

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**April 10, 2012**

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on April 10, 2012 in the Board Office Conference Room at 6:25 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 6:30 p.m.**

**The Regular meeting reconvened to the regular session, in the Verona High School Media Center, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Two members of the press and fourteen citizens were present.**

**Presentations**

- Liz Jewett, Nicole Santora, Sumit Bangia and Gina Venezia presented the curriculum updates
- Nick Klose presented the Spring 2012 VFEE Grants

**Public Comment on Agenda Items- None**

**Committee Reports**

**Education**

- Curriculum approvals tonight
- Teacher evaluations’ committee needs to have a board member sit on the committee
- Tardiness policy

**Community Resources**

- Website updates
- New releases for School Wires, which supports our website

**Buildings and Grounds**

- Mold remediation and waterproofing in FN Brown basement
- Mr. McDevitt is recommending redesigning FN Brown basement

- Vandalism is becoming a problem. Township installed a camera at Forest Avenue School.
- Tree removal around the district occurred in March
- Maintenance of athletic fields this spring
- Board requested a schedule of maintenance items

### Athletics

- Found a student accident policy that covers football. Policy is secondary coverage. It is still in committee
- Mr. Farishian is meeting with basketball coaches to go over previous season

### Finance

- 2011-2012 projection to the end of the school year. There will be little spending for the remaining three months.
- Cafeteria is projected to breakeven by this June.

### Ad Hoc 24/7

- Two meetings have taken place. There are findings and opinions. The committee scope stated that the report shall be without recommendation to the board.

### Superintendent's Report

- Today Mr. Cesa and I met with the Caldwell College President to continue to develop our relationship and formally sign the Memorandum of Understanding.
- KONY- Program will be tomorrow at VHS
  - All students will work on assignments related to the program in their Social Studies and/or English Classes
  - Discussions will focus on the problem and the controversy that surrounds the KONY issue
- There will be two board seats up for re-election in November please see the website starting on Friday for more information.
- VSEA Registration is open- 3 college courses
- Spring Break April 23-27.
- Schoolwires 2.0 will debut on Friday. It should not be noticeable to public. District is researching mobile applications for district website.

### Resolutions

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-18, Addendum #1**

**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 **March 27, 2012**

**Curriculum and Special Education**

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

Writing, Gr. K-2  
Writing, Gr. 5  
Reading, Gr. 1-2  
English I Honors  
English II Honors  
English III Honors  
Social Studies, Grades 5-8  
Modern World History CP  
US History I Honors  
Physical Education, Gr. K-4  
Physical Education, Gr. 9-12

- #3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached College Courses for College Credits Agreement with NJIT courses for the 2012-2013 school year.
- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Proposal for Assessment and Coaching with Donna Dennis of Leadership Solutions for Steve Forte at a cost of \$1,700.
- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following student for home instruction:

<u>Student #</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>hours/week</u>	<u>Duration</u>
071394	12	12	10 hrs/wk	8 weeks

**Co-Curricular**

- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the first reading of Policy #5240 regarding Tardiness.
- #7 **RESOLVED** that the Board accept the following grants through the Verona Foundation for Educational Excellence.
- \$758.89 to Mr. Robert Hill for K-4 anti-bullying program
  - \$905.89 to Dr. Larry Siegel for "Doc Rocks" Geology Fair for FN Brown
  - \$1,500.00 to Jean Hughes for the Musician in Residence program for Laning and Forest

**Personnel**

- #8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Christopher Santhouse**, teacher of culinary-arts at VHS Summer Enrichment Academy at a salary of \$2810 pending criminal background check.
- #9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Jacqueline Iannucci** as a volunteer track coach for the remainder of the spring 2012 season.
- #10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, with regret, the retirement of **Ruth Taberna** as Spanish and French teacher at HBW effective June 30, 2012.
- #11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve medical leave of absence for **Regina Clark**, Speech Language Specialist, to begin on February 16, 2012 returning on or about April 30, 2012.
- #12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Gillian Aldworth** as medical leave replacement for Regina Clark, to begin on March 5, 2012 ending on or about April 30, 2012.
- #13 RESOLVED** that the Board rescind and approve appointment of the following personnel to prepare students for NJASK at \$60.00 per hour at F.N. Brown Elementary School.

<u>Rescind</u>	<u>Approve</u>
Maryann Force -3 hrs	Maryann Force – 6 hrs
Maria Graziano – 3 hrs	Maria Graziano – 6 hrs
Megan Pellegrino – 3 hrs	Megan Pellegrino – 6 hrs
Karen Sabatino – 3 hrs	Karen Sabatino – 6 hrs

- #14 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Kathleen Smith** as Home Instructor for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Finance**

- #15 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed check list in the following amount:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$180,407.56	Vendor Check	April 5, 2012

- #16 RESOLVED** that the Board enter into the attached agreement with the Essex County Educational Services Commission, to provide the following services during the 2012-2013 School Year:

- Chapter 192 and 193
- Chapter 226, Nonpublic School Nursing
- Public School Child Study Team
- Public School Home Instruction
- IDEA-B

- #17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the participation for joint transportation in the Sussex County Regional Cooperative for the 2012-2013 School Year.
- #18 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Contract with Pomptonian Food Service for the 2012-2013 School Year. Pomptonian shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$.0590 per meal. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The Food Service Management Company guarantees the Local Education Agency a no cost of operation to the district for school year 2012/2013.

**Addendum Resolution**  
**Personnel**

- #1 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Karen Marciano**, BA/Step 1, as maternity leave replacement for Maria Perri, Second Grade Teacher, F.N. Brown Elementary School, effective on or before May 7, 2012 through June 30, 2012 at a salary of \$230.31 per diem.

**Public Comment**

- VHS Assembly and fundraising for Kony presentation.
- Fundraising for band trailer to transport band instruments.
- Mr. Rampolla reviewed the assemblies and field trips in his building last year to see if it took too much time away from classroom instruction.
- G&T program

**The Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino**  
**Board Secretary**