

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on June 14, 2016 in the Verona High School Media Center at 6:29 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 eight citizens were present. One member of the press was present.

Presentations-

Glenn Cesa, Director of Athletics and Special Programs, Spring Sports Wrap Up
Erik Lynch, Claire Ma - Verona Public Schools Music Department Presentation

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Superintendent's Report

- Heather Kunkel, HBW 5th grade teacher, held an assembly for the 5th grade regarding her trip to China
- VEA retirement party
- Referendum update
- Introduced Mr. Robert Merkler

Committees

Education/Special Education

- Curriculum revisions, SGO's, elementary report cards, professional development
- New science program at HBW, review STEM programs at HBW and VHS, new computer science initiative at HBW. Reading workshop will continue in 5th grade.
- PSAT testing for freshman, sophomores and juniors will be in October
- New VHS start time
- Instructional technology mentor positions to be posted
- Met with C.H.I.L.D and paraprofessionals
- Review personnel resolutions
- Professional development days for CST and paraprofessionals.

Athletics/Co-curricular

- Field update
- Personnel items
- Field trips

Finance

- Confidential staff salaries. Will be approved next board meeting.
- 15-16 budget update
- Cost associated with replacing the water fountains

- Referendum update
- Banking RFP

Buildings and Grounds

- ESIP update
- Referendum update
- Boiler replacement
- HBW boys locker room repairs
- Lead watering testing
- Asbestos abatement

Community Resources

- Will be pricing a newsletter/magazine will be done over the summer
- Putting together a Green Team for the Sustainable NJ Program
- VPD will be at graduation
- Joint meeting with Town and BOE June 22
- Finalizing the Annual HIB Report. Will be presented over the summer.
- “Golden Ticket” plan is giving those on Dodd, Grove and Franklin passes to attend VHS performances and athletic events.

Discussion Items

- Two seats are up for the Board of Education election on November 8, 2016. Deadline to file is July 25, 2016. Information can be found on the website’s home page.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-19**

Moved by: Mrs. Freschi

Seconded by: Mr. Bernardino

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting

May 31, 2016

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve an increment withholding for the following employees for the 2016-2017 school year:

Employee
#61838892
#61811519
#61806998

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

3.1 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Pam Burke	VHS	AP Economics Summer Institute /Rutgers Univ.	6/27-6/30/16	\$1,025.00

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the “Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement: between the Verona Board of Education and the Verona Education Associate dated June 14, 2016 regarding stipends for Boys’ and Girls’ Freshman Soccer and Boys’ and Girls’ Freshman Basketball This is to be incorporated in the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 contract agreement.

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached New Jersey Department of Education District Mentoring Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2016-2017 school year.

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached job description for Instructional Technology Mentor/Building Technology Coordinator.

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Curriculum for the 2016-2017 school year:

Spanish I, II	Geometry
Math K-8	Algebra II
Algebra	College Algebra

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Superintendent's presentation of HIB report as follows:

HIB Case
VHS25039
VHS25223
VHS25485
HBW25657
HBW25401
HBW25507

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following V-SEA summer teacher:

Name	Position	Stipend
Mark Rossi	PreK-4 Teacher	\$2,611

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Special Services Summer School staff:

Position	Staff Member	Stipend
LLD II teacher	John Cunningham	\$2,662
LLD I teacher	Michele Donker	\$2,662
Teacher aide	Debbie Capozzoli	\$12.25/hr.
Teacher aide	Sopheavy Chhieng	\$\$12.25/hr.
Teacher aide	Angela Emerich	\$15.15/hr.
Teacher aide	Eileen McGowan-Pecchi	\$14.40/hr.
Teacher aide	Lynn Pezzino	\$13.00/hr.
Teacher aide	Carmela Vece	\$13.50/hr.
Teacher aide	Luisa Witter	\$13.00/hr.
Teacher aide	Lameese Zaitoun	\$14.40/hr.
Teacher aide	Leonnah Dorch	\$14.40/hr.
Teacher aide	Kathy McNamara	\$16.00/hr.
Teacher aide	Brian Dorflauer	\$14.40/hr.

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached revised 2016-2017 district school calendar.

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Verona High School start time will move from 7:55 to 8:00 am for students. Teachers report at 7:45 am and their day ends at 3:05 pm.

REFERENDUM

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve MTM Metro Corp. Construction as the lowest bidder for asbestos abatement at Verona High School in the amount of \$107,000 as per the attached.

FINANCE

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve the advertisement of RFP (request for proposals) for general banking services in conjunction with the Township of Verona.

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed checklist(s) in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$3,014,037.42	Vendor Checks	June 10, 2016

ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS
PERSONNEL

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2016-2017 school year:

New Staff

Name	Location	Assignment	Degree/ Step	Salary	Effective on or about	Department	Replacing
Karen Convery	Forest	MLOA .60 Speech and Language		\$260/per diem	9/1/16-6/17/17	Education	R. Tully
Katharine Jackameit	Brookdale	MLOA - 4th Grade		\$235/per diem	9/1/16-6/17/17	Education	J. Kirby
Raquel Grasso	HBW	LSS Teacher	BA/Step 2	\$49,242	9/1/16-6/17/17	Education	L. Benshoof

Gabrielle San Roman	Forest/ Laning	General Music Teacher	BA/Step 1	\$48,271	9/1/16- 6/17/17	Education	V. Perri
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#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Kenneth Treitler	Math Teacher	VHS	retirement	7/1/2016

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

#18 RESOLVED that the Board approve to contract with Shin Kyun Kim to provide services as an interpreter in Korean at a cost of \$180.00 to attend a 2 hour meeting on June 15, 2016 as per attached contract.

PERSONNEL

#19 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Robert Merkler** as Director of Athletics and Special Programs at a salary of \$108,000 to be prorated effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**