

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on April 24, 2018 in the Verona High School Media Center at 4:29 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Board Secretary. 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 and Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice-President, Mrs. Michele Bernardino and Mr. Glenn Elliott. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Mr. James Day was absent.**

**Twenty citizens and two members of the press were present.**

**Presentations**

- Jeffrey Monacelli, Principal - Forest Avenue School, Ms. Freda, Media Specialist, Forest Avenue Students, Read Across America/The Seuss Cafe
- Annual Budget Presentation

**Public Comment on Agenda Items- None**

**Superintendent's Report**

1. Budget Presentation
2. Head coach resolutions for football and volleyball for appointment listed as addendum resolution 3
3. Congratulations and thank you to Mrs. Onnembo and Mrs. Finocchiaro on their retirement and thank you for your dedication and years of service
4. Thank you Mrs J donation of art display case

**Committees**

**Finance**

- Reviewed budget presentation

**Discussion Items- None**

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-21, excluding #**

**Moved by: Mr. Elliott**

**Seconded by: Mrs. Freschi**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolution #12**

**Moved by: Mr. Elliott**

**Seconded by: Mrs. Freschi**

**Ayes: 3**

**Nays: 1- Mrs. Bernardino**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meetings April 10, 2018

**PERSONNEL**

**#2 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2017-2018 school year:

**2.1 New Hires**

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Effective Date
Hyam Perez	District	Sub Bus Driver	\$21/hr.	Athletics	SY 17-18
Linda Haftel	District	Home Instructor	\$40/hr.	Education	SY 17-18

**2.2 Leave of Absence**

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about
Dara Chamma	Maternity leave of absence	Sept. 4, 2018	Feb. 4, 2019
Paula Staudinger	Maternity leave of absence	Sept. 4, 2018	Jan. 14, 2019

**2.3 Resignation**

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Robert Brawley	FNB	Paraprofessional	resignation	Apr. 9, 2018
Ronald Rice	VHS	Paraprofessional	resignation	Apr. 13, 2018

**2.4 Retirement**

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
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<b>Coreen Onnembo-Dilea</b>	Social Studies teacher	HBW	retirement	June 30, 2018
<b>Anna Finocchiaro</b>	Administrative Assistant	HBW	retirement	Aug. 1, 2018

**2.5 Without Pay**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date/s</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b># of Days</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>#61768362</b>	Apr. 5-6, 2018	Personal Business	2	
<b>#40564650</b>	Apr. 5-6, 2018	Personal Business	2	
<b>#61742219</b>	Apr. 5, 2018	Personal Business	1	
<b>#40739260</b>	Apr. 5, 2018	Personal Business	1	
<b>#94482700</b>	Apr. 5-6, 2018	Personal Business	2	
<b>#65152399</b>	Apr. 5, 2018	Personal Business	1	
<b>#86238219</b>	Apr. 6, 2018	Personal Business	1	
<b>#86072402</b>	Apr. 6, 2018	Personal Business	1	
<b>#83004598</b>	Apr. 6, 2018	Personal Business	1	
<b>#51976447</b>	Apr. 6, 2018	Personal Business	1	
<b>#96162755</b>	Apr. 6, 2018	Personal Business	1	
<b>#61796439</b>	Apr. 6, 2018	Personal Business	.5	
<b>#86522950</b>	Mar. 23 1/2, Mar. 26-29, Apr. 4-6, Apr. 9-13, Apr. 16-19	without pay - medical	19.5 days	Rescind
<b>#86522950</b>	Mar. 23 1/2, Mar. 26-29, Apr. 4-6, Apr. 9-13, Apr. 16-20	without pay - medical	20.5 days	approve
<b>#61749644</b>	April 13, 2018	unpaid personal business	0.5	

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached non-tenured staff renewals for the 2018-2019 school year.

**EDUCATION**

#4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent’s presentation of HIB report as follows:

HIB Case	HIB Case
LAS 120178	VHS 119843
VHS 119743	HBW 3-14-18

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

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

**6.1 Mentor**

Novice Teacher	Location	Mentor	Stipend
Renee DeLora	HBW	MaryAnne Halbert	waived
Lisa Brooks	HBW	MaryAnne Halbert	waived

**6.2 VFEE Grants**

Grant Recipients	School	Name of Grant	Grant #	Amount of Grant
Corisa Walker	F.N. Brown	Bridge the Creative Chasm through Making and Design Thinking	2018-06	\$2,958.00
Jason Atkins, Caitlin Klose	VHS	Variable Speed Wind Tunnel with Fog, Drag & Lift	2018-07	\$569.00

**6.3 Student Observers**

Name	School	School/Teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours/ days	Assignment
Ashley Azfarino	Cald. Univ.	FNB/BRK/Szybist/Music VHS/Lynch/Music	Apr. 25 - May 7, 2018	3 hrs. 3 hrs.	Student Observer
Amanda DeForne	Cald. Univ.	FNB/BRK/Szybist/Music VHS/Lynch/Music	Apr. 25 - May 7, 2018	3 hrs. 3 hrs.	Student Observer

**6.4 Movie**

<b>Advisor/s</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Movie</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Melissa Hanulak/Julia Harth/Danielle Kelly</b>	Kind Club	Wonder	HBW - Front Lawn

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

- P3437 Military Leave (revised)
- P4437 Military Leave (revised)
- R5460.1 High School Transcripts (M) (revised)
- R7101 Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects (Revised)
- P7425 Lead Testing of Water in Schools (New)
- P&R 7440 School District Security (M) (Revised)
- P&R 7441 Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds (Revised)
- P8630 Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility (M) (Revised)
- P9242 Use of Electronic Signatures (New)

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the amendment to the IDEA Preschool grant from tuition funding to support services in the amount of \$24,189.

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

**9.1 Student Home Instruction**

<b>Student #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Hrs./Week/Duration</b>	<b>Beginning on or about</b>
<b>#251431</b>	LAN	4	10 hrs./4-6 wks.	Apr. 16, 2018

**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to contract with Jeannie Rojas to provide physical therapy services as part of home instruction for student #291813 for the 2017-2018 school year as required.

**ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR**

**#11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

**11.1 Band Staff**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Term of Employment</b>
<b>Michael Tatoris</b>	VHS	Pit Musician	\$450	SY 17-18

**11.2 Stipend Position**

<b>Co-Advisors</b>	<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Term of Employment</b>
<b>Helene McKelvey- McLaughlin/ Christina Sciacchitano</b>	Publication Designer	VHS	\$450 each	SY 17-18

**FINANCE**

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the final 2018-2019 School Budget and using the 2018-2019 state aid figures in the amount of:

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Debt Service	Total
<u>2017-2018 Total</u>				
Expenditures	\$34,399,387	\$1,208,704	\$3,635,638	\$39,243,729
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ 1,827,519	\$1,208,704	\$673,817	\$ 3,710,040
Taxes to be Raised	\$32,571,868	-0-	\$2,961,821	\$35,533,689

BE IT RESOLVED that the Verona Board of Education includes in the tentative budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$27,614. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Verona Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for increased costs in health benefits in the amount of \$69,541. The

additional funds are included in the base budget and will be used to pay for the additional increase in health benefits.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED In addition to the regular advertised budget, the board of education will seek approval from the district's legal voters to raise an additional \$215,000 for the expansion of our existing kindergarten program. This proposal will increase our current kindergarten program to a full day program from January 2019 to June 2019. The program would be in the budget in 2019-2020 as a full year program beginning September 2019. The additional levy will provide funds for an increase in teachers' salaries, lunch aides, supplies, and textbooks. The taxes, if raised, will be used exclusively for this purpose. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary for a thorough and efficient education.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED In addition to the regular advertised budget, the board of education will seek approval from the district's legal voters to raise an additional \$550,000 for the expansion of our in district Mental Health Programming. The additional levy will provide for three mental health clinicians and will increase the Child Study Team staffing. The program will be instituted from January 2019 to June 2019. The program will be in the budget in 2019-2020 as a full year program beginning September 2019. The taxes, if raised, will be used exclusively for this purpose. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary for a thorough and efficient education.

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$35,102.89	Cafeteria Checks	April 24, 2018
\$3,027,583.69	Vendor Checks	April 20, 2018

**#14 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2017-2018 budget for:

March, 2018

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

March, 2018

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

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

March, 2018

**#17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve a donation of \$3,000.00 from the Junior Woman's Club of Verona for library books for all schools.

**#18 RESOLVED** that the Board approve a donation to Brookdale Avenue School of a display case from Joni Jasterzbski, Brookdale Art Teacher, with an approximate value of \$1,000.00.

## **PERSONNEL**

**#19 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following request for the 2017-2018 school year:

### **19.1 Reallocation of Days**

<b>Employee #</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>#83467647</b>	reallocate 5 personal illness days to 5 family illness days

## **EDUCATION**

**#20 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the first reading of the following policy:

P3351 Healthy Workplace Environment



**ATHLETICS**

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

**21.1 Coaches**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Term of Employment</b>
<b>Kevin Batty</b>	VHS	Head Football Coach	\$12,506	SY 18-19
<b>Ryan Brown</b>	VHS	Head Girls Volleyball Coach	\$6,104	SY 18-19

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Questions and comments on the 18-19 budget during the budget presentation

**The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary**