

PUBLIC MEETING

March 12, 2013

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 12, 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. Michael Unis, Vice President, Mr. Joseph Bellino, Ms. Dawn DuBois and Mr. Glenn Elliott. 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. Elliott

Seconded by: Ms. DuBois

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on March 12, 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 7 citizens and staff members were present.

Presentations- None

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Grounds

- Five proposals for the LGEA audit were received on March 1. Dome Tech was the low bidder at \$24,705.
- Track is being repaired this week.

Athletics and Co-curricular

- The track will be back in use March 16th. These are only temporary repairs. More extensive repairs have to be done to fix the drainage problems.
- Wrestling coach position is open
- Field trips were reviewed
- Reviewed substance abuse policy

Community Resources- None

Education

- Resolution for curriculum approval tonight
- Teacher evaluation training sessions March 15th, April 5th and April 18th
- Progress Target Action Plan approval for tonight
- 13-14 budget
- How to train staff returning from leave on existing programs
- 12-13 remaining purchases
- Staff attendance policy being reviewed
- Personnel
- Potential litigation on student special ed placements

Finance

- Discussed the 13-14 budget

Discussion

- Discussed 13-14 budget
- Cap on tax levy was approved at the last meeting at 2.5%. Board can increase or decrease that at the March 26th meeting when the final budget is adopted. Finance committee is recommending 2.5%.
- There is pending legislation regarding county wide subcontracting for food service, custodial services and student transportation.
- Starting March 18th, all students and staff at VHS will have to wear identification tags.

Superintendent's Report

- Security update- Meeting is scheduled with the Verona Police Department and Administrative team March 13, 2013.
 - Pilot for ID's for staff and students at VHS starting March 18th.
- Strategic Plan- action teams continue to meet
- On-line electric provider auction March 14th
- District Choice applications- 109 schools currently in NJ
- Budget 2013-14
- Upper field testing will be this week
- Track being repaired

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. Elliott

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting	February 26, 2013
Special Public Meeting	March 5, 2013

PERSONNEL

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

2.1 Substitute teachers, aides, lunch aides

Name	Location	Title	Salary	Term of employment	Department Committee	Replacing
Della Fera, Joseph	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	SY 12-13	Education	
DeRose, Alexa	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	SY 12-13	Education	
Humphreys, Olivia	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	SY 12-13	Education	
Lunsford, Peaches	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	SY 12-13	Education	
Miller, Matthew	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	SY 12-13	Education	
Schaffer, Nancy	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	SY 12-13	Education	
LaFerriera, Stephanie	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	SY 12-13	Education	
Lunsford, Peaches	District	Sub Tch. Aide	\$12.25/hr.	SY 12-13	Education	
Salame, Franca	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	SY 12-13	Education	
Schoenbaum, Roberta	District	Sub Tch. Aide	\$12.25/hr.	SY 12-13	Education	
Sciurca, Jillian	VHS	MLOA Teacher of Business	\$237.02/day	3/13/13-6/30/13	Education	A. Salisbury
Sciurca, Jillian	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	SY 12-13	Education	NA until notified

2.2 Student Observers

Name	School	School/teacher/Grade	Duration	Hours	Assignment
Geigges, Christina	Clearview Reg. HS	LAN/Conboy/ Speech	3/22/13	full day	Observer
Morriseau, Kristin	MKA	FOR/LaStella/ Bavolar/2	5/13/13 for 3 wks.	20 hrs.	Observer

2.3 NJASK Tutors

Name	Location	Title	Stipend	Term of employment	Department Committee
Bielen, Meredith	HBW	8th Grade NJASK Tutoring	\$60/hr.- 6 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education
Kish, Andor	HBW	8th Grade NJASK Tutoring	\$60/hr.- 6 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education
Marsano, Debbie	HBW	8th Grade NJASK Tutoring	\$60/hr.- 6 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education
Albano, Frank	LAN	NJASK 4 Tutoring	\$60/hr.- 6 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education
Duffy, Claire	BRK	NJASK 4 Tutoring	\$60/hr.- 6 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education
Till, Lauren	BRK	NJASK 4 Tutoring	\$60/hr.- 6 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education
Force, Maria	FNB	NJASK 4 Tutoring	\$60/hr.- 6 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education
Graziano, Maria	FNB	NJASK 4 Tutoring	\$60/hr.- 6 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education
Pellegrino, Megan	FNB	NJASK 4 Tutoring	\$60/hr.- 6 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education
Savolskis, Kim	FNB	NJASK 4 Tutoring	\$60/hr.- 6 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education
Gesario, Tamara	FOR	NJASK 4 Tutoring	\$60/hr.- 6 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education
Weiss, Joan	FOR	NJASK 4 Tutoring	\$60/hr.- 6 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education

2.4 Retirement

Name	Position	School	Reason	Last Day of Employment
Albano, Frank	Principal	Laning Avenue	Retirement	6/30/2013

Mr. Quattrocchi thanked Mr. Albano for his dedication to the students and staff and his years of service. Mr. Unis thanked Mr. Albano for being Mr. Albano.

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #3-6**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino Seconded by: Ms. DuBois

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

EDUCATION & SPECIAL EDUCATION

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

3.1 Mentors

MENTOR	NOVICE TEACHER	MENTOR FEE
		(to be paid by novice teacher)
Joseph Carollo	Patrick Bresnan	\$550
Terry Sherman	Amy Grossman	\$633

3.2 Out of District Placement

Student ID#	Current School	New School	Duration	Rate
112897	New Beginnings	Gramon School	Remainder of 2012-2013 SY	\$271.41/day
53193	ECLC	The Children's Institute	Remainder of 2012-2013 SY	\$291.22/day
111897	Home instruction	Sage Day School	Remainder of 2012-2013 SY	\$268.30/day

3.3 Home Instructors

Name	Title	Salary	Term of employment	Department Committee
Lunsford, Peaches	Home Instructor	\$38/hr.	SY 12-13	Education
Schoenbaum, Roberta	Home Instructor	\$38/hr.	SY 12-13	Education

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Superintendent’s presentation of HIB report as follows:

<u>HIB CASES</u>	
DATE	SCHOOL
2/26/2013	FNB-2

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached 2012-2013 Progress Targets Action Plan.

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following curriculum, effective September 2013:

- French III
- Math 6
- Math 7
- Pre-Algebra 7
- Pre-Algebra 8

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolution #7**

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Bellino

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

7.1 Field Trips

Name of Chaperone	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip	Cost
Marie Meyer	VHS	Girls Learn International -Daily trips to United Nations Headquarters, NYC	3/2-3/8/13	
Mark Russo/ Christopher Tamburro	VHS	Fed Challenge-Federal Reserve Bank of NY, NY,NY	3/14/2013	N/A

7.2 Coaches

Name	Sport	Step	Stipend	Employment Term
Erickson, Barbara	Girls Lacrosse		Volunteer	Spring 2013
Sewell, Christopher	Baseball		Volunteer	Spring 2013

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #8-9**

Moved by: Mr. Unis

Seconded by: Mr. Bellino

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

FINANCE

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the EI Associates quotes for referendum work:

Security Audit - \$9,800
 Various building projects - \$54,000

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve Dome Tech Inc. of Edison, NJ to conduct an energy audit of district properties for a cost of \$24,705. The Board will be reimbursed by the NJ Board of Public Utilities for the total amount upon completion.

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Addendum Resolution #1**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Ms. DuBois

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

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

Name of Chaperone	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip	Cost
Chris Tamburro, Mark Russo	VHS	Euro Challenge, competition in New York, NY	3/18/2013	0

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Identification tags in VHS
- Student activity fee
- Referendum is for capital projects. Board should add more money to yearly maintenance needs.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

#10 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.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

The Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**