

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on February 9, 2016 in the Verona High School Media Center at 6:59 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Quattrocchi, President. A statement was made that the meeting had been properly advertised in the designated newspapers and the agendas were posted at the appropriate locations.**

**The following members of the Board were present: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mrs. Michele Bernardino, Mr. James Day, Mrs. Lisa Freschi and Mr. Michael Unis. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.**

**Approximately thirty citizens were present. Two members of the press were present.**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items-** None

**Presentations-** Howard Freund, Principal, Laning Avenue School and  
Laning Avenue Students - Google Classroom

Nick Klose - VFEE Grants

**Superintendent's Report**

- Field update
- Inquiry Based Science Program going well. Working on a 3 year plan for this program.
- PARCC- update on 20 seniors that did not pass or take PARCC.
- Thanks to Mr. Cesa and Mrs. Bavolar for their time here in Verona and their dedication to the Verona students.

**Committees**

**Athletics**

- Weight room improvements are being done and will be called the Fitness & Wellness Center
- Wrestling locker room repairs
- Track records board has been updated
- Field trip to UN for the UN Conference at Commission of the Status of Women
- Personnel
- Military Appreciation Month- honored local veterans at boys and girls basketball games

**Community Resources**

- Communication to school community and beyond
- Field update
- School calendar for 17-18 to be completed by June 2016
- Still discussing traffic study
- Setting up meeting with town council
- Sustainable New Jersey for schools

**Buildings and Grounds**

- ESIP update
- Field update
- Punchlist items to be complete for various projects in referendum work
- Weight room repairs and updating of facility
- Personnel

**Education/Special Education**

- Curriculum, Student Growth Objectives, elementary report cards and reading workshop were discussed
- Final exams will no longer be given in the core classes beginning this spring
- Discussed PARCC results and professional development for this Friday
- VHS daily time schedule for 2016-2017 is being reviewed
- Anti-bullying curriculum being developed for VHS and HBW

**Finance**

**Discussion Items-** None

**RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions have been recommended by the Superintendent to the Board of Education:

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-17**

**Moved by: Mrs. Freschi**

**Seconded by: Mr. Day**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**#1 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the minutes of the following meetings:

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting January 26, 2016

**PERSONNEL**

**#2 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2015-2016 school year:

**2.1 Substitutes-Part Time**

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about	Notes
Jennifer Lopez	Spec. Svcs.	Sub teacher aide	\$14.40/hr.	Education	SY 15-16	
Eileen McGowan	Spec. Svcs.	Sub teacher aide	\$14.40/hr.	Education	SY 15-16	
Leonnah Dorch	Spec. Svcs.	Sub teacher aide	\$14.40/hr.	Education	SY 15-16	
Dina Rizzuto-Francis	District	Sub Nurse	\$175/day	Education	SY 15-16	
Deana Capasso	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 15-16	
Mary Walsh	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 15-16	
Xhafer Ballaj	Brookdale	Part time custodian	\$18.00/hr.	B&G	3/1/15-6/30/16	Repl. B. Sulce

## 2.2 New Staff

Name	Location	Assignment	Degree/ Step	Salary	Effective on or about	Department	Notes
Miques Valle	VHS	Head Custodian	Step 3	\$54,398 Includes a \$12,595 stipend. Prorated amount \$13,600 from 4/1 to 6/30/16.	4/1/16 - 6/30/16	B&G	Repl. A. Carsillo

## 2.3 Leave of Absence

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or before
Regina Tully	60% Speech Language	Forest	Maternity leave of absence	4/18/2016	9/1/2017

**2.4 Resignation**

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Lindsey Lagan	HBW	Language Arts Teacher	Resignation	6/30/2016

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, with regret, the retirement of **Glenn Cesa**, Athletics and District Special Programs Director, effective September 1, 2016.

**#4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following transportation for **Rui Dionisio** for the following conference:

ASCD Annual Conference – April 2-4, 2016 Atlanta, Georgia

Airfare	\$236.20
Transportation to/from airport	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total	\$436.20

**EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Statistical Report for the month of January 2016.

**#6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent’s presentation of HIB report as follows:

HIB Case	
1/26/2016	HBW22615

**#7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached 2015-2016 Nursing Services Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education.

**#8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Student Observers:

Name	School	School/teacher/Grade	Duration	Hours/ days	Assignment
Erini Asaad	Rutgers Univ.	VHS/Quick/English	2/10-5/20/16	1 day	Student Observer
Jose Diaz	Rutgers Univ.	VHS/Quick/English	2/10-5/20/15	1 day	Student Observer
Jean Carlo	Rutgers Univ.	VHS/Quick/English	2/10-5/20/15	1 day	Student Observer
Atiya Harley	Rutgers Univ.	VHS/Wertz/Math	2/10-5/20/15	1 day	Student Observer
John Holoduek	Rutgers Univ.	VHS/Tamburro/Social Studies	2/10-5/20/15	1 day	Student Observer
Gabriella Mosco	Rutgers Univ.	VHS/Tamburro/Social Studies	2/10-5/20/15	1 day	Student Observer
Keziah Riddick	Rutgers Univ.	VHS/Tamburro/Social Studies	2/10-5/20/15	1 day	Student Observer
Sonali Kamath	Rutgers Univ.	VHS/Pico/Math	2/10-5/20/15	1 day	Student Observer
Bensy Koch	Rutgers Univ.	VHS/Ramos/Science	2/10-5/20/15	1 day	Student Observer
Pamela Carmen	Rutgers Univ.	VHS/Ramos/Science	2/10-5/20/15	1 day	Student Observer
Judith Dias	Cald. Univ.	Various Spec. Svcs. Teachers	2/10-5/20/16	60 hrs.	Student Observer
Kristen Habrack	MSU	HBW/Paine/School Psys.	2/10-5/20/16	30 hrs.	Intern

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Anti Bullying Curriculum for Verona High School for the 2015-2016.

**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following staff to attend Professional Development AP Summer Institutes:

Name	School	Course	Cost	School Year
<b>Christine Sepcie</b>	VHS	AP World History	\$1,677.12	2016-17
<b>Melissa Wallerstein</b>	VHS	AP Human Geography	\$1,735.50	2016-17
<b>Corey Fineman</b>	VHS	AP Environmental Science	\$1,256.64	2016-17

**10.5 Professional Development Workshop Presenters**

<b>Presenters</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
Albano, Marissa	2/12/2016	\$240.00
Benshoof, Lindsey	2/12/2016 & 3/4/2016	\$240.00
Benz, Maria	2/12/2016 & 3/4/2016	\$240.00
Burke, Pamela	2/12/2016	\$120.00
Burns, Marla	3/4/16	\$120.00
Chohan, Kirpa	2/12/2016 & 3/4/2016	\$240.00
Harris, Casey	2/12/2016	\$240.00
Heckel, Amy	2/12/2016	\$120.00
Hill, Rob	2/12/2016	\$120.00
Kleinknecht, Jen	2/12/2016 & 3/4/2016	\$240.00
Moore, Patience	3/4/2016	\$120.00
Moschella, Paul	2/12/2016	\$120.00
Pellegrino, Megan	2/12/2016 & 3/4/2016	\$240.00
Quinn, Amy	3/4/2016	\$120.00
Rosenberg, Andrea	3/4/2016	\$120.00
Sabatino, Karen	2/12/2016 & 3/4/2016	\$240.00
Salisbury, Angela	2/12/2016	\$120.00
Schiff, Josephine	2/12/2016	\$120.00
Schram, Jessica	3/4/2016	\$120.00
Tamburro, Chris	3/4/2016	\$120.00
Thai, Jon	2/12/2016	\$120.00
Tully, Regina	2/12/2016	\$120.00
Wertz, Rich	2/12/2016 & 3/4/2016	\$240.00
Witter, Luisa	2/12/2016	\$120.00
Wrobel, Kathy	2/12/2016	\$120.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,200.00</b>

#11 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following for curriculum writing:

Name	School	Course	Cost	School Year
Christine Sepcie	VHS	AP World History	\$225.00	2015-16
Melissa Wallerstein	VHS	AP Human Geography	\$225.00	2015-16
Katie Castiglione	HBW	Mysteries & Conspiracies	\$225.00	2015-16

**CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS**

#12 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

**12.1 Coaches**

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Term of Employment	Notes
Eltion Ballaj	VHS	Volunteer Basketball Coach	Volunteer	SY 15-16	RESCIND
Michael O'Neil	VHS	JV Boys Lacrosse Coach	Step 1/ \$5,012	SY 15-16	

**PERSONNEL**

#13 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

**1.1 New Staff**

Name	Location	Assignment	Degree /Step	Salary	Effective on or about	Department	Notes
Gina Ballinger	VHS	Administrative Assistant to Principal	Step 9	\$45,817 plus a \$1,000 stipend. Prorated amount \$13,655 from 3/14-6/30/16	3/14/16 - 6/30/16	Education	Repl. D. Kuzsma

**1.2 Substitute**

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about	Notes
<b>Roberta Schoenbaum</b>	VHS	LTS - CAD	\$100/day	Education	1/15,19,20,21,22/2016	Repl. Sub A. DeOld

**1.3 Leave of Absence**

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Extension Date of Return
<b>Valerie Useche</b>	Spanish Teacher	HBW	Extension of Maternity leave of absence	4/18/2016	9/1/2016

**1.4 Retirement with regret**

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
<b>Marion Bavolar</b>	1st Grade teacher	Forest	Retirement	7/1/2016

**CO-CURRICULAR**

**#14 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

**14.1 Field Trip**

Name of Chaperone	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
<b>Chris Tamburro</b>	VHS	Euro Challenge/JP Morgan Chase, New York, NY	2/23/2016



**EDUCATION**

**#15 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Student Observer:

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>School/teacher/Grade</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Hours/ days</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
<b>Michele Mau</b>	<b>Cald. Univ.</b>	<b>Laning/Solomon/4th Grade</b>	<b>2/10-5/20/16</b>	<b>3 hrs.</b>	<b>Student Observer</b>

**#16 TABLED RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached VHS daily time schedule for school year 2016-2017.

**#17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the elimination of VHS final exams for the 2015-2016 school year and beyond.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary