

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on December 11, 2012 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 December 11, 2012 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.**

**Thirty citizens were present and no members of press were present.**

**Presentations**

- VHS students and Mrs. Burke presented the Tomorrow’s Teachers Program
- Gary Farishian presented the Fall Sports Awards
- Nick Klose presented the Fall 2012 VFEE Grants
- Steve Forte presented the Mid Year HIB Report and the Preliminary Testing Report for 11-12

**Public Comment on Agenda Items- None**

**Committee Reports**

**Education**

- Discussion on midterms. No changes for 12-13. Investigating changes 13-14.
- 12-13 calendar is being looked at again because of a half day professional development day during February break.
- Testing presentation will be in the spring
- Restructuring G&T. Using Engineering by Design
- Discussion on World Language grades 1-4
- Discussion on grade 5 transition to one level of math in 13-14
- Behavioral Specialist job description on the agenda tonight

### **Buildings and Grounds**

- HBW track is in need of repair and the costs are estimated between \$70k-\$150k depending on the extent of repairs.
- More discussion on football field. Moving forward on testing soil for toxic waste or pollution.
- Local Government Audit paperwork has been submitted for classroom lighting.
  
- Mr. Quattrocchi gave a lengthy history on the 2005 referendum. The work that was proposed, the work that was completed and the work that still needs to be done. He also gave an explanation on refinancing the 2006 bonds.
- Board will begin to discuss the possibility of a referendum in 2013.

### **Athletics**

- Discussion on substance abuse policy
- Discussed main gym bleacher repairs. Approx. \$5k.
- New Italian Club on a trial basis
- Out of state field trips, band trips and athletic trips
- Track coaching position vacancy
- Received impact grant for again for concussion testing

### **Finance**

- Discussion on refunding of 2006 Bond Issue. Bonds are callable in 2016, but can be refunded now because of low interest rates. Board will continue discussion in the new year.
- Discussion on health benefit broker request for proposal.
- Incurred food losses in cafeteria due to Tropical Storm Sandy

### **Superintendent's Report**

- VFEE donated \$19,000 during this grant round
- Calendar discussion for 2013-2014
- Strategic Plan committee is meeting Dec 13 and 14
- Joined North Essex Chamber of Commerce to network with local businesses
- Advertising update- first ads should be up on Friday Dec 14
- Highlights:
  - NJIT grants with the National Science Foundation for Science Technology Engineering and Math
  - NJIT Careers in Computer Science
  - Syracuse University classes at VHS 13-14
  - Bill Hoogterp, world renowned communication coach, will possibly meet with VHS students
  - STEM day at Bergen Community College for VHS kids

- Dual Enrollment classes for 13-14
  - Bergen Community College
  - Caldwell College
  - Fairleigh Dickinson College
  - Seton Hall University
  - Syracuse University
  - NJIT
- Presented HIB Report

**Discussion**

Official and Final Election Results:

Members of Board of Education:

John Quattrocchi 3,237 votes

Joseph Bellino 2,998 votes

2<sup>nd</sup> questions to approve Full Day Kindergarten:

2,802 Yes

3,018 No

**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. Elliott**

**Seconded by: Mr. Bellino**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting    **November 27, 2012**

**PERSONNEL**

**#2 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements:

Name	Location	Title	Salary	Step on guide	Term of employment	Department Committee	Replacing	Notes
Christine Mucciolo	Spec.Svc	Speech/Lang. Intern	-	-	1/2/2013	Education		
Christine Mucciolo	Spec.Svc	Sub Aide	\$12.25/hr.	-	1/2-6/21/13	Education		
Robert Vogel	Spec.Svc	Sub Aide	\$12.25/hr.	-	1/2-6/21/13	Education		
Marjorie Slass	Spec.Svc	Sub Aide	\$12.25/hr.	-	1/2-6/21/13	Education		
Laura Gardner	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	-	SY 12-13	Education		
Amanda Beideman	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	-	SY 12-13	Education		
Ashley Safir	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	-	SY 12-13	Education		
Owen Bowness	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	-	SY 12-13	Education		
Alyssa DiEduardo	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	-	SY 12-13	Education		
Marjorie Slass	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	-	SY 12-13	Education		
Amal Abdelrehim	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	-	SY 12-13	Education		
Damaris Dolan	District	Pomptonian Lunchaide	\$12/hr.	-	SY 12-13	Education		

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**RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following student teachers/observers and intern for the 2012-2013 school year:

Name	College	School/teacher/Grade	Duration	Hours	Assignment
Caruso, Monica	Cald. Coll.	FNB/Graziano/Gr.2	1/16-5/6/13	full time	Student Tch
Cascone, Dia	Cald. Coll.	VHS/Barone/Sp.Ed.	1/3-2/29/13	full time	Student Tch

Cascone, Dia	Cald. Coll.	VHS/Kobylarz/Eng	5/1- 6/21/13	full time	Student Tch
Balagtas, Donna	WPU	FOR/Graves/Gr.3	2/4- 4/29/13	2 days per wk	Observ.
				plus 2 wks.	
Romaine, Florence	Cald. Coll.	VHS/Quick/Eng	1/28- 5/1/13	60 hrs. total	Observ.
Prigge, Caitlyn	Cald. Coll.	VHS/Russo/Math	1/28- 5/1/13	60 hrs. total	Observ.
Begley, Colleen	Cald. Coll.	BKD/Cirigliano/Gr.4	1/28- 5/1/13	60 hrs. total	Observ.
Petrosino, Steven	Cald. Coll.	VHS/Cashill/Math	1/28- 5/1/13	40 hrs. total	Observ.
Veniero, Gianna	Cald. Coll.	VHS/Mutovic/Math	1/28- 5/1/13	40 hrs. total	Observ.
Meyer, Erica	Cairn Univ.	FNB/Graziano/Gr.2	12/3 & 12/4	5 hrs/day	Observ.
Mersch, Jessica	Cald. Coll.	FNB/Waibel/Gr. 4	1/16- 5/7/13	full time	Student Tch
Sluberski, Melissa	SHU	FOR/Castaldo/Gr. 3	1/17- 5/3/13	72 hrs. total	Observ.
Edelstein, Matthew		Dr. Michael Shrem/VHS	1/13-6/13	3 days/week	psychology internship

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**RESOVLED** that the Board approve following personnel per the attached contracts:

Name	Position	Salary	Begin Date	End Date
<b>Paul McDevitt</b>	Director of Buildings and Grounds Stipend: District Facility Scheduler	\$93,350 \$500	7/1/2012	6/30/2013
<b>Elizabeth Jewett</b>	Director of Instructional Studies	\$136,755	7/1/2012	6/30/2013

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #3-9**

**Moved by: Mr. Bellino**

**Seconded by: Mr. Elliott**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**EDUCATION**

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the District Testing Report for the 2011-2012 school year.

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the 2012-2013 HIB Mid-Year Presentation.  
(see attached)
- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the job description of Behavior Analyst. (see attached)
- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Jessica Jaruczyk** and **Grace Minervo-Buneo** to conduct evening parent training programs for four (4) evenings during the 2012-2013 school year – November, January, March and May, up to 2 hours each evening at a rate of \$60.00 per hour, not to exceed \$960.00 funded through IDEA.
- #7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following tuition student at H B Whitehorne Middle School:

Name	School	Grade	School Currently Attending
Elliot Urgent	H B Whitehorne	7	Bloomfield Middle School

- #8 **RESOVLED** that the Board approve the following home instruction:

Student ID #	School	Grade	Hrs/Wk	Duration
022096	VHS	11	5 hrs/wk.	4-6 wks. Beginning 12/7/12

- #9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Monthly Statistical Report for **November, 2012.**

**CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS**

- #10 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following VHS club on a trial basis:

Club	Advisor	School	Stipend	Term	Notes
Italian Studies Club	Jorge Valcarcel	VHS	Volunteer	SY 12-13	Trial Basis

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve Resolutions #11-14

**Moved by: Mr. Bellino**

**Seconded by: Mr. Elliott**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**FINANCE**

**#11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the donation of the following textbooks to:

Algebra 1	57 books
Math in My World 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	44 books
Math in My World 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	276 books
Science-Interactions of Life Course 3 Glencoe	13 books

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$26,554.11	Cafeteria Cks.	Nov. 27, 2012
		Dec. 4, 2012
\$2,225,155.97	Vendor checks	Dec. 7, 2012

**#13 RESOLVED** that the Board accept the following Fall 2012 VFEE Grants in the amount of \$17,992.62:

<b>Small Grant Recipients</b>	<b>Name of Grant</b>	<b>Grant #</b>	<b>Amount of Grant</b>
Jennifer Kleinknecht	Junior Library Guild	2012-4	\$1,466.40
William Green	HBW Fishing Club	2012-5	\$500.00
Art Acquaviva	eBook Classics	2012-6	\$1,149.42
Diane Conboy	Social Thinking in Verona Schools	2012-7	\$1,473.12
<b>Special Grant Recipients</b>	<b>Name of Grant</b>	<b>Grant #</b>	<b>Amount of Grant</b>
Corisa Walker	One School, One Book	2012-8	\$1,772.00
Dan Halpern	HBW New Music Project	2012-9	\$6,000.00
Richard Rampolla	eReader Initiative	2012-10	\$5,631.68

- #14 RESOLVED** the district hereby recognizes that the legal costs for the 2011-2012 fiscal year exceeded 130% of the statewide per pupil average and has determined that implementation of the further procedures outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)(3) beyond those already implemented would not significantly reduce legal costs, as evidenced by the fact that the excess legal costs incurred are the result of special education litigation, and personnel litigation initiated against the District, which the District has been compelled to defend over which the District has no control.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Request to have freshman sports reinstated
- Buildings and Grounds presentation

**The Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary**