PUBLIC MEETING September 25, 2012

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on September 25, 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 25, 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.

Two members of the press and six citizens were present.

Presentations-None

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Grounds

- Long Range Facility Plan review
- Reviewed spending needs
- Budget and budgetary concerns
- Plan going forward on how to accomplish large and small projects
- Update on football field. Awaiting final report from engineers on the VHS upper field.
- FN Brown basement is complete.
- Survey on what other schools are doing around using school security equipment.

Finance

- Discussed football field repairs and the possibility of a referendum.
- Pilot money
- Current year budget as of September 21. Unexpected expenditures from special education and football field costs.
- Cell phone usage and reimbursement.

• Additional revenues from advertising in schools, on district websites and school buses.

Superintendent's Report

- Football field and game this past Saturday, worked our great given the circumstances. The township employees were a tremendous help.
- District fact book is complete will be discussed at an upcoming meeting and posted on the website
- Liz Jewett will be here to present the Strategic Plan update on October 6...
- School Openings were very successful.
- Back to school nights for K-4 completed HBW and HS are 10/4 and 10/11 respectively
- Strategic Plan page is on the website.
- I started a series of workshops today at NJASA in Trenton for new superintendents .
- We are entertaining the idea of advertising on district property.

Discussion

- Mr. Unis asked about the needed repairs to the track.
- Mr. Unis thanked the parents for attending back to school night.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-26**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting September 11, 2012

PERSONNEL

Any new hires are pending until the completion of pre-employment requirements.

RESOVLED that the Board approve **Richard Rampolla** for 1 day of pay during the summer 2012 to train the new Administrative Assistant at Brookdale Avenue School at a rate of \$631.22 per diem.

- **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Strategic Plan Internal Coordinator job description. (see attached)
- **RESOVLED** that the Board approve **Elizabeth Jewett** as interim Internal Strategic Plan Coordinator from September 1, 2012 October 31, 2012.
- **RESOLVED** that the Board accepts with regret the following resignation:

Name	Position	Reason	Location	Last Day of Employment
Sebastian	Teacher of Social			11/16/12 or
Powell	Studies	Resignation	VHS	sooner

RESOLVED that the Board accept the following maternity leave of absences for the 2012-2013 school year:

Name	Position	Reason	Location	MLOA Begin Date	Estimated Return Date
Denise		Maternity			
Breckinridge	OT	Leave	District	12/1/12	9/1/2013
	Math	Maternity			
Danielle Kelly	Teacher	Leave	HBW	11/26/2012	9/1/2013

RESOLVED that the Board approve the following maternity leave replacement for the 2012-2013 school year.

Name	Location	Position	Replacing	Guide	Step	Salary	Term
Charlene	Laning	Physical	Dana			\$306.98	11/1/2012-
DiNatale	VPP	Therapist	Garcia	MA	10	per	1/2/14

RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Administrator - Mentor for the 2012-2013 school year:

Mentor Intern
Frank Albano Pamela Solomon

#9 **RESOLVED** that the Board rescind **Danielle Kelly** as Mathematics Team Advisor at H B Whitehorne Middle School and approve **Katelyn Finley** as Mathematics Team Advisor at H B Whitehorne Middle School for the 2012-2013 school year at a stipend of \$863.00.

RESOLVED that the Board approve the following substitute teachers, home instructor and substitute teacher aide for the 2012-2013 school year:

		Substitute Teachers
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate
Colucci	Michele	CEAS-tch w/dis./ Elem K-5
Gallo	Amanda	CEAS-Elem K-5 – Elem-Math 5-8
Guzzio	Michael	English
Henkelman	Jennifer	CEAS-Elem K-5
Wallace	Deborah	Elem-TOH-LDT-C
Wei	Yuehua	StdMath,Elem, Phys.,Handip.

Home Instructor		
Name	Salary	Term
Jennifer Henkelman	\$38.00/hr.	2012-13 SY
Substitute Teacher Aide		
Name	Salary	Term
Jennifer Henkelman	\$12.25/hr.	2012-13 SY

EDUCATION

RESOLVED that the Board approve the updated curriculum for the following courses for the 2012-2013 school year:

Math, K-4 Geometry Algebra II

RESOVLED that the Board approve the following curriculum documents for the 2012-2013 school year:

LAL Writing, Grades 3, 4, & 6

RESOLVED that the Board approve the following student teacher for the 2012-2013 school year:

Jessica Mersch Cald. Coll. FNB/Waibel/Gr. 4 9/10-12/1/12 60 hrs.

RESOLVED that the Board approve home instruction for the following students with Education, Inc. providing services:

Student#	School	Grade	hours/week	Duration
#021795	VHS	12	5 hrs./week	2 - 5 weeks
#091795	VHS	11	10 hrs./week	4-6 weeks

- **RESOLVED** that the Board approve submission of the 2012-2013 IDEA grant to the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. The district has been allocated \$493,684 to be used to provide services to students with disabilities.
- **RESOLVED** that the Board approval for amendment to 2011-2012 IDEA grant to include \$11,464 in carryover from the 2010-2011 IDEA grant; \$395 in Public funds and \$11,069 in Non-Public funds.
- #17 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the students enrolled in the Careers in Educaton Class at VHS may drive or take a district bus to their assigned Verona Schools. This is necessary for them to complete their practical experience during the 2012-13 school year. All students doing so, will provide written parental permission in advance.
- **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the merit goals for **Steven Forte** as per contract and Essex County Superintendent of Schools. (see attached)

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#19 RESOLVED that the Board the second reading of the following Board policies:

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve the following field trip for H B Whitehorne Middle School for the 2012-2013 school year:

8th Grade Student Council – Pocono Valley Resort, Tannersville, PA – June 7, 2013.

FINANCE

- **RESOLVED** that the Board accept a \$1,500 donation by Bill Hoogterp for **Steven Forte** and **Frank Albano** to attend "The Speaking Seminar" on December 5, 2012.
- **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed check lists for the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	Check Register Date
\$60.00	Vendor Check	September 7, 2012
\$8,720.14	Cafeteria checks	June 19, 2012
\$8,228.05	Cafeteria checks	July 9, 2012
\$3,597.89	Cafeteria checks	September 7, 2012
\$1,880,122.87	Vendor checks	September 21, 2012

RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2012-2013 budget for:

August, 2012

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

August, 2012

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month:

August, 2012

RESOLVED that the Board approve Steve Forte, Cheryl Nardino, and Joseph Bellino to attend the New Jersey School Board Workshop and Exposition, in Atlantic City, NJ on October 23-October 25, 2012.

Group Registration \$450.00 Cost per person: Lodging \$106 October 23th and 24th Meals and Incidentals \$66.00 per diem Mileage \$79.80 round trip

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

#27 **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 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino Board Secretary