

PUBLIC MEETING

May 22, 2012

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on May 22, 2012 in the Board Office Conference Room at 7:29 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, Mr. Glenn Elliott and Mr. Michael Unis. Ms. Dawn DuBois was absent. 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: 4

Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on May 22, 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.

Three members of the press and three citizens were present.

Presentations

- Nic Freschi, VHS Class of 2011, spoke about his “Gap Year” experience in Ecuador over the last school year. Nic will be attending College of New Jersey this fall.
- Mr. Bellino and Mr. Elliott presented the 24/7 Committee Report

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Superintendent’s Report

- VSEA Registration is still open- 3 college courses- close to running the Vietnam War Class
- Anyone interested in running for the BOE please see the district website
- BOE Meetings can now be viewed on YouTube- please see the district homepage for the link
- Newsweek Magazine ranked VHS in the top 1000 HS in the USA number 775. The list is based on six components provided by school administrators: graduation rate (25 percent), college matriculation rate (25 percent), AP/IB/AICE tests taken per student (25 percent), average SAT/ACT scores (10 percent), average AP/IB/AICE scores (10 percent), and AP courses offered per student(5 percent).

- HSPA Math scores- steady incline- preliminary report
Total 11th graders Advanced Proficient or Proficient- 2010- 77.2%, 2011- 83.7%, 2012- 89.2%

Discussion

- Mr. Elliott noted the accomplishments of the HBW Jazz, Maroon, and Gold Bands, and the HB Voices at the Music in the Parks.
- Mr. Quattrocchi recognized the VHS Concert Band and their performance at the NJ Gala
- Mr. Quattrocchi noted that the VHS Marching Band was one of three bands in the United States the won The Cadets Award in the USSBA marching band competition.

Resolutions

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-29 and Addendum #1-2**

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Bellino

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Approval of Minutes

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

May 8, 2012
May 15, 2012

Personnel

- #2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Christopher Tamburro** and **Andor Kish** for the summer technology position at \$15 per hour not to exceed \$5000 each.
- #3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Sonia Valerie Useche** as advisor for the BEST Club for the 2012-2013 school year.
- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Paul Moschella** as sixth grade teacher at HBW BA 30/Step 3 at \$51,901 per year for the 2012-2013 school year.
- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Scott Watkins** as Physical Education Teacher at HBW for the 2012-2013 school year.
- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Douglas Collins** and **Kurt Collins** as summer custodians at a rate of \$10 per hour from June 25, 2012 through August 30, 2012 not to exceed \$4000 per employee.

- #7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Kara Passage** as a Special Education teacher at a rate of MA Step 1 \$51,259 for the 2012-2013 school year.
- #8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Patricia Lynch**, LDT-C as a maternity leave case manager at a rate of \$375.00 per day for up to 20 days to begin on or about May 23, 2012 through June 21, 2012. Total payment not to exceed \$7,500.00.
- #9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following teachers as instructors for V-SEA 2012 funded by VSEA.

<u>Pre-K through 4 Teachers</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Jaime Ricci	\$2510
Jennifer Kleinknecht	\$2510
Kevin Jennings	\$2510
Tamara Gesario	\$2510
Amy Heckel	\$2510
Kelly Flynn	\$2510
Anne Marie Ruggiero	\$2510
Stephanie Lijoi	\$2510
Sarah Conklin	\$2510
<u>Middle School Teacher</u>	
Melissa Slavin	\$2510

- #10 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Debbie Lawrence** as the V-SEA 2012 Administrative Assistant at a stipend of \$1600 funded by VSEA.
- #11 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following student observer:

Observer

Judy Sayad	Caldwell College	HBW/Amanda Hamilton	5/10
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Curriculum and Special Services

- #12 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve NJ QSAC District Performance Review for the 2011-2012 school year.
- #13 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed Monthly Statistical Report for April 2012.
- #14 **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Karen Caine** as Writing Workshop consultant for the 2012-2013 school year at a rate of \$1,500 per day, total days not to exceed 7 or \$10,500.

- #15 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Erica Denman** as Reading Workshop consultant for the 2012-2013 school year at a rate of \$1,500 per day, total days not to exceed 11 or \$16,500.

Co-curricular

- #16 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the 2012 Verona High School Project Graduation as an activity covered under the Board of Education's Insurance policy.

- #17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the second reading of the following Board Policy:

#2431.4-Prevention and Treatment of Sports related Concussions and Head Injuries

- #18 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following clubs on a trial basis for the 2012-2013 school year.

- Girls Learn International Club
- Student's Music Organization Club
- Teens for Troops

- #19 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the (attached) **Co-curricular positions** at VHS for the 2012-2013 school year.

- #20 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the (attached) **Co-curricular positions** at HBW for the 2012-2013 school year.

- #21 RESOLVED** that the Board approve recommendations for VHS Marching Staff for 2012-2013 school year.

Erik Lynch, Marching Band Director
Dan Halpern, Marching Band Assistant Director
Beth Kierez, Marching Band Instructor
Bernard Kierez, Color Guard
Kenneth Reihman, Percussion
Tim Haney, Drum Line
Anthony Fabrizio, Front Ensemble
Kenneth Sadowsky, Drill Writer and Marching Instructor
Ed Doscher, Visual Designer
Kristy Perna, Color Guard

#22 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Fall coaching assignments at VHS for the 2012-2013 school year.

SPORT	COACH	STEP	STIPEND
<u>Cheerleading</u>			
Fall-Varsity	Jamie Wronski	3	5,444.00
Fall JV	Theresa Juliano	1	2,315.00
<u>Cross-Country</u>			
Head Varsity – Male/Female	Gene Loporati	3	5,599.00
Asst. Varsity – Male/Female	Laura Palmerezzi	3	2,800.00
<u>Football</u>			
Head Varsity	Louis Racioppe	3	11,892.00
Head Assistant	Raymond Bowes	3	8,402.00
Assistant	Christopher DeMond	3	7,700.00
Assistant	Dan Corrado	3	7,700.00
Assistant	Vacant		
<u>Soccer</u>			
Head Varsity (Male)	Wayne Looney	3	9,095.00
Head Varsity (Female)	Anthony Scorciolla	3	9,095.00
JV (Male)	Robert C. Hill	3	6,202.00
JV (Female)	Amy O'Connor	3	6,202.00
<u>Tennis</u>			
Head Varsity (Female)	Pat Schoenig	3	9,076.00
JV (Female)	Kelly Flynn	3	4,966.00
Varsity Volleyball	Molli Dowd	1	5,804.00
JV Volleyball	Jacqueline Iannucci	1	3,866.00
<u>Weight Room Advisor</u>			
Summer	Louis Racioppe	3	266.20
Summer	Raymond Bowes	3	266.20
Summer	Christopher DeMond	3	266.20
Summer	Dan Corrado	3	266.20
Summer	Vacant		
Fall	Robert Maher	3	1,209.00
<u>Athletic Trainer</u>	Jason Calo	Yearly Stipend	8,048.00

Finance

#23 RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve donation from Johnson Controls Blue Sky Inc. in the amount of \$1,000 to be used for outdoor Education program at F.N. Brown.

- #24 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve donation of materials and labor from Rich Williamson of SJ Carney Roofing in the amount of \$2400 to use to replace the shed roof at the VHS Baseball Field.
- #25 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve Flanagan Productions to video VHS Graduation on June 21, 2012 at no charge to the district. VHS would get a donation of \$5 per DVD for any sales over the minimum of \$500.

- #26 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed check lists for the following amounts:
- | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Check Register Date</u> |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| \$23,104.27 | Vendor | May 15, 2012 |
| \$88,536.79 | Vendor | May 18, 2012 |

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

April, 2012

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

April, 2012

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of **April 30, 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:

April, 2012

Addendum Resolutions

#1 RESOLVED that the Board approve the reduction of force by eliminating two Administrative Assistant positions from the table of organization, effective July 1, 2012,

AND WHERE AS, staffing needs and budgetary constraints have made it necessary, in the judgment of the Board, to reduce two Administrative Assistant positions.

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve Mirja Paula as a Spanish Teacher at HBW, BA/Step 5, at a salary of \$49,597 for the 2012-2013 school year.

Public Comment-None

The Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**