

The Board of Education of the Township of the Borough of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 13, 2012 in the Verona High School Media Center at 8:00 p.m.

The following members of the Board were present: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mr. Joseph Bellino, Vice President, Ms. Dawn DuBois, Mr. Glenn Elliott and Mr. Michael Unis.

Also present was: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, two members of the press and 50 citizens.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Quattrocchi at 8:00 p.m. A statement was made that the meeting had been properly advertised in the designated newspapers and the agendas were posted at the appropriate locations.

Presentation- Brookdale & F.N. Brown Art Students presented their “Hearts of Hope” project for cancer patients. Mrs. Joni Jasterzbski, Mrs. J, was awarded the 2011 “Hearts of Hope Volunteer of the Year.”

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

- Water in basement rooms in the front of the building
- Energy audit and performance contracting

Community Resources

- Draft of the budget presentation

Education

- Curricular changes

Finance

- 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget will be advertised as voted upon last meeting. Board will withdraw money from the capital reserve account to repair F.N. Brown basement.
- 2011-2012 Budget Projection as of March 13, 2012
- Extraordinary Aid notice will come in May. \$200k is budgeted in this year’s revenue budget. Last year the district received approx. \$140k in extraordinary aid.

Superintendent’s Report

- Brookdale and FNB art students did a wonderful job with the “Hearts of Hope” project
- We will recognize the winter sports teams at the 3/27 BOE meeting
- Attended Forest, Brookdale, and Laning SCA meetings to discuss budget and a preview of the March 20th Forum- Will attend FNB SCA on April 2
- I read to the elementary schools on March 2- Read Across America Day

- Superintendent Forum March 20, 2012, 7PM, HBW
- Continuing talks with Joe Martin regarding the use of PILOT funds for some needed repair projects
- Visited a 7th grade social studies class studying European Geography
- Fund Raiser presented by the Verona Music Dept. March 15, VHS Auditorium, to raise funds for auditorium upgrades.
- VHS three classes in the works for college credit for the summer
 - Culinary Arts- Food Preparation- BCC
 - The Vietnam Era- Caldwell College
 - Power Writing- Caldwell College
- We invited all care, pre-k, nursery school people to attend a meeting on March 12 to discuss the possibility of a different school managing our Kindergarten enrichment and after care.
 - Reps from the Montclair YMCA, Tiny Treasures, The Children's House, Creative Beginnings
 - Interested parties will submit a proposal in writing by March 26, 2012

Discussion

- Creating Board of Education Meeting calendar from April 2012 through January 8, 2013. Mr. Forte will have for the next meeting.

Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board approve Resolutions #1-16

Moved by: Mr. Bellino Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approval of Minutes

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting

February 28, 2012

Curriculum and Special Education

#2 (TABLED) RESOLVED that the Board approve the revised curriculum for the following courses effective 2012-2013 school year.

- Math, Grade 6
- Science, Grade 5
- Science, Grade 6
- Chemistry

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following students for home instruction:

<u>Student #</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Hours/Week</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
#102697	HBW	8	5 hrs/wk	2-4 wks	2/28/12
#071394	VHS	12	10 hrs/wk	2-3 wks	3/9/12

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve a change in out of district placement for Student #053196 from Washington @ Ridgewood School to New Beginnings School in Fairfield to commence on March 14, 2012 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year at the rate of \$316.24 per day.

Co-Curricular

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve appointment of the following teachers to prepare 7th & 8th grade students for NJASK at \$60.00 per hour from March 5, 2012- April 19, 2012.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Hours</u>
Danielle Kelly	13
Andor Kish	14
Debbie Marsano	13
Melissa Slavin	13

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following clubs at VHS on a trial basis at no cost to the district for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.

Girls Learn International
Teens for Troops

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Jacqueline Iannucci** as volunteer Girls Track Coach for the spring of 2011-2012 school year.

Personnel

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Jessica Jaruczyk**, MA 45/Step 6 as Elementary L.S.S. Teacher at Laning Elementary School to begin on or before April 14, 2012 at a salary of \$61,711 prorated for the 2011-2012 school year.

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Vincent Peri** as medical leave replacement for Judy Szybist at Brookdale Avenue School/Music, BA/ Step 1 at a rate of \$102.36 per diem to begin on March 14, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following student observers:

<u>Observation</u>					
Alexandra Danese	Essex Cty C	Solomon/Gr 4/LAN	3/1 & 3/6	5 hrs	

#11 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following home Instructors for the 2011-2012 school year:

**Jackie Miskinis
Melissa Slavin
Lily Szulc
Stacey Perry**

#12 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following **Substitute Teachers, Substitute Secretary** and **Substitute Lunch Aide** for the 2011-2012 school year:

Substitute Teachers				
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	Degree	Experience
Ahmad	Adam	CEAS-Health/PE	BS	Substituting
Butterly	Joanne	K-12 County	BA	-
Patrick	Nancy	STD-Elem/Tch Handi.	BS	Teacher
Smillie	Elizabeth	K-12 County	BA	-
Voelkl	Karell	K-12 County	BA	-

Substitute Secretary

Elizabeth Smillie

Substitute Lunch Aide

Ellen Conover

#13 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve, with regret, the retirement of **Joe Ceretta**, Head Custodian Forest Avenue School, effective April 1, 2012.

#1 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve, with regret, the retirement of **Christine Passero** as Speech Pathologist at FN Brown and Brookdale Avenue Schools on June 30, 2012.

#2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached contract with **Lauren Besante, M.A., BCBA** to provide behavioral consulting services beginning March 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 at the following rates:

\$100 per hour for direct services
\$50 per hour for indirect services

- 3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year:

Substitute Teachers				
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	Degree	Experience
Finken	Cara	K-12 County	BA	Student Tch

Public Comment

- Regular education tuition rates

The Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**