#353-22
Public Comment on
Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Samson Wong:

--students are just getting back into the routine after Spring Break
--FBLA elected new officers
--over \$7000 was raised for Ukraine

#354-22
Reports

Board President J Dinno Nistico reported on the following:

Liaisons: AR is planning a courtyard cleanup for Earth Day; May 4 is Staff Appreciation, the Science Fair is scheduled for May 16. The National Honor Society induction went well.
--Academic Awards Night is April 28 if any Board members want to attend

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:

--COVID numbers: 30 positive cases today. Broome County is one of 10 counties in the state that now is orange, indicating a sharp increase in cases.
--the final draft of the 2022-23 budget was reviewed. The only change from the last presentation was the final state aid results. There was enough of an increase in the foundation and expense-drive aid to help close the budget gap. All the information will be in the budget newsletter.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 5 to 0 to accept Schedule A – Treasurer’s Report March 2022, Schedule B – Year-to-Date Budget Report March 2022, Schedule C – Schedule of Bills March 2022 and approve Schedule P – Personnel.

#355-22
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 INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATION:

| NAME | POSITION | TENURE | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------|----------------|------------|
| DeLoria-Mancini, Kathryn | Substitute Teacher | | 5/16/22 | Relocation |

SCHEDULE IP 3**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

| NAME | POSITION | TENURE AREA | CERTIF | PROBATION PERIOD | TENURE | SALARY | REMARKS |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Bongiorno, Vanessa | Elementary Teacher | Elementary | Initial | 9/1/22-1/30/26 | 1/31/26 | \$59990 | Jarema Credit 1/31/22-6/30/22 |
| Howard, Kelsey | Elementary Teacher | Elementary | Initial | 9/1/22-6/30/26 | 9/1/26 | \$62827 | |

*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 this Part.

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

Attached please find page 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: April 18, 2022**

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

Lacrosse: Mod Boys**VOLUNTEER****Spring Season****Gardner, Jeff****4/18/22**

INTRAMURALS

Elementary**Spring****\$541****Daglio, Steven****4/18/22****Elementary****Spring****\$500****Siegrist, Valery****4/18/22****Elementary****Spring****\$500****Tyler, Ashley****4/18/22****Middle School****Spring****\$500****Morris, Kim****4/18/22****High School****Spring****\$500****Malvasio, Robert****4/18/22****High School****Spring****\$500****Darpino, Kate****4/18/22****High School****Spring****\$500****Darpino, Susan****4/18/22****SCHEDULE IP 4C****TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS (OTHER): INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

| NAME | AREA OF SERVICE | LEVEL | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Willis, Catherine | Administrative | District-wide | 4/1922-7/31/22 | Elementary Summer Enrichment Program |

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 |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Cox, Kate | 0.5 Teacher Aide | Tioga Hills | 4/8/22 | |
| Strum, Paul | Custodian | 2 nd shift, Tioga Hills | 4/6/22 | Other employment |

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, Patricia | Teacher Aide PT/S | 4/19/22 | |

SCHEDULE NIP 8C

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

| NAME | AREA OF SERVICE | LEVEL | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Norovich, Sarah | Volunteer | Athletic Trainer | 4/19/22-6/30/22 | |

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 | REASON |
|------|----------|--------------|--------|-----------|--------|
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The following employees have achieved satisfactory completion of district probation period:

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|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------|--|
| Ryan, Steven | Building Maintenance Worker | Facilities & Operations | | 5/5/22 | |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------|--|

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED that the proposed tentative school budget for the 2022-23 school year be and is hereby adopted in the amount of \$86,507,841 and said amount will be the spending plan upon which the eligible voters of the Vestal Central School District will consider on May 17, 2022 and

#356-22
Adoption of 2022-23
Budget, Approval of
Property Tax Report
Card

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the submission of the 2022-23 Property Tax Report Card to the New York State Department of Education as required by NYS regulations.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Kathy Egan, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the 2022-23 Administrative Budget of the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$3,245,861 is hereby approved.

#357-22
BOCES Administrative
Budget 2022-23

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that Nicholas Matyas is designated to serve as trustee of the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services for a term ending June 30, 2025; and be it
RESOLVED, that William Powell is designated to serve as trustee of the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services for a term ending June 30, 2025; and be it
RESOLVED, that Sandra Ruffo is designated to serve as trustee of the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services for a term ending June 30, 2025.

#358-22
BOCES Board Trustees
2022-23

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education Reorganization Meeting for the 2022-23 school year be held on July 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Administration Building.

#359-22
Re-Organizational
Meeting 2022-23

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign service agreements with those listed below to provide the services to students as indicated and in accordance with the terms outlined in the attached agreements, through June 30, 2022. These services are provided by Hillel staff using Title funding allocations.

#360-22
Svc Agreements – Hillel
Academy Staff

Lois Blight
Jon Cardinale
Amy Derkwoski
Dave Goguen

Danielle Kane
Harold Kohn
Sarah MacDougal
Rabbi Shmaryahu

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of Corrective Action Plan in response to the Internal Risk Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 from the Board of Education’s Audit Committee.

#361-22
Internal Audit 2020-21
Corrective Action Plan

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 5 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 \$293.78 for the Hammock Garden.

#362-22
Acceptance of Grant
Funds – VH PTA

On motion by Kathy Egan, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that a fee of \$591.40 per pupil be established for health and welfare services available to non-resident pupils attending private or parochial schools in the Vestal School District during the 2021-22 school year.

#363-22
Health & Welfare
Charges 2021-22

On motion by Kathy Egan, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 5 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 22 students residing in the Vestal Central School District attending non-public schools in the Union Endicott School District during the 2021-22 school year.

#364-22
Health & Welfare
Services – Union
Endicott SD 2021-22

motion by Linda Daino, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Vestal Central School District Board of Education has been requested by Andrew Ackley to hold a hearing pursuant to Section 73 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 a 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 Andrew Ackley pursuant to Civil Service Law §73; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vestal Central School District Board of Education does hereby appoint David Grasso, Esq. as the hearing officer pursuant to Section 73 of the Civil Service Law to hold the aforementioned hearing; an
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.

#365-22
Appointment of Hearing
Officer – Section 73
(Ackley)

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 5 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 contract extension for internal audit functions for the year ending June 30, 2022, as submitted by Ernest Skiadas, CPA, P.C. and recommended by the Audit Committee.

#366-22
Internal Auditor
Services – Contract
Extension
(Skiadas)

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
UPON recommendation from the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Angela Rogers to the position of School Business Executive for a 4-year term effective June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026 and authorizes the Board President or Vice-President to sign the personal services agreement as outlined in the attached document.

#367-22
Personal Services
Agreement – Angela
Rogers
School Business
Executive

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 5 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, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

#368-22
Renewal of BC/BS
Benefits

On motion by Kathy Egan, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an affiliation agreement with the Binghamton University to accept social work internships from their school according to the terms of the attached agreement, effective April 5, 2022. This agreement will remain in force for five (5) years.

#369-22
Teaching Affiliation
Agreement – BU
Social Work

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 5 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 2022-23 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 those payments on supplemental contracts will be implemented by the district in accordance with the Broome – Tioga BOCES requirements.

#370-22
BOCES Final Request
for Services 2022-23

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Kathy Egan, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Superintendent of Schools and the Vestal Teachers' Association is hereby approved.

#371-22
MOU with VTA
Probation

Three newly elected officers of the FBLA spoke to the Board about the benefits they have gotten from being part of this club. The also highlighted upcoming competitions.

#372-22
Voice of the Public

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

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

#373-22
Future Meetings

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

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

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:00pm; Regular Meeting
Board Conference Room, Administration Building**

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 5 to 0 to adjourn the meeting immediately.

#374-22
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

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About 0 Visitors
Special Education Director Rosalie Sullivan

Executive Session commenced at 6:07pm 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 Linda Daino, second by Kathy Egan, the Board voted 4 to 0 to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for all students considered.

The Board was updated on the employment status of a particular employee and a legal matter concerning a specific employee and a student update.

On motion by Eric LaClair, second by Kathy Egan, the Board voted 4 to 0 to adjourn Executive Session.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:22pm.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk