

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on September 11, 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, 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: Mr. Elliott Seconded by: Mr. Bellino

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on September 11, 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 12 citizens were present.

Mr. Quattrocchi asked for a moment of silence to remember the victims of September 11th.

Presentations-None

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Committee Reports:

Athletics and Co-curricular

- Discussed football field sink hole problem. There is an alternate plan to use the lower field for football and band.
- Discussed the resurfacing of the track. MKA is aware of the condition of the track. There is a \$130,000 quote to resurface the track. The committee felt that was a high price.
- VHS gym bleachers are in poor condition.
- Resolutions tonight for field trip regulation and two for social networking sites.

Buildings and Grounds

- The VHS football field is being tested. The engineer has verbally told the district that there are areas of concern. There will more testing done before a final written report is completed. The field will not be used until further notice.

- Pesticides were put down on Verona fields the weekend before school opened. The Board posted signage with only two of the three pesticides used on the field. The Board will make sure the notices are correct and will put a new link on the website for environmental issues.
- There are power failures occurring in the district that are damaging equipment.
- Buildings and Grounds budget

Community Resources

- The Township was very responsive and helpful in fixing the field. They are going to subsidize many of the costs for using the lower field.
- Strategic Plan process. Hired consultant, Judy Ferguson.

Superintendent's Report

- R-2340 Field Trip Regulation on the resolutions for a first reading tonight.
- October 5 Professional Development Day. Reviewing Affirmative Action, HHIB and policies on Social Networking.
- Strategic Plan update- working on dates and internal coordinator
- Mr. Cesa spoke to the seniors about graduation at Caldwell College and conducted a meeting of the SCA officers and provided a tour at Caldwell College.
- VHS Field Update- the experts are finishing the survey of the field and as per the engineer some abnormalities were found. They will provide more information in their final report. If we need the lower field for less time the cost would be less.

Discussion-None

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-29**

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Bellino

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting

August 28, 2012

PERSONNEL

#2 **RESOLVED** that the Board rescind the following technology facilitator’s work time:

Nick Kloss – Brookdale Avenue School – 1 day per week
Jackie Giannuario – Forest/Laning Avenue Schools - 3½ days per week

And approve the following for the 2012-2013 school year:

Nick Kloss – Brookdale Avenue School – 1 ½ days per week at a salary of \$138/per diem

Jackie Giannuario – Forest/Laning Avenue Schools – 4 days per week at a salary of \$138/per diem

#3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Andrea Jordan** for a 6th class at H B Whitehorne Middle School, at a salary of \$14,291 retroactive to September 1, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year.

#4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following bus drivers at the approved pay rate for the 2012-2013 school year:

William DeZenzo	Terrance Navarro
John McNamara	Peter Lazzarotti (sub) pending fingerprint approval)
Mark Menton	

#5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Beth Foley** to work 3 days during the summer 2012 at \$20/hr.

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following substitute teacher for the 2012-2013 school year:

Substitute teacherS					
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	College	Degree	Experience
Albanese	Antionette	STD-Health/PE	Montclair State Univ.	BA	Teacher

#7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following substitute lunch aide and substitute aide for the 2012-2013 school year:

Lunch Aide
 Christine Gallagher (Forest Avenue ONLY)
 Noreen VanDerzee (Pomptonian lunch aide)
Aide
 Michele Cerle

- #8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Heather Riggio**, lunch aide to assist as an aide for the music teacher 30 minutes once a week at a rate of \$6.25 per week for the 2012-2013 school year.
- #9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Jessica Jaruczyk** as a 100% Special Education Teacher in the Elementary LSS class, MA45 Step 7 at a corrected salary of \$62,618 for the 2012-2013 school year.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

- #10 **RESOLVED** that the Board rescind Jia-Pei Hou as a mentor for Tania Saez.
- #11 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following mentors for the 2012-2013 school year:

MENTOR	NOVICE TEACHER	MENTOR FEE
		(to be paid by novice teacher)
Stephanie Lijoi	Paul Moschella	\$183.33
Jia-Pei Hou	Jessica Calvo	\$550
Jeremy Smith	Nicole Basalyga	\$550

- #12 **RESOLVED** that the Board accept the donated landscaping services to Brookdale Avenue School from Mr. Matarazzo.
- #13 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following student teacher for the 2012-2013 school year:
- Florence Romaine Caldwell College 9/10-12/1/12 VHS/Barone/Sp. Ed Full Time
- #14 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve to contract with A.J.L. Physical and Occupational Therapy to provide occupational therapy services for student #090696 at The Children’s Institute for the 2012-2013 school year, for a total of 36 weeks, not to exceed \$2,470.
- #15 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve Student ID #121595 Grade 11 at Verona High School, is recommended for an alternate placement consisting of On-line coursework through Educere with 10 hours of oversight being provided by the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission. Instruction will begin approximately 9/12/12.
- #16 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Nancy Evans** to be approved as a permanent full-time aide for the Elementary LSS Class at Laning Avenue School for the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Evans’ hourly

rate will be \$12.25 per hour. Mrs. Evans is already approved as a substitute teacher.

- #17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Virtual High School as an on-line provider for AP French in the amount of \$1,000 per student (includes cost of AP exam). There will be a total of 4 students taking the on-line course.

CO-CURRICULAR

- #18 RESOVLED** that the Board approve **Kelly Asero** as the Fall JV Cheering Coach at a salary of Step 1, \$2,315 for the 2012-2013 school year pending fingerprint approval.
- #19 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Adam Ahmad** as a volunteer Boys soccer coach for the 2012-2013 fall season.
- #20 RESOLVED** that the Board the first reading of the following Board regulation and policies:

R2340 Field Trips
P4282 Use of Social Networking Sites (Support Staff Members)
P3282 Use of Social Networking Sites (Teaching Staff Members)

FINANCE

- #21 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the contract with French & Parrello Associates, PA, for professional engineering services for the VHS Football Field in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 as per the attached contract.

- #22 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed check lists for the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$356.55	Vendor Checks	8/30/12
\$772.50	Vendor Checks	9/5/12

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

June, 2012

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

June, 2012

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

- #25 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month:

June, 2012

- #26 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line Items in the 2012-2013 budget for:

July, 2012

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

July, 2012

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

- #28 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month:

July, 2012

Personnel

#29 RESOLVED that the Board approve substitute custodian, **Stuart Stephens**, for the 2012-2013 school year at the approved pay rate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Changing of VHS Graduation to Caldwell College

The Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**