

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on July 25, 2017 in the Verona High School Media Center at 6:59 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice President. 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, Mrs. Michele Bernardino, Mr. James Day and Mr. Glenn Elliott. Mr. John Quattrocchi, President was absent. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**-None

**Presentations**- None

**Superintendent's Report**

- Teachers are working on curriculum writing this summer
- Administrators have been busy recruiting and hiring new staff
- General building maintenance, painting, repairs:
  - a. Summer projects
  - b. Fitness Center
  - c. Paving walkway upper field
  - d. Lower field restrooms
  - e. Paving of Sampson Drive paid for by the Verona Township

**Committee Reports**

**Education and Special Education**

- Personnel items
- C.H.I.L.D. held fundraisers this summer
- Scheduling aides, professional development and policy updates.
- New course offerings, summer assignments, staff re-assignments and dual enrollment

**Athletics**

- Lower field bathroom renovations
- Fitness center renovation
- Parent funded swim team
- Negotiated swim coach stipend
- Personnel

**Finance**

- 16-17 year end
- Flex academies at elementary schools
- Non-resident tuition
- Additional state aid and ESSA aid
- 17-18 budget

**Discussion Items- None**

**REGULAR BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting June 20, 2017

**PERSONNEL**

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

**2.1 Resignation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Location</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Effective</b>
<b>Corey Fineman</b>	Physics Teacher- VHS	resignation	Jul. 3, 2017
<b>Alexis Kiel</b>	Paraprofessional	resignation	Jul. 21, 2017
<b>Shouzam Megalla</b>	Paraprofessional	resignation	Jun. 30, 2017
<b>Jennifer Hogan</b>	Part Time Technology Facilitator/FNB	resignation	Jul. 21, 2017
<b>Ryan Wiemken</b>	.70% Music Teacher - VHS	resignation	Jul. 14, 2017

**2.2 New Staff**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Degree/ Step</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective on or about</b>	<b>Department</b>
<b>Mara Friedman</b>	FNB/BRK	MLOA Speech/ Language Specialist		\$260/per diem	Sept. 1, 2017 - Apr. 9, 2018	Education
<b>Nina Sivoilella</b>	FNB	MLOA Kdg. Teacher		\$235/per diem	Sept. 1, 2017 - Jun. 19, 2018	Education (Rescind)
<b>Nina Sivoilella</b>	FNB	MLOA 1st Grade Teacher		\$235/per diem	Sept. 1, 2017 - Jun. 19, 2018	Education (approve)
<b>TABLED Kayla Frohlich</b>	BRK/FNB	MLOA Physical Education Teacher		\$235/per diem	Sept. 1, 2017 - Jan. 29, 2018	Education
<b>Sean Clancy</b>	VHS	MLOA Choral Teacher		\$235/per diem	Oct. 10, 2017 - Jun. 19, 2018	Education
<b>Jennifer Da Silva</b>	VHS	Guidance Counselor	MA/ Step 9	\$62,688	Sept. 1, 2017 - Jun. 30, 2018	Education
<b>Taylor Rehe</b>	VHS	.70% Woodwind Specialist	BA/ Step 2	\$34,423	Sept. 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018	Education
<b>Terence Lennon</b>	VHS	Physics Teacher	BA30/ Step 6	\$58,677	Sept. 1, 2017 - Jun. 30, 2018	Education
<b>Chrissy Sciacchitano</b>	VHS	.60% Visual Arts Teacher	MA/ Step 5	\$34,972	Sept. 1, 2017 - Jun. 30, 2018	Education

**2.3 Staff Relocation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Location/Position</b>	<b>New Location/Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
<b>Stacey Smith</b>	VHS/English Teacher	HBW/8th English Teacher	Sept. 1, 2017
<b>Steven Munoz</b>	HBW/8th English Teacher	VHS/English Teacher	Sept. 1, 2017

**2.4 Stipend**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>Debbie Lawrence</b>	District	\$1,051	Head Elementary Admin. Assist.

**2.5 Substitute Teacher**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Term of Employment on or about</b>
<b>Christy Hoover</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Jason Schroeder** as a registered volunteer to install weight room equipment at Verona High School with assistance of VPS maintenance staff.

**EDUCATION**

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

HIB Case		HIB Case
VHS 53741		VHS 53723
VHS 53686		HBWOH 53649
VHS 53521		HBWOH 53599
VHS 53451		LAN 53544

**#5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached HIB-ITP report and District Self-Assessment report for the 2016-2017 school year.

**#6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations:

- P&R 2412
- P&R 2417
- P&R 2481
- P 4283
- P&R 5611
- P&R 5612
- P&R 5613
- P9541

**#7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Comprehensive Equity Plan Annual Statement of Assurance for the 2017-2018 school year.

**#8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached draft of the 2018-2019 District School Calendar.

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached District Statistical Report for the month of June, 2017.

**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to reimburse **Judy Szybist**, Music Teacher for \$99.00 to attend the N.J. American Choral Directors Conference on July 24 and 25, 2017.

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

**11.1 Summer Curriculum Writing**

Staff Name	School	Course	Approve Total No. of Hours	Stipend	Total Amount
Marie Meyer	VHS	Gender Studies	15 hrs.	\$45.00 per hour	\$675.00

**11.2 Student Observers**

Name	School	School/Teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours/ days	Assignment
Jessica Anemia	Montclair State	HBW/Asmar/ Psychologist	Sept. 5, 2017- Jun. 1, 2018	5 hrs./ day	Intern
Gerard Benanti	Caldwell Univ.	FNB/Waibel/ 4th Grade	Sept. 11 - Dec. 15, 2017	5 days/ week	Student teacher

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached contract with Caldwell University for the 2018 Verona High School and H. B. Whitehorne Graduations at a cost of \$2,800.00.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#13 RESOLVED** that the Board approve an out-of-district placement for Student 190157 at The Calais School at the tuition rate of \$344.22 per day for 210 days for a total of \$72,286.20 (10,326.60 for ESY: \$61,959.60 for the regular school year) beginning 7/6/2017.

**#14 RESOLVED** that the Board approve for Bilingual/ESL Three-Year Program Plan for school years 2017-2020. (copy attached)

**#15 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to establish a Secondary Special Education Class (taught by a regular education teacher - Chemistry) at Verona High School in accordance with the attached documentation.

- #16 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to establish a Learning/Language Disabilities Mild/Moderate Special Education program (7th - 8th) at H. B. Whitehorne Middle School in accordance with the attached documentation.
- #17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve an out-of-district placement for Student #230017 from Chapel Hill Academy to Shepherd School for the 2017-2018 school year at the tuition rate of \$302.50 per day for 213 days for a total of \$64,432.50 and a 1:1 aide at the rate of \$130 per day for 213 days for a total of \$27,690 for a grand total of \$92,122.50.
- #18 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Justin Bruso** as a teacher's aide for the 2017 summer school band program at an hourly rate of \$14.40 for 3.5 hours on four occasions.
- #19 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to contract with Essex Regional Educational Services Commission for Nursing Services for Non-public Schools, IDEA-B Services, Instructional Services for Chapters 192/193, Public School Home Instruction Services and Public school Child Study Team Services for the 2017 - 2018 school year as needed.
- #20 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached contracts from the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for students #211757, #291813, #700009 & #262007 for the 2017-2018 school year. These students will receive Level 1 services at the rate of \$1,900 each. This amount will be deducted from the school district's state aide.

**ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR**

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

**21.1 Stipends**

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Term of Employment
Erik Lynch	VHS	Summer Marching Band	\$700	SY 17-18

<b>Ryan Wiemken</b>	VHS	Summer Marching Band	\$700	SY 17-18
<b>Taylor Rehe</b>	VHS	Assistant Director Marching Band	\$6,592	S 17-18
<b>Nicholas Licitra</b>	VHS	Marching Instructor	\$2,000	SY 17-18
<b>Skyler Fortgang</b>	VHS	Marching Instructor	\$2,000	SY 17-18
<b>Mike Passero</b>	VHS	Volunteer Football Coach	NA	SY 17-18
<b>Ted Olshefski</b>	VHS	Volunteer Football Coach	NA	SY 17-18

**#22 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Allergy Action Plan for the 2017-2018 school year.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUND**

**#23 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached proposal from Diamond Construction for a paved asphalt walkway around the Sellitto Football Field at Verona High School at a cost of \$35,400.00.

**# 24 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following organizations for use of school buildings:

<b>Organization/Group</b>
Girl Scouts
Boy Scouts
C.H.I.L.D.



Lacrosse Parent's Assoc.
VFEE
Verona Junior Woman's Club
SCA's
Verona Eagles
Verona Baseball/Softball
Over 50 Men's Basketball
Kaplan Test Prep
Verona Recreation
Team Zoey
VMPA

**#25 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following organizations to use the Verona Public School facilities as additional insured.

<b>Organization/Group</b>
C.H.I.L.D.
VFEE
District SCA's
VMPA

Lacrosse Parent's Assoc.
Fifth Downers

**FINANCE**

**#26 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the field trip rate to \$125 per contest for the 2017-2018 school year.

**#27 RESOLVED** that the Board approve 2016-2017 sick day payments for the staff listed below:

Name	
Nancy Beattie	\$8,887.50
Karen Castaldo	\$5,775.00
Janet Landara	\$17,175.00
Karen Sabatino	\$9,675.00

**#28 RESOLVED** that the Board accept a donation of \$300.00 from Verona C.H.I.L.D. for a sensory room at H. B. Whitehorne Middle School.

**#29 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed checklist in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$15,051.73	Cafeteria Checks	July 25, 2017
\$293,626.47	Vendor Checks	June 23, 2017
\$121,346.76	Vendor Checks	June 30, 2017
\$781,258.25	Vendor Checks	July 6, 2017
\$157,262.19	Vendor Checks	July 7, 2017
\$150,995.08	Vendor Checks	July 7, 2017
\$1,142,971.38	Vendor Checks	July 20, 2017

**#30 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2016-2017 budget for:  
June 2017

**#31 RESOLVED** that the Report of the Secretary for the month of June 2017 be approved and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of June 30, 2017 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.

**#32 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of June 2017.

**PERSONNEL**

**#33 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendation pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2017-2018 school year.

<b>Bridget Sullivan</b>	HBW	MLOA 5th Grade Science	\$235/per diem	Sept. 18, 2017 - Apr. 6, 2018	Education
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**#34 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Bridget Sullivan** to be paid a substitute rate of \$90.00 from September 1 – September 15, 2017.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

**#35 RESOLVED** that the Board approve LAN Associates as Architect of Record for 2017-2018 school year.

**FINANCE**

**#36 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Non - Resident Tuition Rates for the 2017-2018 school year:

**REGULAR NON-RESIDENT**

Kindergarten (1/2 day)	\$ 3,500
Grades 1-8	\$ 5,750
Grades 9-12	\$ 6,750

**EMPLOYEE RATE**

Kindergarten	\$ 700
Grades 1-8	\$ 1,150
Grades 9-12	\$ 1,350

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN**

**#37 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: 4

Nays:0

**PUBLIC COMMENT**-None

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary