

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

January 29, 2019

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on January 29, 2019 in the Verona High School Media Center at 4:59 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Cheryl Nardino. 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: Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice President, Mr. Timothy Alworth, Mr. James Day, Mr. Glenn Elliott and Mrs. Pamela Priscoe. Also present were Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Approximately twenty citizens were present. One member of the press was present.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items-** None

**Presentations-** None

### **Superintendent's Report**

- Full day kindergarten update
- Mental health programming and expanded child study team update
- Referendum update
- Writing Workshop staff development with Mrs. Stuto and kindergarten teachers
- America's Most Challenging High Schools recognition

### **Committees**

#### **Athletics**

- Discussion on girls field hockey team
- Winter sports update thus far
- Alumni update

#### **Finance**

- Audit update
- Monthly financial update at BOE meetings
- Field hockey team
- School Development Authority referendum update
- Referendum 2019 update
- Interviewing professionals for 19-20 school year

**Discussion Items-None**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve Resolutions #1-23

**Moved by: Mr. Elliott**

**Seconded by: Mr. Day**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting January 8, 2019

**PERSONNEL**

**#2 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2018-2019 year:

**2.1 New Hires**

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
<b>Maria Schwartz</b>	Forest	Sub Lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY18-19
<b>Wendy Amsterdam</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 18-19
<b>Ellen Papazian</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 18-19
<b>Lameese Zaitoun</b>	VHS	Paraprofessional	\$14.60/hr.	Education	SY 18-19
<b>Susan Robinson</b>	HBW	Paraprofessional	\$14.60/hr.	Education	SY 18-19
<b>Jahad Abnathya</b>	District	Sub Custodian	\$18.00/hr.	B&G	SY 18-19
<b>Edison Garcia</b>	District	Sub Custodian	\$18.00/hr.	B&G	SY 18-19
<b>Diane Bartell</b>	Forest	MLOA Kindergarten Teacher	\$235/per diem	Education	Feb. 25 - Oct. 7, 2019
<b>Rosalie Melillo</b>	FNB	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 18-19

## 2.2 Resignations

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective on or about
Jazmine Bridges	VHS	Paraprofessional	Resignation	Jan. 25, 2019
Diane DeMatteo	HBW	Paraprofessional	Resignation	Jan. 25, 2019
Nefeli Bellos	LAN	Paraprofessional	Resignation	Jan. 25, 2019

## 2.3 Marriage

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Dates	Notes
Jennifer Errico	VHS	Special Education Teacher	Marriage	Apr. 25, 26, 29, 30, May 1, 2019	5 days with pay with the cost of a substitute to be deducted

## 2.4 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Return Date
Dara Chamma	Amendment to Maternity Leave of Absence	Sept. 4, 2018	Jan. 29, 2019

## EDUCATION

- #3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent's presentation of HIB report as follows:

HIB Case	HIB Case
VHS 196435	BRK 195928
VHS 196272	BRK 195931
VHS 195763	HBW-CH 196245

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2019 school year.

**#5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Statistical Report for the month of December 2018.

**#6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve 10 students from North Star High School in Newark, NJ to participate in academic programs at Verona High School for one week as part of a collaborative exchange program with VHS students and staff for the 2018-19 academic year.

**#7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached 2019 VSEA Business Plan.

**#8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year:

**8.1 VSEA**

Name	Position	Stipend
Jeffrey Monacelli	VSEA Program Director	\$8,527
Howard Freund	VSEA Assistant Program Director	\$6,304
Debra Lawrence	VSEA Administrative Assistant	\$2,060

**8.2 Attendance at Conference**

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Steven Schels	District	Strategies & Structures for Teaching Reading & Writing	Feb. 28, 2019	\$209.00
Heather Anderson	FNB/FOR	Strategies & Structures for Teaching Reading & Writing	Feb. 28, 2019	\$209.00
Emma Franks	BRK	Strategies & Structures for Teaching Reading & Writing	Feb. 28, 2019	\$209.00
Angie Abdelrehim	HBW	Strategies & Structures for Teaching Reading & Writing	Feb. 28, 2019	\$209.00
Gina Venezia	District	Strategies & Structures for Teaching Reading & Writing	Feb. 28, 2019	\$209.00
Claire Duffy	BRK/LAN	Strategies & Structures for Teaching Reading & Writing	Feb. 28, 2019	\$209.00
Nicole Stuto	BRK	Strategies & Structures for Teaching Reading & Writing	Feb. 28, 2019	\$209.00
Anthony Lanzo	FNB/FOR	Strategies & Structures for Teaching Reading & Writing	Feb. 28, 2019	\$209.00

Kathleen Thomas	HBW/VHS	101 Strategies to be Effective SLP	Jan. 25, 2019	\$269.00
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### 8.3 Professional Development Presenter

Presenter	School	Date	Hrs./Stipend	Total
Linda Wangner	LAN	Feb. 14, 2019	2 hr./\$60.00/hr.	\$120.00

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the revised date for the guest speaking engagement for Kate Fagan, author of "What Made Maddie Run" from April 4, 2019 to April 1, 2019.

**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year:

### 10.1 Book/DVD Adoption

Name	Course	Description	Location	Grade
<b>Title: The Emotion Commotion Series.</b> [Publisher: Human Relations Media, 2009.] ISBN-13: 978-1-55548-370-8.	Advisory Classes (Grades 5&6)	Content: Three live-action videos help young viewers understand what emotions are and how they can get a handle on strong feelings like anger, sadness, frustration, and disappointment. Age appropriate scenarios offer the message that kids can take control of their emotions and feel better about themselves.	HBW	Grades 5-8
<b>The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls (above level [ISBN:978-0-7432-4754-2])</b>	Grade 8 ELA	A tender, moving tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave the author the fiery determination to carve out a successful life on her own terms. <a href="https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/7445.The_Glass_Castle">https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/7445.The_Glass_Castle</a> ; <a href="https://www.common sense media.org/movie-reviews/the-glass-castle">https://www.common sense media.org/movie-reviews/the-glass-castle</a>	HBW	Grade 8

**#11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached "Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement" between the Verona Board of Education and the Verona Education Association for SAT Instructors and stipends.

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Garden State Audio L.L.C. to provide audio services for the 2019 VHS graduation at Caldwell College with an estimated cost of \$8,600.00.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

- #13 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve to contract with Patience Moore, LLC to provide therapy services on a part-time basis for the 2018 – 2019 school year at the rate of \$51.00 per hour for 20 - 25 hours per week for an estimated total of \$21,000.

## ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR

- #14 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached 2018-2019 Spring Coaches.
- #15 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the continued cooperative Ice Hockey sports program with Glen Ridge Board of Education for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons.
- #16 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Drama Club guest speakers at H. B. Whitehorne Middle School between January and April, 2019:

<b>Ben Liebert</b>
<b>Patrick Wilson</b>
<b>Dagmara Dominczyk</b>
<b>Adrianna Pierce</b>

- #17 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year:

### **17.1 Coaches**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Term of Employment</b>
<b>Barbara Erickson</b>	VHS	Volunteer Girls Lacrosse	NA	SY 18-19
<b>Jack Weber</b>	VHS	Volunteer Boys Lacrosse	NA	SY 18-19
<b>Fred Goode</b>	VHS	Volunteer Boys Lacrosse	NA	SY 18-19
<b>Christian Alfano</b>	VHS	Volunteer Baseball	NA	SY 18-19

### 17.2 Field Trip

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
Christine Garson/ Jessica Calvo-Varela	VHS	Spanish 4H & AP/New York, NY	Mar. 28, 2019
Christine Sepcie	VHS	Fed Challenge/Federal Reserve/NY, NY	Feb. 5, 2019

### 17.3 Clubs

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
Noel Piercy	HBW Musical	HBW	Volunteer	SY 18-19
Patrick Bresnan	Ping Pong Club (trial basis)	VHS	NA	SY 18-19
Amy Heckel/ Bridget Sullivan	4-H Science Club (trial basis)	HBW	NA	SY 18-19

**#18 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Robert Merkler** to attend the DAANJ Conference on March 12 and 13, 2019 at the Golden Nugget Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ.

Registration	\$375.00
Hotel	\$102.95
Mileage	\$ 67.00
Tolls (approx.)	\$ 10.00
Meals	<u>\$ 99.00</u>
Total	\$653.95

### FINANCE

**#19 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed checklist in the following amount:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$616,472.69	Vendor Checks	January 25, 2019

**#20 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the revised 2018-2019 Non-resident tuition rates as noted below:

#### REGULAR NON-RESIDENT

Grades K-8	\$5,750
Grades 9-12	\$6,750

**EMPLOYEE RATE** – Board Policy, non-resident tuition for Verona Public School Employees is 20% of the cost of Regular Non-Resident tuition.

Grades K-8	\$1,150
Grades 9-12	\$1,350

- #21 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2018-2019 budget for:

December, 2018

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

December , 2018

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of December 31, 2018 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.

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

December, 2018

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Field hockey team

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary