

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on September 13, 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.

Two citizens were present. One member of the press was present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-

Presentations- Joe Trause, Referendum Update

Superintendent's Report

- Referendum update
- Stipend negotiations with VEA
- School openings
- Condolences to the Citrano Family for the passing of Vayna Citrano

Committee Reports

Education/Special Education

- Review curriculum on peer leadership at VHS
- Professional development day on September 26, Readers and Writers Workshop training this week, formal observations have begun, new teacher training continues
- PSAT October 19
- Letter going to home to parents on the PARCC results
- Resolutions review- policies, grade point averages, personnel items
- Special Education personnel items, professional development for para-professionals, preschool program is up and running

Athletics/Co-curricular

- Field update
- Fundraiser on September 24 for Zoey Penny at Citifield
- Will be honoring athletes of the week in the district
- Band trip to Disney this year in March

Buildings and Grounds

- Referendum update
- Continue to purchase new water fountains throughout the district
- Need to update the 5 year plan
- October 14th ribboning cutting for the upper field
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Community Resources

- Negotiations on stipends for the VEA
- District fact book

Discussion

- Ms. Judy DiNapoli had contacted the county last week that she is withdrawing her name from the ballot for the November School Board Election

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: Mr. Unis

Seconded by: Mrs. Freschi

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting

August 30, 2016

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendation pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2016-2017 school year as per attached.

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached revised 2016-2017 employment contract for **Charles Miller** - Director of Curriculum for the 2016-2017 school year. Change is made for the tuition reimbursement clause.

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached revised 2016-2017 employment contract for **Frank Mauriello** - Director of Special Services for the 2016-2017 school year. Change is made for the tuition reimbursement clause.

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

5.1 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective	Notes
Katey McAuliffe	LAN/FOR	Media Specialist	resignation	9/25/2016	Rescind
Katey McAuliffe	LAN/FOR	Media Specialist	resignation	9/29/2016	Approve

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve Melissa Wallerstein to teach an additional class of US History I, college prep, increasing her teaching load from 60% to 80%. Salary of \$57,870.40.

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

3283 Electronic Communications Between Teaching Staff Members and Students (M)

4283 Electronic Communications Between Support Staff Members and Students (M)

2468 Independent Educational Evaluation

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the second reading of the following policies:

9150- School Visitors

7441- Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

9.1 Curriculum Writing

Staff Name	Course	Approve Total No. of Hours/Days	Stipend
Taylor DeMaio	Curriculum Writing	2	\$45/hr.
Alice Kobylarz	Curriculum Writing	2	\$45/hr.
Maria Benz	Curriculum Writing	3	\$45/hr.

9.2 Student Observer

Name	School	School/teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours/ days	Assignment
Micaela Andrews	Cald. Univ.	HBW/Michalowski & Halpern/ Music	9/14- 12/22/16	40 hours	Observer

9.3 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Elise Edelstein	Laning	Autism NJ Conference/ Atlantic City, NJ	10/27-28/16	\$175.00

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following staff members to attend the following Attendance at Conference:

N.J. Science Convention - Princeton, New Jersey
October 25-26, 2016

Glen Stevenson -
 registration - \$295.99
 hotel 1 night - \$172.00
 mileage - \$ 25.27

Casey Harris -
 registration - \$295.00
 mileage - \$ 26.00

October 25, 2016

Paula Ramos-Santiago -
 registration - \$175.00
 mileage - \$ 25.38

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve that Verona's student information system, Genesis, will round up final grade point averages starting with the entering freshman graduating class of 2020 effective September 2016.

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve to accept settlement agreements (Agency Ref. #2016-24393) dated June 29, 2016 and August 25, 2016 for Student #211757. (attached)

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approval to enter into a contract for student transportation with the parents of Student #700012 for the 2016 – 2017 school year. (attached)

ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

14.1 Coach

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Term of Employment
Michelle DellaFortuna	VHS	Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach	NA	SY 16-17

REFERENDUM

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve LandTek change order #3 for a temporary stone pad around the upper football field in the amount of \$14,395.37.

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve LandTek change order #4 for additional concrete handling charges on the upper football field in the amount of \$4,042.50.

FINANCE

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$600,721.20	Vendor Checks	September 9, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Passing of Mr. George Stiefbold and condolences to his family
- Board should consider naming fields or parts of field after former coaches
- What are the board's plans in dealing with the recent tragedy in our district? Board will be establishing a committee to include two board members, students, staff and community.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**