

PUBLIC MEETING

January 8, 2013

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on January 8, 2013 in the Board Office Conference Room at 6:59 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Quattrocchi. 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, Mr. Joseph Bellino, Vice President, Ms. Dawn DuBois, Mr. Glenn Elliott and Mr. Michael Unis. Also present were: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Resolved that the Board meet in private session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss the topics of negotiations and personnel or potential litigation which private discussion is being held pursuant to Section 7b and 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act. The matters under discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as final decisions are made and voted upon.

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on January 8, 2013 in the Board Office Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

The Regular meeting reconvened to the regular session, in the Verona High School Media Center, at 8:00 p.m.

Two members of the press and 14 citizens were present.

The Board Secretary assumed the chair and called the Reorganization Meeting to order. Cheryl A. Nardino, Secretary, will indicate that the meeting has been properly advertised and the agenda has been posted at the appropriate locations.

Mr. Joseph Bellino and Mr. John Quattrocchi were sworn in as Board Members for three year terms.

Ms. Nardino called for a nomination for the position of Board President. Mr. Bellino nominated Mr. Quattrocchi. Ms. Nardino called for any other nominations. There were none. The Board Members approved 5-0.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Quattrocchi, Board President.

Mr. Quattrocchi called for a nomination for the position of Board Vice President. Mr. Elliott nominated Mr. Unis. Mr. Quattrocchi called for any other nominations. There were none. The Board Members approved 5-0.

Presentations

- Elizabeth Jewett- Strategic Plan

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Committee Reports:

Education

- HBW Fifth Grade Math Program
- Movie approval list
- World Language Curriculum
- Revised 12-13 School Calendar (Feb. 19 half day for professional development)
- 2013-2014 Curriculum budget
- 2013-2014 Special Ed budget
- Harvard Model UN VHS field trip
- Personnel

Buildings and Grounds

- EI/Mylan Associates were in attendance
- Track repairs \$3,700 will be done when the weather warms up
- Track needs to be resurfaced and drainage needs to be addressed
- Recommending to full board to do environmental testing and a complete study on VHS Upper Field and test areas on the lower field. Approx. \$12k-20k.
- Discussed security issues. Repairs that were completed and that still need to be done.
- Proposing to replace 5 sets of exterior doors at Laning, HBW, FN Brown and VHS. Will be paid out of capital reserve at a cost of \$33k
- Proposed 2013-2014 Budget
- Resolution for revised application for energy audit program
- Personnel

Athletics and Co-curricular

- Code of Conduct and Substance Abuse Policies were distributed. Substance Abuse regulation was distributed.
- Approval of MKA/VBOE track use agreement on resolutions tonight.
- Carnegie Hall Performance by VHS Band in March 15th. Tickets go on sale at Carnegie Hall Box Office in January.
- 2013-2014 Budget

Finance

- Financing buildings and grounds and technology needs
- Current technology lease has two more annual payments left in 13-14 and 14-15.
- Referendum discussion
- 2012-2013 budget update
- 2013-2014 budget
- Door repairs

- November cafeteria income statement
- Advertising policy discussed
- Bus rentals- when to use coach buses vs. yellow buses
- Band truck rental for transporting instruments
- Workshops for staff

Discussion- Board meetings and committee meetings

Superintendent's Report

- Calendar discussion for 13-14. Approval next meeting.
- Joining North Essex Chamber of Commerce
- Advertising update- Moorestown- Advantage 3
- Policy manual updates need to go through committees for approval
- New committee schedules for 2013
- Possibly posting BOE Packets to a secure location online
- School security Phase I and II
 - Meeting with J. Martin, J. Hayes, D. Greco, P. McDevitt, on 1/7/13
 - Possibility of security audit district wide
 - Requesting from town to move the elections out of the schools
 - NJSBA Summit. Paul McDevitt, Mark Riggio, parent and former prosecutor's office detective and COO of APG security, and Dan Greco from VPD to attend

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-2**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting **December 11, 2012**

BOARD RENEWAL RESOLUTIONS

#2 RESOLVED that the Verona Board of Education approve the establishment of the following Board of Education Committees. Appointments to the Committees will be made by the Board President:

Buildings and Grounds-Joseph Bellino/Glenn Elliott
Finance-Joseph Bellino/Glenn Elliott
Education –John Quattrocchi/Dawn DuBois
Community Resources-John Quattrocchi/Michael Unis
Athletics & Co-Curricular-Dawn DuBois/Michael Unis

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolution #3**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

PERSONNEL

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel pending the completion of all pre-employment requirements:

Name	College	School/Teacher/Grade	Duration	Hours	Assignment
Arimenta, Anthony	Kean	FNB/Hill/PE	1/18-3/15/13	Full Time	Std. Teacher
Arimenta, Anthony	Kean	HBW/Jordan/PE	3/18/13-5/14/13	Full Time	Std. Teacher
Cirillo, Angela	Cald. Coll.	HBW/Hamilton/Music	1/28-5/1/13	40hrs. Total	Observer
DeNicola, Marisa	Bloomsburg	FOR/Sapienza/Castaldo Spec. Ed and Gr. 3	12/17/12-1/11/13	10 days	Observer
Gianna DePaul	Morris Cty.	FNB/McKenna/Gr. 1	1/21/13-5/6/13	20 hrs./wk.	Observer

3.1 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following home instruction:

Student ID #	School	Grade	Hrs/Wk	Duration
70998	VHS	9	10 hrs/wk 4-6 wks	beginning 12/13/12
111897	VHS	9	4-6 weeks	beginning 1/2/13

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #4-6**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

EDUCATION

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the revised 2012-2013 district calendar. (See attached)

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2013-2014 Board of Education meeting dates. (see attached)

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following field trip:

Staff Member	School	Date	Destination	Subject
Dave Galbierczyk Jennifer Errico	VHS	1/31/13- 2/3/13	Boston, MA	Model UN Club

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #7-8**

Moved by: Mr. Unis

Seconded by: Ms. DuBois

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Form and Use Agreement with MKA for the Verona-MKA Track as per the attached agreement.

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the revised application for New Jersey Smart Start Local Government Energy Audit Program. (see attached)

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolution #9**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

FINANCE

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed check lists for the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
-\$8,337.50	Voided Checks	Dec. 11, 2012
\$42,866.33	Vendor Checks	Dec. 17, 2012
\$26,023.95	Cafeteria Checks	Dec. 19, 2012 & Jan. 4, 2013
\$2,816,060.94	Vendor Checks	Jan. 4, 2013

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Hard copies of board packet vs. posting to website
- School security

The Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**