

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on May 10, 2016 in the Verona High School Media Center at 5:59 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. Lisa Freschi, Vice President, Mrs. Michele Bernardino, Mr. James Day and Mr. Michael Unis. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.**

**Approximately one hundred fifty citizens were present. Two members of the press were present.**

**Presentations-**

Jeffrey Monacelli, Principal, Forest Avenue School - Forest Avenue Students "One District One Book"

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Concerns regarding the advertisement for the request for proposals for educational and staffing management.

**Superintendent's Report**

- HBW hosted a Rube Goldberg Machine Exhibition
- PARCC testing
- Rich Wertz received the Princeton University Distinguished Secondary Teacher Award
- Request for proposal rationale
- Field update
- Lead water testing update

**Committees**

**Education/Special Education**

- QSAC updates
- T.E.D. program at HBW
- PSAT scores are available
- Elementary school report cards
- PARCC testing and SGO's
- Meeting with C.H.I.L.D.
- Aides, staffing resolutions

**Buildings and Grounds**

- Field contract and kick off meeting with Landtek. Breaking ground for the new sewer line on Sampson and upper field within the next week. Tennis courts and parking lot will start without interrupting school activities. Lower field will start with school is out.
- Water testing
- ESIP program will be completed in the summer
- Policy for security when entering the building
- Music room project is moving forward

**Athletics**

- Congratulation to the girls lacrosse team for making the county finals
- Coaching positions
- AD applicants will be narrowed down to 4 or 5 people. Hope to hire by the end of June.
- May 21 Great Newark Tournament finals at VHS
- Student athlete signing day. 14 students will play a sport in college.

**Community Resources-** None

**Discussion Items**

- Mrs. Bernardino refuted the accusations made against her in an email sent from Chris Tamburro and the Verona Education Association.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-23, excluding #8**

**Moved by: Mrs. Bernardino      Seconded by: Mr. Day**

**Ayes: 5      Nays: 0**

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolution #8**

**Moved by: Mrs. Bernardino      Seconded by: Mr. Day**

**Ayes: 4      Nays: Mr. Quattrocchi**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting      April 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 New Staff**

Name	Location	Assignment	Degree/Step	Salary	Effective on or about	Department	Replacing
Steven Munoz	HBW - Carnegie House	7th Grade Language Arts Teacher	BA/Step 1	\$48,271	9/1/16-6/30/17	Education	Repl. L. Lagan
Julia Albretsen	Brookdale	77% Kindergarten Teacher	BA/Step 1	\$37,168	9/1/16-6/30/16	Education	new position
Julianne Curro	HBW-Olmstead House	7th Grade Math	BA/Step 1	\$48,271	9/1/16-6/30/17	Education	Repl. K. Chohan
Maggie Manning	HBW-Olmstead House	8th Grade Social Studies	BA/Step 1	\$48,271	9/1/16-6/30/17	Education	Repl. K. Castiglione
Laurence Fry	VHS	English Teacher	MA/Step 4	\$57,464	9/1/16-6/30/17	Education	Repl. F. Young

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached tenured staff for the 2016-2017 school year.

**#4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached revised non-tenured staff list for the 2016-2017 school year.

**#5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of staff recommended for tenure for the 2016-2017 school year.

**#6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve compensation to **Danielle Mutovic** for attending the CS50 Harvard AP CS Professional Development in Chevy Chase, Md., on April 30, 2016 and May 1, 2016 at a rate of \$352.30 per day.

**#7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following for a medical leave of absence:

Name	Location	Reason	Days Absent
67914945	Central Ofc.	Personal Illness	3/7-4/1/16
61726782	BRK	Personal Illness	
61790549	VHS	Personal Illness	Various

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION/EDUCATION**

**#8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to contract with the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission for Occupational and Physical Therapy services for the 2016-2017 school year as needed per attached contracts.

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve for a change in out-of-district placement for Student #112500 to The Gramon School at the tuition rate of \$325.45 per day for 22 days for a total of \$7,159.90 and a 1:1 aide at the rate of \$165 per day for 22 days for a total of \$3,630 totaling \$10,789.90 for the remainder of the 2015 – 2016 school year beginning 5/23/2016.

**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of Extended School Year out-of-district placements for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

#### **11.1 Attendance at Conference**

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Norma Palmer	HBW	Best Current Responses for School Medical Emergencies/Newark, NJ	5/25/2016	\$239.00

#### **11.2 Resignation**

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Jessica Barnes	HBW	Special Education Teacher	resignation	6/30/2016

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Student Home Instruction:

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
111497	VHS	12	10 hrs./8 weeks	4/25/2016

**#13 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the first reading of the following policy and Regulation:

P5756 Transgender Students

R 1510 Rights of Persons with Handicaps or Disabilities/  
Non-Discrimination (M)

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

Name	School	School/teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours/ days	Assignment
Andrea Mau	Fredonia/SUNY	LAN/FNB/BRK/Szybist/K-4	5/16-6/15/16	40 hrs.	Student Observer

**#15 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following V-SEA staff for the 2015-2016 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Jaime Ricci	Pre-K - 4 Teacher	\$2,611
Jennifer Kleinknecht	Pre-K - 4 Teacher	\$2,611
Andor Kish	Pre-K - 4 Teacher	\$2,611
Carol Lynn Moy	Pre-K - 4 Teacher	\$2,611
Susan Conlon	Pre-K - 4 Teacher	\$2,611
Kaleigh Cella	Pre-K - 4 Teacher	\$2,611
Anne Marie Ruggiero	Pre-K - 4 Teacher	\$2,611
Stefanie Lijoi	Pre-K - 4 Teacher	\$2,611
Corrie Rusignuolo	Pre-K - 4 Teacher	\$2,611
Tamara Gesario	Pre-K - 4 Teacher	\$2,611
Melissa Slavin	Middle School Teacher	\$2,611
Debbie Lawrence	Admin. Asst.	\$1,865

**CO-CURRICULAR**

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

**16.1 Field Trip**

<b>Name of Chaperone</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Club/Destination</b>	<b>Date of Field Trip</b>
<b>Marie Meyer</b>	VHS	Storm King Art Center, New Windsor, NY	5/26/2016

**REFERENDUM**

**#17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Edge Property Maintenance change order #12 for the relocation of an existing drainage pipe, soil removal and backfill on the VHS Music Room Addition in the amount of \$10,825.30 as per the attached. (Soil removal and backfill amount TBD.)

**FINANCE**

**#18 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the change in COBRA vendors from AmeriHealth Administrators (AHA) to O.C.A. Benefit Services Effective July 1, 2016.

**#19 RESOLVED** that the Board accept a donation of a Korg Concert C-900 piano valued at \$300.00 from Mr. & Mrs. Albelin.

**#20 TABLED RESOLVED** that the Board authorize the Business Administrator to advertise for proposals (RFP's) for educational staffing and management services.

**ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS**

**PERSONNEL**

**#21 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Jamie Wronski for CPR Staff Training on April 25th and May 9th in the amount of \$780.

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

**22.1 New Staff**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Degree/Step</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective on or about</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Replacing</b>
<b>Dina Rizzuto-Francis</b>	VHS	School Nurse	BA75/Step 10	\$71,306	9/1/16-6/30/17	Education	Repl. S. Bush

**REFERENDUM**

**#23 RESOLVED** that the Board approve JGB Sports, LLC change order #1 for the Repairs to the VHS and Brookdale bleachers in the amount of \$5,600.00 as per the attached.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Resolution #8 regarding OT/PT services from Essex Regional Education Services Commission
- Communication regarding the aides and outsourcing the staffing and management of aides.
- Aides qualifications

**The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino  
 Board Secretary**