

Vestal Central School District  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, May 3, 2022

PRESENT:

Mark Browning  
Linda Daino  
Kathryn Egan  
Eric LaClair  
John Hroncich – ABSENT  
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 5 Visitors

The Board meeting was called to order 6:01pm by Board President J Dinno Nistico in the auditorium of Clayton Avenue Elementary School. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#375-22  
Call to Order and  
Pledge of Allegiance

Public hearing of 2022-23 budget was opened. The proposed expenditures and the anticipated revenues were presented in a powerpoint. The budget to be voted on is \$86,507,841, which is a 4.26% increase in spending over the 2021-22 year. The maximum allowable levy is 2.27%, which would be a total of \$49,700,916 levied on taxpayers. Each area of the budget, Administration, Capital and Program were reviewed, and compared with last year. The second proposition for bus purchases would be a total amount not to exceed \$986,950. There are seven candidates running for board positions next year.

Public Hearing

On motion by Mark Browning, second by Lynne Majewski, 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 and the status of particular employees.

#376-22  
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 7:08pm.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Eric LaClair, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting April 18, 2022 as written. Tony Turnbull abstained from the vote.

#377-22  
Approval of Minutes

None

#378-22  
Public Comment on  
Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Samson Wong: written

--final touches are being put on the KB decorations and song requests are being taken via a google form. Tickets will be on sale all next week.  
--FBLA members did well at the State competition; some are moving on the national competition in Chicago  
--AP and IB exams are coming up  
--Art students made abstract sculptures with recycled materials  
--a Unified Basketball team has been formed; students are partnered with developmentally challenged students to help train and complete. Their first game is Thursday at 5:00pm, at UE.

#379-22  
Reports

Board President J Dinno Nistico reported on the following:

Liaisons: GL is participating in STEM which helps students with self-awareness and decision making. Snack kits were available to help keep students' stamina up during testing. Capital project work is moving along. VH celebrated Principal's Day and the PTA is sponsoring Teacher

Appreciation Week along with Nurses' Day on Wednesday. Family photos can be taken 5/14 at Cutler Gardens. 5<sup>th</sup> graders had an essay contest; the resulting hammock gardens helps them enjoy relaxing reading. TH is participating in the One School/One Book program, followed by a book fair.

--The NYSSBA Annual Conference will be held in Syracuse October 27-29; registration will open August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:

- COVID numbers: 88 new cases as of today; a total of 1100 since the start of school
- the State has made a determination that due to the emergency conditions last week, schools could end the year with 179 days instead of 180. The last day of student attendance will be Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>; half day.
- seven student from the FBLA team will be moving on to nationals
- Seal of Biliteracy will have 26 students participating this year. 20 students will be competing in 13 difference languages. Five students will endeavor the tri-literacy (3 languages) and one student will attempt 5 languages.
- the musical at VMS and SH have been completed to great acclaim. BCMEA and NYSSMA competitions have been held and this year the District was named one of the Best Music Education districts.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept Schedule E Enrollment April 2022 and approve Schedule P – Personnel.

Under Schedule P the following changes were approved:

#380-22  
Acceptance of  
Schedule E and  
Approval of Schedule P

**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
Jordan, Emily	School Psychologist (10-month)	Special Area: School Psychologist	Permanent	9/1/22-6/30/26	9/1/26	\$74000	
Kline, Brittney	Elementary Teacher	Elementary	Initial	9/1/22-6/30/26	9/1/26	\$60390	

\*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 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
Wanck, Tamara	Administrative	District-wide	5/4/22-7/31/22	Extended School Year Program

**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
Arroyo, Melinda	Teacher Aide	African Road		5/11/22	

On motion by Kathy Egan, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

#381-22

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education acknowledges and accepts the 2022-2025 Instructional Technology Plan to be submitted to the State Education Department for approval.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Kathy Egan, the Board voted 7 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 Chenango Forks Central School District to provide Health and Welfare Services to approximately 3 students residing in the Vestal Central School District attending non-public schools in the Chenango Forks Central School District during the 2021-22 school year

#382-22  
Health & Welfare  
Services – Chenango  
Forks SD  
2021-22

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

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an extension to the Personal Services Agreement with Linda Willets through September 30, 2022 as per the attached agreement.

#383-22  
Extension of Service  
Agreement - Willets

On motion by Tony Turnbull, second by Lynne Majewksi, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Board of Education approved a service agreement with Enas Moses to provide interpreter services for the 2021-22 school year at the July 20, 2021 Board of Education meeting in an amount not to exceed \$1000 and

WHEREAS the District has determined that additional services will be required from Enas Moses,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the current agreement is increased by \$300 for interpreter services through August 31, 2022.

#384-22  
Service Agreement –  
Interpreter Moses  
REVISED

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following reserve transaction for the 2021-22 school year: Reduce the Tax Certiorari Reserve (A86400) in the amount of \$572.29 based on current claim for the Supreme Court decision for Blazo & Natalija Kovacevic.

#384-22  
Authorization for Use of  
Reserve Funds – Tax  
Certiorari  
Kovacevic

None.

#385-22  
Voice of the Public

#### FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

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

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022 – Regular Meeting; ~8:30pm  
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**

#386-22  
Future Meetings

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

#387-22  
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
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Tony Turnbull	About 0 Visitors
	Special Education Director Rosalie Sullivan

Executive Session commenced at 6:35pm in the Library of Clayton Avenue Elementary School.

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 Lynne Majewski, 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 several employees.

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

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:05pm.

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Kay Ellis  
District Clerk