PUBLIC MEETING March 26, 2013

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 26, 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, Ms. Dawn DuBois and Mr. Glenn Elliott. Also present were: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Mr. Michael Unis, Vice President, was absent.

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: Ms. DuBois Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on March 26, 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 25 citizens and staff members were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations

- HBW students presented their experiences at the 5th grade Fairview Lake Camping Trip.
- Nikita Joshi presented her plans for a dance marathon for autism speaks
- 2013-2014 Public Budget Hearing

Committee Reports:

Finance

- Discussed the 13-14 budget
- 2.5% increase to tax levy. Tax impact \$126 on an average home of \$360,200.
- Discussed subcontracting services bill S1191 for custodial, food and transportation services that passed the senate, sent to the assembly and referred to the assembly education committee.
- Student activity fee will be discussed in athletic committee.

Discussion Items- None

Superintendent's Report

- Security update
 - o Pilot for ID's for students at VHS
 - o Repairs being completed to doors in the district.
- We will participate in a on-line reverse auction for electrical rates. Will be approved at an April meeting.
- HBW Track is repaired and open
- VHS band performed at Carnegie Hall on March 15th. It was a great performance and great experience for the students.
- Mr. Lynch nominated for the music educator award by the Grammy Foundation
- The One School One Book program at FNB kickoff was today. The book is "Cricket in Times Square" and was purchased using a VFEE Grant. One book was purchased for every family at FNB.
- If class size becomes an issue with students moving into the district, it is possible they won't be attending their home school.
- Lice- Mrs. Skinner and the nurses are looking into our policy
- There was an insect issue at VHS due to a clogged drain that has now been repaired.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-3**

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

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting March 12, 2013

PERSONNEL

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

2.1 Substitute teachers, secretary, aide and nurse

				Step on	Term of	Department
Name	Location	Assignment	Salary	Guide	employment	Committee
Cardinale,						
Caitlin	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day		SY 12-13	Education
Newman,						
James	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day		SY 12-13	Education
Olsen, Soulla	District	Sub Aide	\$12.25/hr.		SY 12-13	Education
		Sub				
Olsen, Soulla	District	secretary	\$9.75/hr.		SY 12-13	Education
Wertz, Barbara	District	Sub Nurse	\$105/day		SY 12-13	Education
Worman,						
Michael	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day		SY 12-13	Education
Young, Emily	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day		SY 12-13	Education
Zacharella,		Sub Lunch				
Carmella	District	Aide	\$12.50/hr.		SY 12-13	Education

2.2 <u>Leave of Absence</u>

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective	LOA WOP	Return Date
Buzaid,	4th Grade	Forest			9/1/13-	
Elizabeth	Tch.	Ave.	Personal	9/1/2013	6/30/14	9/2/2014
Pellegrino,	3rd Grade	FN				
Megan	Tch.	Brown	MLOA	9/6/2013		1/20/2014
Clark,			MLOA			
Regina	Speech Tch.	Lan. VPP	extension			1/1/2014

2.3 NJASK Tutors

Name	Location	Title	Stipend Rescind	Stipend Approve	Term of employment	Department Committee
		8th Grade				
Bielen,		NJASK				
Meredith	HBW	Tutoring	\$60/hr6 hrs.	\$60/hr14 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education
		8th Grade				
Kish,		NJASK				
Andor	HBW	Tutoring	\$60/hr6 hrs.	\$60/hr 14 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education
		8th Grade				
Marsano,		NJASK				
Debbie	HBW	Tutoring	\$60/hr6 hrs.	\$60/hr -14 hrs.	Spring 2013	Education

RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached resolution in supporting the opposition to salary caps for Superintendents.

RESOLVED that the Board approve Resolutions #4-7 and 9

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

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

EDUCATION & SPECIAL EDUCATION

#4 RESOVLED that the Board approve the following:

4.1 Student Observers

Name	School	School/teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours	Assignment
Courter, Theresa	ССМ	FOR/Gr.3/Castaldo	3/28/2013	2 hrs.	Observer
Neale, Henry	MSU	FOR/PE/Phelan	late March or early April	2 hrs.	Observer

4.2 Out of District Placement

Student ID#	Current School	New School	Duration	Rate
			Remainder of	
		Holmstead	12-13 school	
070998	VHS	School	year	\$251.99/day

- **RESOLVED** that the Board approve an aide to be assigned to student #011215 at H B Whitehorne Middle School for a period of approximately six weeks, commencing 3/15/13, due to mobility issues following surgery.
- **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Monthly Statistical Report for **January and February 2013**.
- **#7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the first reading of the following policy:

RESOLVED that the Board approve settlement agreement for OAL Docket #EDS 16926-2012 N. Agency Reference No. 2013-19054 for student #052495 not to exceed \$60,000.

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

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

Ayes: 3 Nays: 1- Mr. Elliott

RESOLVED that the Board approve the Pilot Student Identification Card Program at Verona High School.

RESOLVED that the Board approve Resolutions #10-11

Moved by: Mr. Elliott Seconded by: Mr. Bellino

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following field trips:

			Date of	
Name of			Field	
Chaperone	School	Club/Destination	Trip	Cost
		Science/American Museum of		
		Natural History - Central Park		\$26/per
Kate Smith	HBW	West, NY	6/14/2013	student
Brian		Music Dept attend B'way show		
Michalowski/		and dinner in New York, award		
Amanda		for outstanding participation in		
Hamilton	HBW	annual music fundraiser	5/29/2013	NA
Pietrucha,		Student Council Pocono Valley		
Kunkel,		Trip, Pocono Valley Resort,		\$64/per
Albano	HBW	Tannersville, PA	6/7/2013	student

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2013 Verona High School Project Graduation as an activity covered under the Board of Education's Insurance policy.

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #12**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve the donation of field work by O'Boyle Landscaping paid for by the VBSL and the VHS Softball Boosters total donation is \$2000.00

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #13-21**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

FINANCE

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed check list(s) in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	Check Register Date
\$50,817.64	Cafeteria Checks	March 2013
\$974.00	Vendor Checks	March 18, 2013
\$969,016.35	Vendor Checks	March 22, 2013

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2012-2013 budget for:

February, 2013

#15 RESOLVED that the Report of the Secretary for the period(s) as follows be approved:

February, 2013

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- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of February 28, 2013 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund, has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- **#16 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month(s):

February, 2013

- **#17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached resolution to continue membership in the Morris Essex Insurance Group for worker's compensation insurance. The renewal term is from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016.
- **#18 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the 2013-2014 budget for submission to the voters as follows:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
Total General Fund	\$ 30,158,641	\$ 28,496,254
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 649,020	n/a
Total Debt Service Fund	\$ 2,879,044	\$ 2,253,849
Totals	\$ 33,686,705	\$ 30,750,103

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Be it further resolved that the district upon the recommendation of the Superintendent use the accumulated CAP Banking Eligibility of \$139,007.

- **#19 RESOLVED** that the Board approve an amendment to 2012-2013 IDEA Grant to include \$11,751 in carryover from the 2011-2012 IDEA Grant; \$899 in public funds and \$10,852 in non-public funds.
- **#20 RESOLVED** that the Board approve an amendment to 2012-2013 Pre-School IDEA Grant to include \$3,030 in carryover from the 2011-2012 IDEA Grant public funds.
- **#21 RESOLVED** that the Board approve an amendment to 2012-2013 NCLB Title II Grant to include \$2,827 in carryover from the 2011-2012 NCLB Title II Grant public funds.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Parent purchases of school supplies
- Use more of the cap adjustment to increase the budget for school supplies and maintenance repairs, which would result in an increase in taxes
- School security
- Jump Rope for Heart

The Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino Board Secretary