

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 27, 2012 in the Board Office Conference Room at 7:25 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 was: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl A. 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. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on March 27, 2012 in the Board Office Conference Room at 7:30 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 seven citizens were present.

Presentations -HBW Student Editors for the HBW School Newspaper described their positions and columns they write for the paper.
-Mr. Gary Farishian, Athletic Director, presented the winter sports wrap up.
-Board of Education presented the 2012-2013 School Budget.
-Mr. Forte presented his "Superintendent's Forum Presentation" from March 20 at HBW, to the Board and Public

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Committee Reports

Athletics

- Database for school records and statistics
- Substance abuse policy
- Working on updating athletics manual
- Parent forms to be completed on line
- Discussion on the possibility of re-instituting the student accident insurance
- Winter sports wrap-up
- Reviewed VHS gym floor, bleachers, mats, lighting and insufficient heat in gym and locker rooms
- Vandalism to the pole vault mats at HBW

- Mr. Bellino feels that some of the building and grounds issues around athletics should be routine, annual, maintenance items. For example, the rescreening of the gym floor.

Superintendent's Report

- There will be BOE representatives at all SCA meetings over the next month to discuss the budget for 12/13
- The Administrative Team visited Mrs. Orsini's FNB Kindergarten class yesterday to see the results of their non-fiction research projects. The students did a wonderful job.
- The HBW Jump Roper for Heart fundraiser raised over \$38,000 and counting for the American Hearth Association.
- Verona Summer Enrichment Academy finalized the college summer courses at VHS.
- After meeting with several groups and discussing alternatives with the Administrative Team, I am recommending that we use the Montclair YMCA for 12/13. The CEO Mrs. Jo Ann Short has taken a personal interest in the program and will personally address our concerns. We will also have a site at all 5 schools and no busing. There will be a reduced cost to the parents and enhanced program next year.
- Star Ledger ad this Sunday for several district wide jobs.

Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-29**

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Mr. Unis noted the retirements on the resolutions and thanked the three staff members for their dedication and years of service. Mr. Unis also noted the district curricular changes and the hours of work and progress that went into our curriculum.

Approval of Minutes

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting **March 13, 2012**

Curriculum and Special Education

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

Mathematics, Grades 5 & 6

Geometry
Science, Grades 5-8
Biology
Chemistry
Physical Education, Grades 5-8
Health, Grades K-12

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following movie for Verona High School:

The Social Network - rated PG-13

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached revised list of BOE meeting dates.

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Monthly Statistical Report for **February 2012**.

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following staff members for base salary guide moves retroactive to February 1, 2012.

<i>NAME</i>	<i>FROM</i>		<i>STEP</i>	<i>TO</i>	
Dan Corrado	BA	\$49,597	5	BA +30	\$54,138
Patricia Hemsley-Cartotto	BA+30	\$88,564	17	MA	\$90,657
Dana Lustig	BA+60	\$84,257	15	MA+45	\$85,795
Robert Maher	MA	\$90,657	17	MA+30	\$98,512
Jeremy Smith	BA	\$52,231	8	BA+30	\$56,595
Mark Russo	MA +30	\$65,764	10	MA+45	\$67,019
Nadia Domenick	MA	\$60,048	9	MA+30	\$64,553

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve the second reading of the following Board Policies:

- #0168 Recording Board Meetings
- #8505 School Nutrition
- #6424 Emergency Contracts
- #5519 Dating Violence at Schools
- #3516 Safety and Civility
- #9180 School Volunteers
- #9181 Volunteer Athletic Coaches

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following student for extended home instruction:

<u>Student#</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>hours/week</u>	<u>Duration</u>
#022800	HBW	6	5hrs/wk	2 months
#102697	HBW	8	4hrs/wk	3 months

Co-Curricular

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve appointment of the following personnel to prepare students for NJASK at \$60.00 per hour.

Laning
Frank Albano 12hrs

Brookdale
Claire Duffy 6 hrs
Kim Materna 6 hrs

Forest
Lauren Till- 6 hrs
Tamara Gesario-6 hrs

F.N. Brown
Maryann Force -3 hrs
Maria Graziano – 3 hrs
Megan Pellegrino – 3 hrs
Karen Sabitino – 3 hrs

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the travel reimbursement of **Joel Throne** for the International Deca Competition in Salt Lake City, Utah from April 27, 2012 to May 2, 2012 as follows:

Meals \$61/day X 1 adult X 6 days = \$366.00

Transportation and lodging will be paid from the DECA account.

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attendance of **Elizabeth Jewett** to NJASA/NJSBA 30th Annual Spring Conference in Atlantic City. Conference dates May 21-23, 2012.

Registration fee: \$425.00
Hotel Accomodations (2 nights): \$305.00
Mileage 256 x .31 \$ 79.36

Personnel

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve maternity leave of absence for **Amy Quinn**, District Physical Therapist, to begin on or about May 29, 2012 returning November 1, 2012.

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve an extension of maternity leave of absence for **Kimberly Paine**, School Psychologist /HBW, returning January 1, 2013.

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve medical leave of absence for **Coreen Onnembo**, Social Studies/English, HBW to begin on March 20, 2012 for 8 weeks.

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Mark A. Bigica**, as medical leave replacement for Coreen Onnembo at a regular sub pay for the first 19 days and at a rate of \$230.31 per diem thereafter to begin on March 26, 2012 ending on or about May 14, 2012.

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

Observation

Adams, Richard	MSU	FNB	McKenna/Gr 1	2 hours	3/8/12
Cafone, Shaina	SHU	FNB	Waibel/Gr 4	35 hours total – 3/12-5/15 2012	

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Terrance Navarra** as substitute bus driver at a rate of \$21.00 per hour for the 2011-2012 school year.

#18 RESOLVED that the Board approve, with regret, the retirement of **Joel Throne** as Marketing Education Teacher at Verona High School effective June 30, 2012.

#19 RESOLVED that the Board approve, with regret, the retirement of **Justine Cantrell** as Library Media Specialist at Brookdale and F.N. Brown School effective June 30, 2012.

#20 RESOLVED that the Board approve, with regret, the retirement of **Constance Petner** as teacher at Brookdale, Forest, Laning and F.N. Brown Schools effective June 30, 2012.

#21 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Gerard Meyer** as an unpaid intern in the Business Office to begin on or about May 7, 2012 pending criminal background check.

#22 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following substitute teacher.

Substitute Teacher					
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	College	Degree	Experience
Wallace	Deborah	Elem-TOH-LTD-C	URI, Kean, MSU	BS, MA	Teacher

#23 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Elisa Halbert** as Home Instructor for the 2011-2012 school year.

Finance Resolutions

#24 RESOLVED that the Board Resolved approve the advertisement and sale of the VHS Band bus.

#25 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2012-2013 budget for submission to the voters as follows:

	Budget		Local Tax Levy
Total General Fund	\$ 29,599,477		\$ 27,801,223
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 585,328		n/a
Total Debt Service Fund	\$ 2,680,544		\$ 2,242,798
Totals	\$ 32,865,349		\$ 30,044,021

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED In addition to the regular advertised budget, the board of education will seek approval from the district's legal voters to raise an additional \$140,000 for the expansion of our existing kindergarten program. The program currently is an extended day program. This proposal would institute a full day kindergarten program from January to June. The additional levy will provide funds for an increase in teachers and administrative salaries, lunch aides, supplies, and textbooks. The taxes, if raised, will be used exclusively for this purpose. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the withdrawal of \$75,000 from capital reserve to fund the F.N. Brown mold remediation and door replacement.

#26 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed check list in the following amount:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$48,568.55	Cafeteria Checks	March 5, 2012
\$4,030,668.34	Vendor Check	March 13, 2012
\$995,215.54	Vendor Check	March 23, 2012

#27 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2011-2012 budget for:

February, 2012

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

February, 2012

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of **February 29, 2012** 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.

#29 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month:

February, 2012

Addendum Resolutions

Curriculum Resolutions

- #1 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Verona 2012 Summer Enrichment Academy courses through Bergen Community College and Caldwell College funded by student tuition:

Caldwell College
The Vietnam War
Writing Power

Bergen Community College
Professional Food Preparing Techniques

Finance Resolutions

- #2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Local Government Energy Audit as per the attached.

Public Comment

- Next board meeting agenda and times for confidential, private and public sessions
- Budgeted salaries
- Special education out of district tuition students
- Special education training and programs to bring back out of district students

The Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary