

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**May 14, 2013**

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on May 14, 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, 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: Ms. DuBois**

**Seconded by: Mr. Elliott**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**The Board convened to a confidential session on May 14, 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.**

**Thirty citizens were present and two members of press were present.**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items- None**

**Presentations- Joe Tierney and Bryan Heller from French and Parello Associates, reported on the VHS Football Field study they performed.**

**Committee Reports**

**Athletics**

- Interviewing for various coaching position
- Substance abuse and code of conduct policies

**Buildings and Grounds**

- VHS football field presentation at tonight’s board meeting
- Discussed track resurfacing
- LGEA audit may be insufficient to yield projected project size
- VHS pest issues have been addressed
- VHS restrooms were repaired
- 5 sets of exterior doors at four schools have been replaced
- Addressing the visitor policy
- Discussed summer projects
- Architectural and engineering schematics are being worked on for a referendum vote in early 2014

**Finance**

- Budget 12-13
- Budget 13-14
- Participation in ACES program for gas consumption
- Technology and buildings and grounds needs
- Transferring money to capital reserve/maintenance reserve at 6-30-13

**Education**

- 13-14 teaching assignments
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade enrichment
- Teacher evaluation system
- Strategic plan to be presented at June 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting
- First year teacher reflection meetings
- Remaining purchases for the reader's workshop and writer's workshop
- District professional development plan
- Mr. Quattrocchi presented a curriculum progress summary

**Superintendent's Report**

- Security update
  - Meeting with Chief and others
  - VHS Pilot ID program report
- Blue Planet Aug 26, 2013
- Kindergarten Enrollment moving kids- assignment of students
  - Letter sent to all FNB parents today looking for 4 volunteers to move to Laning School
  - Additional personnel is not in the budget
- Fireworks and Field usage for July 4 holiday

**Discussion**

- Substance abuse and pupil discipline/code of conduct policies

**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. Elliott**

**Seconded by: Mr. Unis**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting **April 30, 2013**

**PERSONNEL**

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

**2.1 Substitutes**

Name	Location	Assignment	Salary	Term of employment	Department Committee	Replacing/Notes
Bryson, Cecil	District	Sub Custodian	\$18/hr.	SY 12-13	Education	
Nese, Luigi	District	Sub Custodian	\$18/hr.	SY 12-13	Education	
Tabaku, Shpetim (Tim)	District	Sub Custodian	\$18/hr.	SY 12-13	Education	
Kaser, Nermeen	District	Sub teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	SY 12-13	Education	
Langley, Nicole	District	Sub bus driver	\$21/hr.	SY 12-13	Education	
Lynch, Patricia	Spec.Svcs.	Sub LDT-C	\$375/day	SY 12-13	Education	\$375 per day, not to exceed \$1,500
Lore, Alyssa	VHS	LOA sub - Math	\$230/day	5/22/13-6/21/13	Education	R. Cashill
Richards, Margaret	District	Sub Nurse	\$105/day	SY 12-13	Education	

#3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the revised list of tenured and non-tenured staff for the 2013-2014 school year. (attachment)

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolution #4**

**Moved by: Mr. Bellino**

**Seconded by: Ms. DuBois**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 1- Mr. Unis**

**EDUCATION & SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the second reading of the following policy:

**3212 Staff Attendance**

**#5 REMOVED RESOLVED** that the Board approve the first reading of the following policy:

**P5120 Assignment of Pupils Current vs. Proposed May 2013**

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolution #6**

**Moved by: Mr. Elliott**

**Seconded by: Ms. DuBois**

**Ayes: 1- Ms. DuBois**

**Nays: 4**

**#6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached evaluation forms:

Bus Aide Performance Evaluation  
Bus Driver Performance Evaluation

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #7-8**

**Moved by: Mr. Bellino**

**Seconded by: Mr. Unis**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**#7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Engineering by Design (EbD), a program developed by the International Technology and Engineering Educator's Association (ITEEA) Center for Teaching and Learning, to be implemented in grades 3&4, effective September 2013.

**#8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Tuition Reimbursement for the 2012-2013 school year:

<b>TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>TOTALS</b>
<b>Last</b>	<b>First</b>	
<b>Venezia</b>	<b>Gina</b>	\$3,191.22

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolution #9**

**Moved by: Mr. Bellino**

**Seconded by: Mr. Elliott**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS**

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the participation in the NJSIAA for the 2013-2014 School year at a cost of \$2,150.

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #10-12**

**Moved by: Mr. Bellino**

**Seconded by: Mr. Elliott**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**FINANCE**

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

<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Check Register Date</u></b>
\$1,895,531.55	Vendor Checks	May 7, 2013

**#11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the participation in the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (ACES) to obtain natural gas services for the 2013-2014 school year.

**EDUCATION RESOLUTION**

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve as per the 2012-2013 school year district calendar schools will be closed on May 24, 2013 due to the remaining emergency closing day.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Addressing student half days
- Kindergarten enrollment at FN Brown
- Assignment of pupils
- Next year's football games will be on the lower field
- Timeframe to fix football field

- Testing results and student achievement
- Less principals at the elementary level

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN**

**#13 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 11:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary**