

**PUBLIC MEETING**

January 28, 2014

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on January 28, 2014 in the Board Office Conference Room at 6:59 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. Michael Unis, Vice President, Mr. Joseph Bellino, Mr. James Day and Mr. Steven Spardel. Also present were: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent, Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Mr. Paul McDevitt, Facilities Manager.

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. Unis

Seconded by: Mr. Day

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on January 28, 2014 in the Board Office Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

The Regular meeting reconvened to the regular session, in the Verona High School Media Center, at 8:00 p.m.

30 citizens and two members of press were present.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items-** None

**Presentations**

- VHS Students presented information on how the district fulfills the “productive citizen’s” component of the strategic plan
- Mr. Forte presented an update to the strategic plan

**Committee Reports**

**Finance**

- Referendum cost worksheets
- Budget calendar

**Discussion-** Referendum

- Mr. Quattrocchi, Mr. Bellino and Mr. Day are of the opinion to put all upgrades and repairs to the buildings and the fields in one question.
- Mr. Unis is of the opinion that there should be two questions. One for the build upgrades and repairs and one for the fields.

- Mr. Spardel is of the opinion that the building upgrades and repairs, tennis court repairs and additional tennis court, parking lot expansion and repair to the baseball field bleachers should be in one question.
- It was decided that the referendum question would be all building repairs, tennis court repair, additional tennis court, parking lot expansion, upper field remediation and lower field turf.

### **Public Comment**

- Include field upgrades and building upgrades in one proposal for the voters
- Outsiders are surprised at the poor condition of the facilities
- Comments that there should be one question on the ballot which includes the lower field upgrade
- Accolades for Mr. Forte

### **Superintendent's Report**

- Used three snow days and there is one remaining
  - Will take days away from spring break starting with April 18 and working backwards
- Girls Track Team and their coaches raised \$1,048 for Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research during their October Walk a Thon.
- Personal resignation

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-21 and addendum resolutions #1-4 and Table resolution 3.4**

**Moved by: Mr. Spardel**

**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 **January 7, 2014**

**PERSONNEL**

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

**2.1 Substitute Teacher Aide, Lunch Aide, Teachers, Physical Therapist, Maternity Leave Replacements, Volunteer and Permanent Teacher Aide**

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment	Notes
Tamburro, Chris	District	MLOA replacement	TBD	Education	1/2/14-5/14/14	Replacing S. Bangia
Flynn, Kelly	District	MLOA replacement	TBD	Education	1/2/14-5/14/14	Replacing S. Bangia
Smith, Larissa	District	MLOA replacement	TBD	Education	1/2/14-5/14/14	Replacing S. Bangia
Brucchieri, Marissa	Forest	MLOA replacement	\$230/day	Education	1/29/14-6/30/14	Replacing S. Conklin
Hayes, Michelle	FNB	Sub Lunch Aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 13-14	
Douglas, Gayle	Spec.Svcs.	Perm. Teacher Aide	\$12.25/hr	Education	SY 13-14	19.5/hrs./wk.
Douglas, Gayle	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/hr.	Education	SY 13-14	
Caldera, Florence	Spec.Svcs.	Sub Teacher Aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 13-14	
DiNatale, Charlene	Spec.Svcs.	Sub Physical Therapist	\$321.89 per diem	Education	SY 13-14	
Haralambiev, Kristel	Spec.Svcs.	Perm. Teacher Aide	\$12.25/hr	Education	SY 13-14	29.5/hrs./wk.

**2.2 Volunteer**

Jill Caporrino	Laning
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**#3 RESOVLED** that the Board approve the following:

**3.1 Personal Business**

Employee	School	Date	Reason	W/WOP
XXX-XX-5457	Forest Ave.	1/13/2014	Personal Business	Without Pay

**3.2 Retirement**

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Emiliani, Molly	Admin. Asst.	VHS	Retirement	6/27/2014
Prendergast, RoseAnn	Biology Teacher	VHS	Retirement	6/30/2014

**3.3 Leave of Absence**

Name	Position	Location	Reason	MLOA Begin Date	Estimated Return Date
Meredith, Bielen	Spec. Ed. Teacher	HBW	Maternity	3/10/2014	9/1/2015
Maria, Perri	77% Kindergarten Teacher	FNB	Maternity	5/27/2014	9/1/2015

**TABLED 3.4 Movement on Guide**

**EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION**

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the 2014-2015 District Calendar. (see attached)
- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the 2012-2013 district testing report.
- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Statistical Report for December 2013.
- #7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Attendance at Conferences:

**Cynthia Costanza** to attend the Techspo Training and Exhibition Conference in Atlantic City, NJ on January 30-31, 2014:

Registration	\$385.00
Hotel	\$ 99.00
Mileage	\$ 78.11
Meals	<u>\$ 66.00</u>
Total	\$628.11

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<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Event/Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Acct.</b>
<b>Duffy, Claire</b>	Brookdale	Reading/Writing Institute/Columbia Univ., NY, NY	2/17-2/20/14	\$700.00	Prof. Dev.
<b>Flynn, Kelly</b>	Brookdale	Reading/Writing Institute/Columbia Univ., NY, NY	2/17-2/20/14	\$700.00	Prof. Dev.
<b>Wangner, Linda</b>	Laning	Reading/Writing Institute/Columbia Univ., NY, NY	2/17-2/20/14	\$700.00	Prof. Dev.
<b>Ruggiero, AnneMarie</b>	Forest	Reading/Writing Institute/Columbia Univ., NY, NY	2/17-2/20/14	\$700.00	Prof. Dev.
<b>Ellenbogen, Kristina</b>	Laning	Reading/Writing Institute/Columbia Univ., NY, NY	2/17-2/20/14	\$700.00	Prof. Dev.
<b>Weiss, Joan</b>	Forest	Reading/Writing Institute/Columbia Univ., NY, NY	2/17-2/20/14	\$700.00	Prof. Dev.
<b>Graves, Cynthia</b>	Forest	Reading/Writing Institute/Columbia Univ., NY, NY	2/17-2/20/14	\$700.00	Prof. Dev.
<b>Milo-Mastrobuono, Domenica</b>	VHS	Required Courses for Structured Learning Experience Supervision	1/16, 30, 31, 4/30, 5/14-16/14	\$705.00	IDEA
<b>Besante, Lauren</b>	Laning	HWC Instructor Re-Certification	4/11/2014	\$365.43	IDEA
<b>Edelstein, Elise</b>	Laning	DSM-5 for Children & Adolescent Diagnoses, Hasbrouck Hgts., NJ	3/24/2014	\$199.29	IDEA

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Event/Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Acct.</b>
<b>Shapiro, Teresa</b>	VHS	DSM-5 for Children & Adolescent Diagnoses, Hasbrouck Hgts, NJ	3/24/2014	\$200.04	IDEA
<b>Schiff, Josephine</b>	VHS	DSM-5 for Children & Adolescent Diagnoses, Hasbrouck Hgts, NJ	3/24/2014	\$199.29	IDEA

#8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following tuition student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

Student ID No.	School	Grade	School Year
141252	VHS	12	2013-2014

#9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following out-of-district student:

Student #	School	Beginning	Rate
20602	Chapel Hill Academy	2/3/2014	\$301/day

**CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS**

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

**10.1 Co-Curricular**

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment
Lynch, Erik	VHS	Co-Advisor Sound and Lighting Squad	\$1,019	SY 13-14

**10.2 Clubs**

Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
Adoption Connection	VHS	\$250	SY 13-14
Chemistry Club	VHS	\$350	SY 13-14
Italian Studies Club	VHS	\$100	SY 13-14
Girls Learn International	VHS	\$500	SY 13-14

**10.3 Coaches**

Name	Location	Position	Step	Stipend
Jennifer Kirby	VHS	Asst. Track Coach-Spring	3	\$6,299
Jacqueline Iannucci	VHS	Asst. Track Coach-Spring	3	\$6,299
Jonathan Thai	VHS	JV Boys Tennis	1	\$3,965

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REFERENDUM**

#11 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the first reading of the following regulation guide:

R 7440 School Security

#12 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Use of Building:

<b>Organization/Group</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Blue Planet Training</b>	HBW	Public Speaking Training	8/18-8/23/14

#13 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached lease agreement between the YMCA of Montclair and the Verona Board of Education

**FINANCE**

#14 **RESOLVED** that the Board accept the donation of an ENO Board and Social Thinking curriculum materials to the Department of Special Services purchased through New York Life Foundation charitable grant/matching grant given by Mr. & Mrs. David Azzati.

#15 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed check list(s) in the following amounts:

<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Check Register Date</u></b>
<b>\$3,425,601.25</b>	<b>Vendor Checks</b>	<b>January 24, 2014</b>
<b>\$18,815.79</b>	<b>Cafeteria Checks</b>	<b>January 20, 2014</b>

#16 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2013-2014 budget for:

**November, 2013    \$24,573**

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

**November, 2013**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of November 30, 2013 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.

- #18 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month(s):

**November, 2013**

- #19 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2013-2014 budget for:

**December, 2013     \$50,920**

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

**December, 2013**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of December 31, 2013 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.

- #21 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month(s):

**December, 2013**



**ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS**  
**PERSONNEL**

#1 **RESOLVED** that the Board accept with regret the resignation of  
**Mr. Steven A. Forte**, Superintendent of Schools effective June 30, 2014.

Mr. Bellino thanked Mr. Forte for his hard work and efforts in moving the district forward. He wished him luck in his new position. Mr. Unis and Mr. Quattrocchi thanked Mr. Forte.

#2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel:

**2.1 Stipends**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Term of Employment</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Tamburro, Chris</b>	District	MLOA replacement	\$2500	Education	1/2/14-5/14/14	Replacing S. Bangia
<b>Flynn, Kelly</b>	District	MLOA replacement	\$2500	Education	1/2/14-5/14/14	Replacing S. Bangia
<b>Smith, Larissa</b>	District	MLOA replacement	\$2500	Education	1/2/14-5/14/14	Replacing S. Bangia

**EDUCATION**

#3 **RESOVLED** that the Board approve the new and revised curriculum:

<b>Course</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>
Geometry CP/HH(revised)	Math	8th-11th
Math 6 Above (revised)	Math	6th
Spanish Level II	WL	9th-10th
Discrete Math	Math	11th-12th
French Grade 5	WL	5th
French Grade 8	WL	8th
French IV H	WL	11th-12th
Mandarin IV H	WL	11th-12th
Spanish Grade 7	WL	7th
Spanish Grade 8	WL	8th
Spanish I	WL	9th

**FINANCE**

- #4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the contract between Broadstreet Ads, Inc. and the Verona Board of Education effective January 28, 2014.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Accolades for Mr. Forte
- What is the plan to keep a Superintendent?
- Question on extending a superintendent contract

**The Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary**