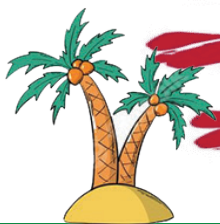


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Celebrating Excellence at the 33rd Annual Broome-Tioga Scholastic Recognition Dinner!



Photo & Article Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District

On June 20, the Broome-Tioga Chief School Administrators, with the generous support of Arcadis IBI Group, Coughlin & Gerhart LLP, and Day Automation, proudly hosted the Thirty-third Annual Broome-Tioga Scholastic Recognition Dinner. This prestigious event honored valedictorians and salutatorians from school districts across the region, celebrating their outstanding personal and scholastic achievements.

Each honored student was presented with a special award designed by William Mihalko, a retired teacher from Harpursville Central School District. Commissioned in 1991, Mr. Mihalko's award design consists of a black acrylic base with three mounted tablets featuring the Lamp of Learning and motifs representing Broome and Tioga counties—a carousel for Broome County and a steam engine for Tioga County.

This event underscores the importance of academic excellence and leadership, recognizing students who have demonstrated the ability to choose wisely, meet challenges, and succeed. The Broome-Tioga Chief School Administrators applaud these students' accomplishments and look forward to their future contributions to their professions and communities.

Congratulations to all the honorees for their hard work and dedication. Your achievements are a testament to your perseverance and leadership.



**ELEMENTARY SENIOR WALKS
PAGES 5 & 6!**

VP
artisan market



VPL ARTISAN MARKETS ARE BACK THIS SUMMER!
9AM - 2PM ON

**SATURDAY, JULY 6
& SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**
SIGN UP FOR ONE OR ALL OF THE ABOVE DATES



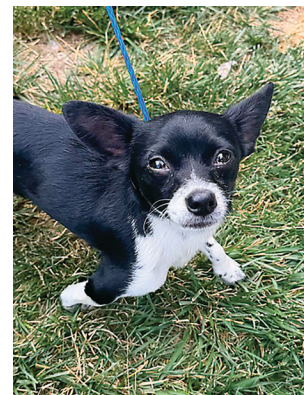
Seniors at Vestal Hills Elementary

“Regular Meeting Minutes of the Vestal Town Board, June 26, 2024” On Pages 3 & 8

“Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 11, 2024” On Pages 6-8

PET OF THE WEEK:

Norman



Hi, I'm Norman! I'm 2 years old and very playful. My favorite game is fetch, but I also love to play hide and seek. I may be small, but I can easily jump on counters and steal any food I find! My ears are as big as my confidence!

Send in a photo of your pet with a short bio to: kirsten@tiersnews.com to have your pet in the paper!



Vestal CALENDAR

Saturday, July 6th

VPL Artisan Market

9AM - 2PM, VPL Reading Garden,

Sign Up on VPL's Website

Monday, July 8th

Town Board Work Session, 6PM

Tuesday, July 9th

>School Board Reorganization Meeting, 6PM,

Admin Board of Education Conference Room

>Mad For Art- Sea Glass Sun Catcher

6PM, VPL Meeting Room, Sign Up Online

Wednesday, July 10th

>Town Board Meeting, 6PM

>VPL Tech Assistance

10AM, Vestal Senior Center

>Pins & Needles: Knit and Crochet

6PM, VPL Meeting Room

Thursday, July 11th

VPL Yin Yoga

6PM, Large Meeting Room, Sign Up Online

Friday, July 12th

VPL Open Game Day- All Ages

11AM- 3:30PM, Meeting Room

Saturday, July 13th

>Second Saturday Series: Tenzin Chopak

7PM- 9PM, Free, The Vestal Museum

>Summer Art Exhibition Opening Day

The Vestal Museum

> VPL Geocaching Demo

11AM- 12:30PM, Meeting Room

Monday, July 15th

VPL Board of Trustees Meeting

6PM, Meeting Room

Thursday, July 18th

Free Summer Family Movie Nights

25th Anniversary of Tarzan,

8:30PM, Arnold Park, Andrews Rd.

Saturday, July 20th

Kopernik Observatory Portable Planetarium

Adventures In Space, Sign Up Online,

11AM- 1PM, VPL Meeting Room

Monday, July 22nd

Town Board Work Session, 6PM



Vestal Fire Department Responses

vestalfire.com

by Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer

**Vestal Fire this week responded to:
4 fire alarms, 1 carbon monoxide alarm,
1 smoke alarm, 2 trees and wires down,
1 cat in a tree, 1 elevator rescue, and 2
building fires.**

06/25 01:05 Whitney Avenue	Mutual aid to
Binghamton for a building fire	
06/25 11:12 Vestal Road	General fire
alarm - smoke in room	
06/25 11:45 State Route 267	Mutual aid to
Silver Lake, PA for an elevator rescue	
06/25 15:51 Imperial Woods Dr.	Tree and wires
down in front yard	
06/27 15:00 Vestal Road	Carbon mon-
oxide alarm	
06/27 16:57 Vestal Parkway E.	General fire
alarm	
06/28 12:35 Cherry Lane	Cat in a tree
06:29 09:44 Powderhouse Road	Tree down on
wires - smoking	
06/29 11:15 Grippen Hill Road	Tree and
wires down	
06/30 10:13 Hazel Drive	Smoke detector
activation	
06/30 12:20 Clubhouse Road	Commercial
fire alarm	
06/30 17:09 Murray Hill Road	Two-alarm
building fire	
07/01 05:28 Murray Hill Road	Fire alarm
activation	



EDITORIAL NOTES

We have been receiving letters and reviews of the changes to the Vestal Town Crier, we will post them here without names listed. The absence of names has a long history in American Reporting, up until the early to mid 1970's. We do so to protect our sources.

WE APPRECIATE ALL STORY TIPS AS WELL
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VESTAL POLICE REPORT

Damein Spencer, 43, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Shoe Carnival.

Benjamin Abrams, 42, Endicott, arrested for Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree, No Turn Signal from Parked Position, Driving on the Shoulder and Moved from Lane Unsafely for possessing Heroin, Meth and Fentanyl during a traffic stop.

Daniel Dermody, 33, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated (Felony), Driving While Ability Impaired by Combined Drugs and Alcohol (Felony), Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 1st Degree (Felony), Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device, Circumventing Vehicle Interlock Restriction and Unlicensed Operator after a traffic stop.

Sheila Pugh, 52, Vestal, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Dameon Taylor, 21, Homeless, arrested for Petit Larceny and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for shoplifting from Wal-Mart and possessing Meth.

Kenneth Ostrander, 76, Vestal, arrested for Reckless Endangerment 2nd Degree for intentionally driving his vehicle toward the victim during a domestic incident.

Jacob Crowley, 31, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Adam Crispell, 36, Vestal, arrested for Criminal Contempt 2nd Degree for occupying a vehicle with a party protected by a stay away order of protection.

Lauren Hollenbeck, 60, Owego, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Devon Carrington, 34, Binghamton, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated (Felony), Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC (Felony) and Unregistered Motor Vehicle after a traffic stop.

Anthony Jefferson, 38, Binghamton, arrested for Bail Jumping 3rd Degree for failing to appear in court on a scheduled court date or within 30 days thereafter.

JULY 4TH FACTS!

1. There have been 27 different versions of the official U.S. flag from 1777 to 1960.
2. U.S. emergency rooms see an uptick of injuries on the Fourth. Fireworks injuries are among the most common reasons for ER visits.
3. In the U.S., celebrants of the 4th consume around 150 million hot dogs on Independence Day!
4. The tradition of setting off fireworks on the 4th of July was suggested by John Adams.
5. Americans spend more than \$1 billion on fireworks each year.
6. July 4th was not deemed a federal holiday until 1870, nearly 100 years after the nation was founded.

Regular Meeting Minutes of the Vestal Town Board

(NEWSPAPER EDITED) June 26th, 2024

TOWN BOARD PRESENT:

- Supervisor Maria Sexton
- Councilwoman Sue Messina
- Councilman Stephen Donnelly
- Councilman Glenn Miller
- Councilman Robert Greene

ALSO ATTENDING:

Town Clerk Debra Wallace, Attorney Daniel Reynolds, Payroll/Benefits Specialist Vinnie Griggs, Director of Human Resource Debora Panicek and 7 members of the public.

Supervisor Sexton convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Donnelly and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly, Miller, Greene

Motion approving the June 12th, 2024 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

3. BID OPENINGS

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. SUPERVISOR UPDATES

6. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

7. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

8. PUBLIC WORKS (DONNELLY/Greene)

9. FINANCE (MESSINA /Donnelly)

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly, Miller, Greene

Approval to for Payment to Coughlin & Gerhart LLC

Authorization for the Town Board to approve payment in the amount of \$5,023.24 to The Law Firm of Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP, for outside counsel fees for professional services rendered through May 31, 2024.

On a motion by Councilman Greene and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly, Miller, Greene

Authorization to Pay Hancock Estabrook, LLP

Authorization for the Town Board to approve payment in the amount of \$3,482.50 to The Law Firm of Hancock Estabrook, LLP, for outside counsel fees for legal services rendered through May 31, 2024.

On a motion by Councilman Donnelly and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly, Miller, Greene

Authorization to Sign STIP for TM#158.11-1-15

Authorization for Daniel Reynolds, Town Attorney, to

sign a Stipulation of Settlement for 2023-2024 pertaining to the following Article 7 Tax Certiorari case: Downside Risk Inc., Tax Map Number 158.11-1-15. The Business office is authorized to process any refunds.

10. PERSONNEL (DONNELLY/Messina)

Supervisor Sexton asked the Town Board if they wanted this motion changed to read specific Department Heads by name or is the position satisfactory?

Councilman Donnelly, Councilwoman Messina and Councilman Greene stated that they were comfortable with how it was written. Councilman Miller stated that he would like it changed to specific individuals.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly, Miller, Greene

3201 Stewart Rd ~ Tax Map #158.11-1-15

- Roll Year: 2023-24
- Assessment: \$2,018,800
- FMV: \$2,018,800
- STIP AV: \$1,525,000
- Change in AV from Prior Year: -\$493,800
- School Tax: \$39,370.86
- Town/County Tax: \$21,445
- Est Town Refund: \$1,801.85
- TOTALS: \$1,801.85

*Town = General and Highway

Approval of Department Heads to Hire

Approval for Water/Wastewater and Parks Department Heads to hire personnel without prior Town Board approval for vacant positions contingent upon satisfactory completion of background checks and Town and County requirements

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly, Miller, Greene

Authorization to Hire Sports Camp Staff

Authorization for Patrick Harnan, Recreation Planner, to hire Summer Sports Camp Staff as outlined in his June 21, 2024 memo. The start dates and rates of pay are also identified in the memo which is included in the addendum.

11. PLANNING & ZONING

(MESSINA/Greene)

On a motion by Councilman Donnelly and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly, Miller, Greene

Approval to Advertise for Local Law for Signs

Authorization to advertise on July 1, 2024 for a Public

Hearing to be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. The Public Hearing is for a proposed Local Law regarding the revisions to Town Code, Chapter 5, Article V, Signs.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA/Greene)

On a motion by Councilman Donnelly and seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly, Miller, Greene

Authorization to Advertise for Public Hearing for EMS

Authorization to advertise on July 10, 2024 for a Public Hearing on July 24, 2024 regarding the establishment of a Special Taxing District within the Town for Emergency Medical Services.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly, Miller, Greene

Authorization to Sign SRO Contract

Authorization for the Supervisor to sign contracts for SRO programs.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly, Miller, Greene

13. ADMINISTRATION (GREENE/Donnelly)

RECEIVE AND FILE:

- Warrants: 2024: 24, 24X, 25

14. PETITIONS & PROTESTS

15. OLD BUSINESS

16. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly, Miller, Greene

Authorization to Advertise for Public Hearing Fire District

Authorization to advertise on July 10, 2024 for a Public Hearing to be held on July 24, 2024. The Public Hearing is pertaining to the creation of the Vestal Fire District, under Town Law 170.

17. SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

• There will be 5 full time SRO's in the Vestal Schools this fall and if the School is financially able we will add a 6th SRO.

• Brush pick-up has started and will run monthly through September beginning on the first Monday of each month. For additional details, please see our website vestalny.gov

• Saturday, June 29th the Binghamton Rumble Ponies will be highlighting the Town of Vestal at their 607 Saturday Game. First Pitch will be at 6:07pm. Fans who wear Green and Gold can purchase tickets for a special price of \$9.00.

• Thank you to all that worked on the Vestal Memorial Pool it has been very busy and enjoyed by many. Thank you to Vern Myers, Connor Foster, Craig Hiller, Patrick Harnan and all their staff for their hard work. Special thank you to Jason Garner, Lea Webb, Daniel Reynolds and Donna Lupardo who made this possible by funding this pool and splash pad. Without their help the expense would have fallen on the tax payers, so thank you again for all who helped make this pool/ splash pad possible.

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Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Regular Meeting

NEWSPAPER EDITED, Tuesday, June 11, 2024

PRESENT:

Shoba Agneshwar
Mark Browning
Kathryn Egan
Kay Ellis
Eric LaClair
Joshua Mertens
Lisa Milkovich
Dinno Nistico

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Clifford Kasson
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Patrick Clarke
School Attorney Michael Sherwood
District Clerk Michelle Lewis
School Business Executive Angela Rogers

Director of Instruction Andrew Blaine

Director of Instruction Keliann Mazikewich

Director of Personnel & Administrative Services Heather Pufky

Director of Special Education Katherine Mazourek

VHE Principal Cathie Willis

VHS Principal Dawn Young

VHS Asst. Principal Jennifer Bittler

VHS Asst. Principal Gianni Cordisco

VMS Asst. Principal Ashley McKenna

VMS Social Worker Amy Bennett

Approximately 10 visitors

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Board President Kathryn Egan in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Executive Session

Move to adjourn into anticipated First Executive Session to discuss Administrative Personal Services Agreements
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Student Government Report

Student Government President Ian Chung introduced incoming President Keith Dai, who will be reporting to the Board during the 2024-25 school year. He also shared that Spirit Week was well-received the last week of May, as well as the Vestal Music Festival on 6/1 with numerous ensembles performing at Vestal High School in both the cafeteria and the inner courtyard. Senior activities have also been in full swing this month with the Senior Class Trip, Prom Promise Picnic, Senior Prom, and All-Nighter. As this would be Ian's last meeting with the Board of Education, he took the opportunity to thank Mrs. Restuccia, Student Government Advisor, and the students who elected him. He also thanked the Board of Education and Administration for the opportunity to participate in Board meetings. The Board wished him well as he heads to Harvard to study this fall.

Second Executive Session

Move to adjourn into anticipated Second Executive Session for the approval of CSE and CPSE recommendations, as well as an update on a legal matter and two personnel matters.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2024

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

Reports

BOE President Kathryn Egan reported on the following:
--Liaison Reports: Shoba Agneshwar attended the VHE PTA meeting on 6/10. They had a Recorder Concert, as

well as an Orchestra Concert last week. The focus of the Morning Program this month is "Balance is Best". An author/illustrator visited the school earlier this month. The 5th grade Moving Up Ceremony will take place on Wednesday followed by a picnic at Arnold Park. The Senior Walk is scheduled for Monday, 6/17 with graduating seniors coming back to their elementary school building to walk the halls and remember where it all began. A pancake breakfast will be held on the last day of school. The PTA already has their sights set on fall activities and looks forward to another productive year. Eric LaClair reported on the ARE PTA meeting. They raised a lot of funds this year through PTA memberships, spiritwear, and grant applications. ARE celebrated Mental Health Awareness Day on 5/30 with many different student activities, and they will have their school Field Day on 6/13. Graduation for 5th graders will be held on 6/17. Kay Ellis reported that Dr. Jennifer Musa, BU Professor, will be visiting Tioga Hills Elementary on 6/13 to accept a \$2,500 donation the students have raised for Health for Haiti. The school will also be Zooming with Haitian students during her visit. This is a partnership that Tioga Hills has been involved in for years. Dinno Nistico encouraged BOE members to consider attending the NYSSBA Leadership in Education event on 7/19-7/20 in Albany, as he has found the information shared to be very beneficial when attending in the past.

Superintendent Clifford Kasson reported on the following items:

--Device Task Force: Asst. Supt. for Instruction Patrick Clarke spoke to the research done by the Student Device and AI Task Force this school year. They have been focusing primarily on student device use, recommending a "pause" in student cell phone use starting at the middle school level in September 2024. Task Force committee members addressed the Board from their different viewpoints, all coming to the same conclusion that cell phones are a distraction to learning during the school day and that boundaries need to be set. Committee members who spoke included:

1. Keliann Mazikewich, Director of Instruction
2. Andrew Blaine, Director of Instruction
3. Amy Bennett, VMS Social Worker
4. Katherine Mazourek, Director of Special Education
5. Ashley McKenna, VMS Asst. Principal
6. Sonya Skinner, VMS Teacher
7. Heidi Weisbrod, VMS Teacher
8. Gianni Cordisco, VHS Asst. Principal
9. Raghad Farhat, VHS Student
10. Reagan Young, VHS Student
11. Katie Balkaya, VMS Parent
12. Darren MacDonald, VMS Parent

A group of nine committee members (Clifford Kasson, Patrick Clarke, Gianni Cordisco, Ashley McKenna, Amy Bennett, Sonya Skinner, Darren Herman, Malinda Miller, Darren MacDonald) traveled to Newburgh City School District in early June to observe student arrival and how cell phones are sealed for the time students are in school. They found it enjoyable to hear students talking to one another and looking up as opposed to staring down at their screens. Newburgh administrators acknowledged that student mental health appears to have improved, disciplinary issues have decreased, classroom distractions have decreased, and student achievement has increased. Students actually have reported feeling happier and less stressed when they are not constantly engaged in the use of social media. Administrators did speak to the need for staff modeling when the "pause" is put into place this fall. They also spoke to the potential of instituting a cell phone "pause" at the high school the following school year. Other local area schools are also planning to implement stricter

cell phone policies this fall.

--NYSSBA President's Gavel Podcast #43: Superintendent Kasson reported that he and Andy Blaine, Director of Instruction, were honored to be invited to participate in a NYSSBA President's Gavel Podcast pertaining to the issue of student cell phone use. This podcast will be released later this month.

--Utica National School Safety Excellence Award: Superintendent Kasson shared that the Vestal Central School District was once again a recipient of the Utica National School Safety Excellence Award for 2024 at the Titanium with Honors level. This was awarded based on the school district's safety efforts to help keep students, staff, and visitors safe.

--Southern Tier Robotics End-of-Season Banquet: The Robotics Club held their end-of-season banquet on 5/30, which Supt. Kasson attended. Students demonstrated their work using the new equipment provided by the District using ARP funds this past year. There are four local engineers that serve as mentors to the 30 students who participate in Robotics. It is an excellent program and both the students and mentors shared how grateful they are to the Board for the upgrades provided so that they may continue to excel.

--VHS Spring Band Concert: The VHS Band performed a concert on 5/29. Superintendent Kasson was present and spoke of the excellent performance and praised Mrs. Jennifer Pham for the noticeable enthusiasm reflected in her students based on her leadership.

--Music Festival: Supt. Kasson attended the Music Festival on 6/1, where the inner courtyard and cafeteria were filled with music at Vestal High School. It was an informal setting with numerous musical ensembles performing throughout the day. This has become a favorite annual event.

--VHS Honors Night: Honors Night took place at Vestal High School on 6/3. Supt. Kasson witnessed 181 scholarships being awarded to Vestal seniors, totaling \$262,000. He also highlighted that \$135,000 of the total was awarded through Vestal Dollars for Scholars, which has been providing scholarships for Vestal students for the past 34 years.

--Spring Athletics Update: Mr. Kasson shared that Boys Lacrosse and Girls Softball lost in the State semifinals over the weekend, but both had fantastic seasons. Girls Golf placed 44th in the State, and four Track & Field athletes advanced to participate in the State finals.

--THE Spring Fling: Mr. Kasson shared photos he took at the Tioga Hills Spring Fling Carnival held on 6/7. The favorite event was "Pie-A-Teacher" with all proceeds being donated to the school's Health for Haiti campaign.

--Senior Prom and All-Nighter: The Prom was held at W&W Nursery on 6/8, followed by the Senior All-Nighter at Vestal High School. Mr. Kasson enjoyed participating in both events with our seniors. He shared pictures from the All-Nighter "Camp Golden Bear" themed event, including a gaming room, casino, hypnotist, and mechanical bull.

Acceptance of Schedule E - Enrollment (May) and Schedule F - Travel/Conference

Move to accept Schedule E - Enrollment (May) and Schedule F - Travel/Conference

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Approval of Schedule P - Personnel REVISED

Move to approve Schedule P - Personnel as revised

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

The following changes were made under Schedule P:

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Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Regular Meeting

NEWSPAPER EDITED, Tuesday, June 11, 2024

SCHEDULE IP1

RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS:

(NAME, POSITION, TENURE AREA, EFF. DATE)

- Calisi, Jennifer, Special Education Teacher, Gen Sp Ed, 7/1/24

SCHEDULE IP4A

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

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

(NAME, INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL, CERTIFICATION, DEGREE, EFF. DATE)

- Chermak, Shawn, Elementary, None, BA, 9/1/24
- McWhirter, Christine, Special Education, Professional, MA, 9/1/24
- Smith, Scott, Elementary, Permanent, MA, 9/1/24

SCHEDULE IP4B

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find page 4 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2023-24 school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position, and stipend.

(AREA OF APPOINTMENT, SEASON/BLDG., STIPEND, POSTED, NAME, APPROVED)

- HOSA Club, High School, \$1,259.00, 8/24/23, Rockhill, Christopher (co), 6/11/24 *CHANGE*
- HOSA Club, High School, \$500.00, 8/24/23, Wasielewski, Agnes (co), 6/11/24 *CHANGE*

OTHER

- Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator (co), K-12, \$2,836.00, 6/21/23, Rockhill, Christopher, 6/11/24 *CHANGE*
- Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator (co), K-12, \$83.00, 6/21/23, Sonnen, Jennifer, 6/11/24

SCHEDULE IP4C

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL OTHER

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

(NAME, AREA OF SERVICE, LEVEL, EFF. DATE, REMARKS)

- Difulvio, Kaitlin, Substitute Teacher, District-Wide, 7/10/24-8/18/24, Extended School Year Services
- Giannetto, Justin, Special Education Teacher, District-Wide, 7/10/24-8/18/24, Extended School Year Services
- Hart, Annalisa, Occupational Therapist, District-Wide, 7/10/24-8/18/24, Extended School Year Services
- Hashey, Jane, Administrative, District-Wide, 7/1/24-6/30/25, Per diem work district-wide
- Hoover, Ann, Special Education Teacher, District-Wide, 7/10/24-8/18/24, Extended School Year Services
- Jones, Merry, Administrative, District-Wide, 7/1/24-6/30/25, Per diem work district-wide
- Lowie, Timothy, Administrative, District-Wide,

7/1/24-6/30/25, Per diem work district-wide

- Mastro, Therese, Administrative, District-Wide, 7/1/24-6/30/25, Per diem work district-wide
- McSain, Doreen, Administrative, District-Wide, 7/1/24-6/30/25, Per diem work district-wide
- Mellander, Erin Substitute Teacher, District-Wide, 7/10/24-8/18/24, Extended School Year Services
- Mezzadonna, Annette, Administrative, District-Wide, 8/5/24-6/30/25, Per diem work district-wide
- Miller, Andrea, Administrative, District-Wide, 7/1/24-6/30/25, Per diem work district-wide
- Mullins, Caitlin, Speech Teacher, District-Wide, 7/10/24-8/18/24, Extended School Year Services
- Penna, Albert, Administrative, District-Wide, 7/1/24-6/30/25, Per diem work district-wide
- Rotondi, Michael, Administrative, District-Wide, 7/1/24-6/30/25, Per diem work district-wide
- Zappia, Annamary, Administrative, District-Wide, 7/1/24-6/30/25, Per diem work district-wide

SCHEDULE IP8

CHANGES IN STATUS: INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGES IN STATUS:

(NAME, POSITION, TENURE AREA, CHANGE, EFF. DATE)

- Marilley, Stephany, Music Teacher, Music, Tenure Date From: 9/1/22-6/30/26 To: 9/1/22-6/30/25, 6/12/24, Previous NYS Tenure

SCHEDULE NIP 1

RESIGNATIONS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

(NAME, POSITION, SHIFT/SCHOOL, EFF. DATE)

- Dzuba, Katherine, Teacher Aide PT, THE, 6/25/24
- Smales, Athena, Typist PT, CAE, 6/19/24

SCHEDULE NIP 8A

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS/ SUBSTITUTES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following TEMPORARY NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS/SUBSTITUTES:

(NAME, POSITION, EFF. DATE)

- Patel, Shaheen, Teacher Aide PT/S, 9/1/24
- Stockwin, Leo, Temporary Custodian, 6/20/24-9/17/24

SCHEDULE NIP 9B

PART-TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following PART-TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS:

(NAME, POSITION, SHIFT/BUILDING, PROB. PERIOD, SALARY, REMARKS)

- Donovan, Lindy, Food Service Helper, 3.5 hrs/day, THE, 6/3/24-10/20/25, \$15.50/hr, 52-week probationary period
- Novak, Susan, Food Service Helper, 5.0 hrs/day, GLE, 6/12/24-10/29/25, \$15.50/hr, 52-week probationary period

SCHEDULE NIP 11

CHANGES IN STATUS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGES IN STATUS:

(NAME, POSITION, SHIFT/BLDG, CHANGE, EFF. DATE, REASON)

- Ailport, Bonnie, Food Service Helper, DW, From: 3.5 hrs/day To: 5.0 hrs/day, 6/3/24
- Kunzman, Julie Bus, Attendant/DIT, Transportation To: Bus Driver, 6/10/24
- Pomukchynsky, Marina, Teacher Aide, VHS, Termination of Employment, 6/12/24, In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools
- Randall, Sara, Cleaner, 2nd Shift, VHS, Effective Start From: 5/28/24 To: 5/29/24, 5/29/24

The following employees have achieved satisfactory completion of district probationary period:

- Pervin, MST, Teacher Aide, VMS, 3/13/24

SCHEDULE NIP12

ABOLITION OF POSITIONS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends ABOLITION of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL POSITIONS:

(POSITION, SHIFT/BLDG., EFFECTIVE DATE, REASON)

- Typist, Special Education Dept., 7/1/24, Abolished
- Typist, VHS, 7/1/24, Abolished

SCHEDULE NIP12.A

(NAME and/or POSITION, REMARKS)

- Banerjee, Sumita, Typist, Transfer
- Cass, Flavia, Typist, Transfer

Establishment of Liability Reserve Fund

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Vestal Central School District (the "School District"), pursuant to Section 1709(8-c) of the Education Law, as follows:

1. The Board hereby establishes a reserve fund to be known as the Liability Reserve Fund;
 2. The source of funds for such Liability Reserve Fund shall be such amounts as may be provided therefore by budgetary appropriation or other sources authorized by law;
 3. The Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit and invest the monies of such Fund in accordance with Sections 10 and 11 of the General Municipal Law and other applicable law;
 4. The sum of up to \$1.5 million being no more than three percent, exclusive of any planned balance presently authorized (and in combination with the sum appropriated to any Property Loss Reserve Fund), from the unreserved fund balance of the 2023-24 budget, is hereby appropriated to such fund; and
 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.
- Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Highland Associates Proposal - 2024/2025 Capital Outlay Project (VHS Cameras)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the proposal from Highland Associates to provide architectural design and building engineering services for the 2024/2025 Capital Outlay Project – Addition of High School Cam-

Vestal Scholars



Vestal Alumni Named to President's List

Commonwealth University

Samantha Schaffer, of Vestal, NY

Vestal Alumni Named to Dean's List

Buffalo State University

Maggie Restuccia of Vestal (13850), a junior majoring in Art Education

The University of Scranton

- Patrick W. Carlton of Vestal (13850), a sophomore biochemistry major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences.
- Alexander S. Kaminsky of Vestal (13850), a sophomore biochemistry major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences.
- Michael P. Sacco of Vestal (13850), a freshman business administration major in the University's Kania School of Management.
- Samuel E. Gates of Vestal (13850), a senior accounting major in the University's Kania School of Management.

SUNY Oneonta

- Kyla Burke of Apalachin (13732)
- Patrick Carmichael of Apalachin (13732)
- Andrew Carr of Apalachin (13732)
- Shawn Smith of Apalachin (13732)

Commonwealth University

- Ashleigh Allen, of Apalachin, NY, from the CU-Mansfield campus.
- Quinn Miller, of Apalachin, NY, from the CU-Mansfield campus.
- Shannon Perlungher, of Vestal, NY, from the CU-Mansfield campus.
- Ellie Sherwood, of Apalachin, NY, from the CU-Mansfield campus.
- Ashley Sinicki, of Vestal, NY, from the CU-Bloomsburg campus.

Vestal Alumni Named to Provost's List

To qualify for the Provost's List, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

SUNY Oneonta

- Carly Kirtland of Apalachin (13732)
- Ariana Kline of Vestal (13850)
- Katherine Potter of Vestal (13850)

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 eras and authorizes the President or Vice President of the Board of Education to sign an agreement with Highland Associates in accordance with the attached document, not to exceed \$10,000.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Participation Agreement with Comp Alliance

WHEREAS there has been proposed a "NEW YORK STATE MUNICIPAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION ALLIANCE PLAN DOCUMENT" pursuant to Section 50 3-a of the Workers' Compensation Law (hereinafter "the Plan"); and WHEREAS the Vestal Central School District is eligible for membership in the Plan; and WHEREAS the Vestal Central School District has made an independent investigation of the Plan and reviewed the Plan document, and has concluded that it would be in the interests of the Vestal Central School District to participate therein; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Vestal Central School District enter into membership in the Plan pursuant to Section 50 Sub-division 3-a of the Workers' Compensation Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President or Vice President be and hereby is authorized and instructed to execute the Plan's charter document on behalf of the Vestal Central School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the custody of all joint Plan moneys by the Plan Administrator under the Plan be and the same hereby is approved.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

School Board June 11th Meeting to be continued in next week's publication.



Foodbank Of the Southern Tier
APALACHIN LIONS WALK-UP MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Wednesday – July 24th
 10-11 AM

St. Margaret Mary's Church

1110 Pennsylvania Ave.
 Apalachin, NY 13732

Pre-registration required

REGISTRATION
 Tuesday before – July 23th At 8:30 AM until full (current limit of 125 registrations)
 If you register please attend

Phone: 2-1-1 or
 Online: www.foodbankst.org/cfd

Walk-up Pantry
 Bring a cart or bags to carry food!



Regular Meeting Minutes of the Vestal Town Board

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18. COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Councilwoman Messina wanted to thank the Vestal Police Department for their help in the Special Olympics torch run in Vestal.

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Member of the public spoke inquiring as to what is the current time frame for the Vestal Museum will be moving?

Supervisor Sexton stated that they are hoping to secure a grant because the funding is not currently available.

On a motion by Councilman Donnelly, seconded by Councilman Greene, the Board adjourned the Town Board Meeting and entered into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the following:

The time was 6:21PM

- Personnel – Museum
- Elected Officials Conduct

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Donnelly the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Approved by Debra Wallace, Town Clerk

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