

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on May 8, 2012 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 was: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent, Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Ms. Liz Jewett, Director of Curriculum.

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 May 8, 2012 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 50 citizens were present.

Presentations

- Laning Avenue School Students on Red, White and Blue Days at Laning School. The Laning Avenue Veteran’s Day Program was highlighted on a NJ12 telecast.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Committee Reports

Education

- Curriculum changes. Documented in the resolutions.
- State grant application to be reimbursed for HIB costs. Approx. \$7,500.
- Plan for writing training and curriculum next year.

Buildings and Grounds

- FN Brown basement update
- Ongoing repairs
- Custodial task list for summer work
- Building and Grounds budget
- Greater Newark Baseball Tournament will be held at VHS
- Performance contracting

- Use of VHS football field

Athletics

- Substance abuse policy. Waiting for the Ramapo Indian Hills Board of Education decision on a case they are appealing
- Concussion Impact testing for athletes
- Fall coaches will be recommended next board meeting

Finance

- District 12-13 technology and budget plan
- Food Service Program is projected to breakeven this year.
- Receiving quotes for copier replacement
- Ongoing negotiations with the Teachers' Association and Administrators' Association

Superintendent's Report

- Four juniors (Mandarin class students, Tina Flores, Michael Hardenberg, Laura Williams and Michelle Yeager) will travel to China under the scholarship from Hanban this summer.
- Graduation rate new formula 99.35 % the state informed districts that there would be a double digit drop in the rate using the new formula. Our graduation rate was number 1 in the county and comp group.
- VSEA Registration is open- 3 college courses
- Schoolwires 2.0 minor glitches for users with explorer 9. This was corrected.
- Wireless in VHS Media Center- new Motorola Product testing out for the wireless connection.
- This district passed QSAC.

Discussion

- Tuesday, June 5th meeting is rescheduled for Monday, June 4th. It is a joint meeting with the Township Council to discuss shared services.
- July 1 is the beginning of the fifth year of the strategic plan which is the last year. Planning will begin for the next strategic plan.
- Delegate Assembly May 17th. Mr. Unis is unable to attend.
- Ad/Hoc committee report on 24/7 Policy was not given. Will give the report on May 22nd meeting.
- YMCA agreement for next year to provide after school child care, will be at a lower cost and an enhanced program.
- Mr. Unis thanked the teachers for the work they did on the curriculum noted in resolution #20.

Resolutions

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-31, Addendum #1-2**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

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 10, 2012

Personnel

- #2 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Coreen Onnembo** to return from medical leave on May 14, 2012 to be assigned as a district-wide substitute for the remainder of the school year.
- #3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Mark Bigica** as an extended medical leave replacement for Correen Onnembo through June 30, 2012.
- #4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Melissa Wallerstein** as .4 teacher of Social Studies at VHS, MA 30/Step 9 at a salary of \$25,336.80 to begin on September 1, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year.
- #5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Charlene DiNatale** as physical therapist maternity leave replacement for Amy Quinn, MA/Step 10 at a rate of \$306.98 per diem to begin on or before May 29, 2012 through on or about November 1, 2012.
- #6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Katelyn Finley** as mathematics teacher at HBW, BA/Step 4 at a salary of \$49,086 for the 2012-2013 school year.
- #7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve maternity leave of absence for **Jahn Maka** to begin on or about September 1, 2012 returning on or about February 4, 2013.
- #8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve maternity leave of absence for **Christine Sepcie** to begin on or about May 18, 2012 returning on or about June 30, 2013.
- #9 RESOLVED** that the Board accept with regret the retirement of **Toni Onorato**, Administrative Assistant/Attendance, HBW effective May 1, 2012

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve 2 additional hours at HBW for NJASK prep classes to students at \$60.00 per hour.

**Danielle Kelly
Debbie Marsano**

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve upon receipt of QSAC review the job description for Supervisor K-12.

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve job description for District Network/Technology Manager.

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following substitute teachers and nurse for the 2011-2012 school year:

Substitute Teachers					
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	College	Degree	Experience
Ammirata	Jennifer	CEAS-BioScience/Elem/w Science 5-8	Elizabethtown Coll/Caldwell Coll.	BS	Substituting
Eberhard	Dawn	Std.Elem/Std. School Psych.	Richard Stockton Col./Kean Univ.	BS/MA/PD	Substituting
Petruzzello	Danielle	K-12 County	Rutgers/Montclair St.	BA	-
Rizzolo	Joseph	K-12 County	New Jersey City Univ.	60+ crs.	-
Roshong	Mitchell	K-12 County	Salve Regina University	BS	-

Substitute Nurse

Kristie Heimerle

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Compton Fisher** as full time custodian at HBW, Step 1 to begin on July 1, 2012 at a salary of \$38,347 for the 2012-2013 school year.

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Alexander Murray** as a Head Custodian at Forest Avenue School, Step 8 at a salary of \$47,296 with a stipend amount of \$3731 to begin on July 1, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year.

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following student teachers and observers for the 2011-2012 school year.

Dana Paolillo Cald College Dan Halpern a/ HBW 5/4/12 from 7:45-8:30.

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following student teachers and observers for the 2012-2013 school year.

Banta, Tina	FDU	LAN/Solomon/Gr 4	9/4-12/21/12	Student Teaching full time
Humphries, Olivia	Bloomfield	FOR/LaStella/Gr 1	9/4-12/21/12	Student Teaching full time
Kelly, Moira	SHU	FOR/Gesario/Gr 3	9/4/-12/14/12	Student Teaching full time
Evans, Cesily	Cald	HBW/Miskinis & Bielen	9/4-12/14/12	Student Teaching full time
Mangini, Jenna	SHU	FNB/Siegel/Gr 4	9/17-11/16/12	Observation 72 hours

Hopke, Holly	SHU	FNB/Sabatino/Gr 3	9/17-11/16/12	Observation 72 hours
Kearns, Amanda	SHU	BKD/Till/Gr 3	9/17-11/16/12	Observation 72 hours
Lima, Stephanie	Cald.	FOR/Conklin/Gr 2	9/10-12/1/12	Observation 60 hours
Caruso, Monica	Cald.	BKD/Lavoie/Kdg	9/10-12/1/12	Observation 60 hours
Caruso, Monica	Cald.	BKD/Symczak/Gr 2	9/10-12/1/12	Observation 60 hours
Candusso, Allison	Cald.	FNB/Force/Gr 4	9/10-12/1/12	Observation 40 hours
Patuto, Nicole	Cald	VHS/Barone/Sp Ed.	9/10-12/1/12	Observation 40 hours
Prigge, Caitlyn	Cald	HBW/Haerle/Sp Ed.	9/10-12/1/12	Observation 40 hours
Montemarano, Nicole	Cald	VHS/Milojevic/Sp Ed	9/10-12/1/12	Observation 40 hours
Traino, Mason	Cald	VHS/Tamburro/Soc. St.	9/10-12/1/12	Observation 40 hours

#18 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Barbara Jo Piercy** as Music Director for the spring musical at HBW for the 2011-2012 school year.

Curriculum and Special Education

#19 RESOLVED that the Board approve the statistical report from **March 2012**.

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

- Media, K-12
- Spanish, Grades 1-6
- Spanish II
- Spanish III
- US History I CP
- US History II CP
- English IV CP

Co-curricular

#21 RESOLVED that the Board approve the first reading of the following Board Policy:

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

#22 RESOLVED that the Board approve the second reading of the following Board Policy:

#5240 Tardiness

#23 RESOLVED that the Board approve the agreement between YMCA and Verona BOE to provide extended school day program services in the district for the 2012-2013 school year.

#24 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached application for State HIB funding.

Finance Resolutions

#25 RESOLVED that the Board approve the application for New Jersey Smart Start Local Government Energy Audit Program.

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$65,995.49	Cafeteria Checks	April and May 2012
\$1,989,432.27	Vendor Checks	April 10, 2012
\$2,715,576.69	Vendor Checks	May 4, 2012

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

March, 2012

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

March, 2012

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of **March 31, 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:

March, 2012

#30 RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the advertisement the sale of the 1999 Ford F250 truck.

#31 RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Amendment to the Long Range Facility Plan for the work needed at F.N. Brown School.

Addendum Resolutions
Curriculum

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

Instrumental Music, Gr. 4-12
General Music, K-12

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve Gillian Aldworth as Speech/Language Specialist, MA/Step 1 at a salary of \$51,259 for the 2012-2013 school year.

Public Comment

- Board of Education Meeting schedule:
May 15th-Goal Setting
May 22nd-Regular Meeting
June 5th meeting canceled and rescheduled June 4th

Resolution to Adjourn

#32 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. All were in favor.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary