

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on May 9, 2017 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. Glenn Elliott. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.**

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

**Public Comment on Agenda Items- None**

**Presentations-**

**Superintendent's Report**

- Attended FNB Wax Museum
- Thanked VFEE for their Soiree fundraising event in April
- Attended Academic Awards Dinner for Valedictorian and Salutarian in each school in county
- Parent group would like to see full day kindergarten in Verona. Discussions with administrators on this topic.
- Capstone program has 90 participants this year
- National Teacher Appreciation Week

**Committees**

**Education/Special Education**

- Updates on elementary math curriculum, next generation science kits, Parcc testing has been happening for the past couple of weeks, scheduling for PSAT in October, SGO preparation
- Summer assignments discussion and survey went to students
- Next cohort for Orton Gillingham training is being planned
- Special Education bus purchase
- C.H.I.L.D. and private donation for sensory room at Laning Ave. School
- Mental health and code of conduct committees continue to meet

**Athletics**

- Spring sports review, field trip approvals, state championship awards recognition at the June 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, girls jv soccer coach interviews
- Parents met with Dr. Dionisio to start a varsity swim team. Cost to run program with two coaches is approximately \$50,000 to \$55,000.

**Buildings and Grounds**

- ESIP payments have been received
- Fields 95% complete
- Bid to pave football walkway
- Bid to repair HBW locker room wall
- 17-18 in-house projects were reviewed
- Updating 5 year plan
- Sustainable NJ
- LAN Architects are doing evaluation of stage in each of the six schools

**Community Resources- None**

**Discussion Items**

- Meeting with Town Council
- Additional donation from Mr. Art Acquaviva's Estate in the amount of \$27,050

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-13**

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

**Ayes: 5                                      Nays: 0**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting      April 25, 2017

**PERSONNEL**

**#2      RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2016-2017 school year.

**#3      RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached tenured staff for the 2017-2018 school year.

**#4      RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of staff recommended for tenure for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

**5.1 Deduction**

Name	Location	Date/s	Reason
#101243	VHS	Apr. 12, 13, 15, 17, 2017	Stipend dock of \$262.22

**SPECIAL EDUCATION/EDUCATION**

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

<b>HIB Case</b>
HBWOH 41996
BRK 41989

#7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations:

- P 5530 Substance Abuse (M)
- R 5530 Substance Abuse (M)
- P 5600 Student Discipline/Code Of Conduct (M)
- R 5600 Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (M)
- P 8505 Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards For Meals and Other Foods (M)
- R 5306 Health Services to Non-Public Schools (M)
- R 5308 Student Health Records (M)

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

#8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the advertisement to go out to bid on the H.B. Whitehorne structural and masonry repairs to the boys locker room wall.

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the advertisement to go out to bid for paving a walkway around the VHS Upper Field.

**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the proposal from LAN Architects for the conceptual design and budgeting for auditorium stage upgrades at all schools at a cost of \$3,600.

**FINANCE**

**#11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the purchase of two school buses through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey under their bid awards.

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the advertisement to bid the financing of two school buses.

**ADDENDUM**  
**PERSONNEL**

**#13 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendation pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2017-2018 school year.

**1.1 New Staff**

Name	Location	Assignment	Degree / Step	Salary	Effective on or about	Department	Replacing
Crystal Cruz	Laning	Pre-School Teacher	BA/ Step 4	\$51,906	Sept. 1, 2017 - Jun. 30, 2018	Education	M. Bifulco

**PUBLIC COMMENT- None**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino  
 Board Secretary