

PUBLIC MEETING

August 27, 2013

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on August 27, 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, Mr. Glenn Elliott and Mr. Michael Unis. Ms. Dawn DuBois was absent. 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: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on August 27, 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.

Six citizens and one member of press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations

Jessica Pearson and Jack McEvoy – Rock blasting concern for the development located on the corner of Bloomfield Ave. and Westview Rd. Possible impact for Laning and Brookdale Schools.

Committee Reports

Education

- AP results
- HSPA results
- Will begin implementation of STEM program for grades 3 & 4
- Reading workshops will continue this year
- Implemented new electives at VHS
- Increased dual enrollment offering accounting through Syracuse and exploring AP calculus with Seton Hall
- Marzano training
- New teacher orientation today
- Preschool classes are in place
- CST new hires

- Discussion on paraprofessionals (aides) leaving to go to other districts for higher pay
- Summer school
- Discussed parents disputes
- Reviewed 29 policies

Athletics

- Substance abuse & code of conduct policies
- Mr. Farishian attended the fall captain's meeting at Yogi Berra Museum
- Mr. Farishian is presenting at the NJ Athletic Directors' Convention

Finance

- Committee recommends applying for Regular Operating District (ROD) grant for the upcoming referendum
- Football field does not qualify for the ROD grant.

Buildings and Grounds

- Discussion on ROD grant
- Completed summer work was discussed
- Referendum project timeline is an unknown at this point. ROD grant submission is the first step in the process.
- Board will schedule a special meeting to have EI/Mylan Associates present the proposed referendum projects.

Superintendent's Report

- "Own the Room" presented in the district on Monday. The program was well received. Mr. H donated the money attendees paid for the program.
- Summer projects completed
- Teacher training
- First Friday Folder will be this Friday
- Our technology servers have been down since Friday. Student information and website are unaffected.
- Strategic goals, merit goals and district goals
- New Math/Science Supervisor Glen Stevenson

Discussion

- Board will schedule their board self-evaluation for the next confidential board meeting

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-43**

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:

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

PERSONNEL

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

2.1 Student Observers

Name	School	School/teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours	Assignment
Calderone, Amanda	Caldwell Col.	FOR/O'Neill/ Res. Rm.	9/9-11/29/13	25 hrs.	Std. Obsv.
Donaleski, Mark	Caldwell Col.	VHS/Maka & Errico/SE	9/9-11/29/13	25 hrs.	Std. Obsv.
Walkinshaw, Hanna	Caldwell Col.	FNB/Santoro/Res.Rm.	9/9-11/29/13	25 hrs.	Std. Obsv.
Romaine, Florence	Caldwell Col.	VHS/Barone/SE	9/9-11/29/13	37 hrs.	Std. Obsv.
Rivera, Tiana	Caldwell Col.	HBW/Marsano/SE	9/9-11/29/13	25 hrs.	Std. Obsv.
Petrosino, Steven	Caldwell Col.	HBW/Haerle & Sewell SE	9/9-11/29/13	25 hrs.	Std. Obsv.
Brucchieri, Marissa	WPU	FOR/Sapienza/SE	9/4-10/18/13	Full time	Std. Tch.
Prigge, Caitlyn	Caldwell Col.	VHS/Cashill/Math	9/9-11/29/13	60 hrs.	Std. Obsv.
Cirillo, Angela	Caldwell Col.	HBW/Hamilton/Music	9/9-11/29/13	25 hrs.	Std. Obsv.
DiSilvestro, Deanna	SHU	BRK/Szymczak/Gr. 2	9/6-12/6/13	Full time	Std. Tch.

Nessine, Nikalina	Caldwell Col.	VHS/Fogel/SE	9/9-11/29/13	25 hrs.	Std. Obsv.
Lopez, Jesenia	WPU	FNB/Staranka/Kdg.	9/23-12/12/13	2 days/wk. plus 2 full wks.	Std. Obsv.
Thunell, Ashley	WPU	FOR/Castaldo/Gr. 3	9/6-12/12/13	Full time	Std. Tch.
Montemarano, Nicole	Caldwell Col.	VHS/Ramos/Biology	9/9-11/29/13	Full time	field obsv.
Goldin, Melissa	MSU	Kim Ferlauto	SY 13-14	Full time	Internship
Annechino, Denise		Elise Edelstein	SY 12-13		Externship

2.2 New Staff

Name	Location	Assignment	Salary	Term of employment	Department Committee	Replacing/ Notes
Glen Stevenson	District	Supervisor-Math & Science	\$102,500	SY 12-13 to begin on or before 11/1/13	Education	N. Santora

2.3 Substitute and Aides

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment	Replacing
Serpico, Angela Joan	District	Sub Child Study Team LDT-C	\$375/day	Education	SY 13-14	
Millin, Monica	District	Sub Speech/Lang. Specialist	\$375/day	Education	SY 13-14	
Zacharella, Carmella	Forest	Lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 13-14	
Maida, Mary	Spec. Svcs.	Teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 13-14	
DiNatale, Charlene	VHS Spec. Svcs.	MLOA Phys. Therapist	\$321.89/day	Education	9/6/13-1/31/14	Dana Garcia
Lynch, Patricia	District	Child Study Team	\$375/day	Education	SY 13-14	

2.4 Coaches

Name	Location	Position	Step	Salary	Notes
Arlett, Heather	VHS	Fall JV Cheerleading Coach	1	\$2,315	
Arlett, Heather	VHS	Winter JV Cheerleading Coach	1	\$2,315	
Fogu, Thomas	VHS	Volunteer Ice Hockey Coach	NA	NA	

Linares, Colleen	VHS	Fall JV Cheerleading Coach			Rescind
Linares, Colleen	VHS	Winter JV Cheerleading Coach			Rescind

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

3.1 Retirements

Name	Location	Reason	Effective date
Jackson, Mauris	Laning	Retirement	10/1/2013

3.2 Resignation

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Committee	Effective on or before
Ahmuty, Dana	English	VHS	resignation	Education	10/1/2013

3.3 Leave of Absence

Name	Position	Reason	Location	MLOA Begin Date	Estimated Return Date	Extension Return Date
Garcia, Dana	Physical Therapist	Maternity Leave extension	VHS	11/1/2012	1/2/2014	2/3/2014

3.4 Stipends

Name	Position	School	Stipend	Term of Employment	Notes
Larry Siegel	After School Enrichment Coordinator	District	\$2,000	SY 13-14	
Kathy Mortara	Substitute Calling Agent	District	\$4,100	SY 13-14	
Shirley Bush	Nurse Facilitator	District	\$2,975	SY 13-14	
Sonny Watson	Mail Carrier	District	\$18/hr.	SY 13-14	
Rich Wertz	Technology Coordinator	District	\$6,450	SY 13-14	
Rich Wertz	Math Teacher	VHS	\$5,254	SY 13-14	2 add'l. periods per week

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Staff Assignment list for the 2013-2014 school year. (See attached)

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the list of substitute teachers, substitute school nurses, substitute secretaries, classroom/personal/instructional aides, substitute teacher aides, lunch aides, substitute lunch aides, part time custodians and substitute custodians for the 2013-2014 school year. (See attached)

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the list of Special Services aides and substitute aides for the 2013-2014 school year. (See attached)

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following register keepers for the 2013-2014 school year:

Brookdale	Diane DeNotaris	Richard Rampolla
F. N. Brown	Alina Dugan	Anthony Lanzo
Forest	Debra Lawrence	Jeffrey Monacelli
Laning	Donna Buro	Julie DiGiacomo
H. B. Whitehorne	Beth Foley	Howard Freund
Verona High School	Molly Emiliani	David Galbierczyk

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Dianne Kuzsma** and **Janet Landara** to issue working papers during the 2013-2014 school year.

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following technology facilitators:

Name	Position	Location	Stipend	Notes
Jennifer Hogan	Technology Facilitator	FNB	\$138/day	2 day/week
Nicholas Klose	Technology Facilitator	BRK	\$138/day	1 1/2 days/week
Jackie Giannuario	Technology Facilitator	FOR/LAN	\$138/day	4 days/week

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Lauren Besante**, as a .70% Behaviorist at a salary of MA Step 12, \$46,923.80.

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve employee XXX-XX-7564 acceptance of 12 months of night differential stipend and rescinding the grievance. The agreement includes no grievance on this matter in the future.

EDUCATION & SPECIAL EDUCATION

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve the new Basic Skills Program for Grade 1.

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following administrative assistants overtime at their regular rate of pay for authorized work beyond 36.25 hours per week for the 2013-2014 school year.

Maureen Dimeck	\$33.28/hr.
Theresa Frediani	\$31.52/hr.
Carol Oliver	\$37.83/hr.

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve to contract with A.J.L. Therapy for Kids to provide occupational therapy services for student #090696 at The Children's Institute for the 2013-2014 school year, for a total of 36 weeks, not to exceed \$1,800.

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve to contract with Caldwell Pediatric Therapy to provide physical therapy services for students #070205 & #083006 at Chapel Hill Academy for the 2013-2014 school year, not to exceed \$7,560.00

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve to contract with North Jersey Outreach (KDDS, TOO, Inc.) to provide Parent Training services for student #053196 for the 2013-2014 school year at the rate of \$150 per hour for 4 hours per month for 12 months for a total of \$7,200.00 in accordance with the IEP.

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve to contract with North Jersey Outreach (KDDS, TOO, Inc.) to provide Parent Training services for student #041497 for the 2013-2014 school year at the rate of \$100.00 per hour for 4 hours per month for 12 months for a total of \$4,800.00 in accordance with the IEP.

#18 RESOLVED that the Board approve to contract with North Jersey Outreach (KDDS, TOO, Inc.) to provide up to two (2) hours of home-based ABA/Discreet Trial instruction for every five (5) school absences for student #041497 for the 2013-2014 school year, not to exceed \$8,000.00. The funds will be taken from IDEA.

#19 RESOLVED that the Board approve to contract with Speech Therapy Center, LLC to provide speech therapy services for student #080702 at the Craig School for Extended School Year for the 2013-2014 school year, not to exceed \$600.00

- #20 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the contracts from the Commission for the blind and Visually Impaired for students #021998 & #071493 for the 2013-2014 school year. These students will receive Level 1 services at the rate of \$1,750 each, for a total of \$3,500 which will be deducted from the school district's state aide.
- #21 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following tuition students for the 2013-2014 school year:

Student #	School	Grade
#171515	VHS	9
#140683	VHS	12
#151212	VHS	10
#181495	HBW	7
#261282	FOR	Kdg
#230607	LAN	2
#161213	VHS	10
#140688	VHS	12
#211509	HBW	5
#251082	LAN	1
#251491	BRK	1
#141355	VHS	12
#181271	HBW	8

- #22 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following HIB Coordinators for the 2013-2014 school year:

Name	School	Position
Dana Lustig	District/VHS	District Anti-Bullying Specialist
Karen Tully	FNB/BRK	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Jennifer Stier	FOR	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Harriette Warshaw	HBW	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Doris Peim	HBW	Anti-Bullying Specialist

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

- #23 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of Co-Curricular positions for Verona High School and H B Whitehorne Middle School.

#24 RESOLVED that the Board approve the second reading of the following policies/regulations:

Regulation and Policy 5530 Substance Abuse
Regulation and Policy 5600 Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct

#25 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following band changes:

Name	Location	Position	Rescind Stipend	Approve Stipend	Term of Employment	Notes
Kierez, Beth	VHS	Color Guard Designer	\$2,000	\$1,000	SY 13-14	Salary pending negotiations
Kierez, Bernard	VHS	Color Gurd Designer	\$2,000	\$1,000	SY 13-14	Salary pending negotiations

#26 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following employees for summer work:

Venezia, Gina	Supv. Spec. Ed. K-12	\$557.81	Math/Science interview and UbD Trainer at New Teacher Orientation
Bangia, Sumit	Supv. - Humanities	\$470.97	UbD Trainer at New Teacher Orientation and SGO

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

#27 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Verona Police Department to provide a parking lot monitor at a cost of \$75/day to manage the Verona High School parking lot traffic and parking for band practice on 14 days in September and October 2013. The hours the monitor will work are from 2:00 pm- 6:30 pm.

FINANCE

#28 RESOLVED that the Board approve the donation of service to repair the Cathy Bell Memorial Bench at VHS by the Bell Family.

#29 RESOLVED that the Board approve the donation of a drum set valued at \$250 to the Verona Summer Music Program from Glenn Cesa.

#30 RESOLVED that the Verona Board of Education approve the **Tuition rate for the Laning LLS class** for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$22,745

#31 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Voluntary Non-Compulsory Student Accident Insurance, provided by Bollinger Insurance, as follows:

Grades Pre-K- 12	
School time	\$74.00
Round the clock	\$128.00

#32 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following state contract vendors:

Promedia	A70262 & A83083
Pitney Bowes	A75237
Staples	A77249
Xerox	A74851
Dell	A70256
Konica Minolta	A52046
Apple	A70259

#33 RESOLVED that the Board approve the bid threshold with a Qualified Purchasing Agent.

Bid Threshold	Quotation Threshold
\$36,000	\$5,400

#34 RESOLVED that the Board approve and accept the following 2013-2014 funding for Our Lady of The Lake School:

Non-Public Textbooks	\$10,805
Non-Public Nursing	\$15,208
Non-Public Technology	\$ 3,940

#35 RESOLVED that the Board approve and accept the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Title II funding for 2013-2014 in the amount of \$19,772 and rejecting the Title III funding in the amount of \$4,383.

#36 RESOLVED that the Board approve and the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Grant submission for 2013-2014 school year.

#37 RESOLVED that the Board approve and accept the Chapter 192/193 funding for 2013-2014 in the amount of \$67,230.

#38 RESOLVED that the Board approve and accept the FY 2014 IDEA funding in the amounts listed:

IDEA Basic	\$454,068
Non-Public Share	\$30,368
Preschool	\$23,465

#39 RESOLVED that the Board approve to submit the 2013-2014 IDEA Grant to the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. The district has been allocated \$477,533 to be used to provide services to students with disabilities. This allocation includes \$454,068 in the Basis Fund and \$23,465 in the Preschool fund. The Basic Fund includes \$30,368 designated as Non-Public Funds.

#40 RESOLVED that the Board approve the bid results for the 2013-2014 New Jersey cooperative bid. Bid Services were provided by **Educational Data Services Inc.**, and the amounts are listed as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>P.O. Total</u>
General Classroom Supplies	\$ 37,044.33
Office/Computer Supplies	\$ 1,339.05
Audio Visual Supplies	\$ 2,702.67
Fine Art Supplies	\$ 21,790.19
Health Supplies	\$ 3,753.48
Physical Education Supplies	\$ 2,141.15
Rocketry	\$ 41.65
Science Supplies	\$ 11,854.08
Teaching Aids	\$ 459.01
Technology Supplies	\$ 2,265.37
Custodial Supplies	\$ 44.04
Copy Duplicator Paper	\$ 22,233.03
Library Supplies	\$ 899.78
Lumber Supplies	\$ 2,823.81
Athletic Supplies	<u>\$ 10,785.83</u>
Total:	\$120,177.47

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$132,876.30	Vendor Checks	June 24, 2013
\$234,242.97	Vendor Checks	June 25, 2013
\$518.60	Vendor Checks	June 27, 2013
\$2,156,757.01	Vendor Checks	June 27, 2013

\$31,878.10	Vendor Checks	July 3, 2013
\$5.00	Vendor Check	July 9, 2013
\$78,217.38	Vendor Checks	July 11, 2013
\$24,138.54	Vendor Checks	July 17, 2013
\$1,242.02	Vendor Checks	July 18, 2013
\$546,602.77	Vendor Checks	July 18, 2013
\$169,293.82	Vendor Checks	July 19, 2013
\$60,979.80	Vendor Checks	July 30, 2013
\$78.05	Vendor Checks	August 2, 2013
\$255.50	Vendor Checks	August 2, 2013
\$696,313.80	Vendor Checks	August 19, 2013
\$ 55,021.89	VSEA Checks	June 20 – August 15, 2013
\$119,423.94	Vendor Checks	August 22, 2013

ADDENDUMS
PERSONNEL RESOLUTION

#42 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendation pending the completion of pre-employment requirements:

1.1 New Staff

Name	Location	Assignment	Salary	Step on Guide	Term of Employment	Department Committee	Replacing/Notes
DeMaio, Taylor	VHS	English Teacher	\$47,404	BA Step 3	SY 13-14	Education	D. Ahmuty

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

#43 RESOLVED that the Board approve \$7,000 to cover site surveyor services for the Verona High School football field improvements and the parking lot and tennis court improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Comment on the presentation tonight in regards to the proposed rock blasting and the effect on the students at Laning and Brookdale schools.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary