

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on January 30, 2018 in the Verona High School Media Center at 5:59 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Quattrocchi, 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: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice President, Mrs. Michele Bernardino, Mr. James Day and Mr. Glenn Elliott. Also present were Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Approximately twenty five citizens were present. Two members of the press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations-

- Dr. Anthony Lanzo, Principal, F. N. Brown School, Mr. Chierici, Mrs. Pellegrino, F. N. Brown Teachers and F.N. Brown Students, “Motion and Design”

Superintendent’s Report

- Strategic Plan Steering Committee update
- QSAC waiver
- Retirements recognition of Sonny Watson and Pauline Jennis
- Enrichment for all students through curriculum update

Committees

Community Resources

- Discusses strategic plan
- Met with VAA to negotiate the 2018-2021 contract
- Received a demand to bargain from the VEA for the 2018-2021 contract

Finance- Did not meet

Discussion Items

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-15**

Moved by: Mrs. Bernardino Seconded by: Mr. Day

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

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

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Confidential & Regular Public Meeting January 9, 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 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about
Yvonne Rodzen	Maternity Leave of Absence	Apr. 29, 2018	Jan. 2, 2019
Ilissa Abovitz	Maternity Leave of Absence	Apr. 20, 2018	Jan. 2, 2019
Sara O'Connor	Extension of Maternity Leave of Absence	Sept. 11, 2017	Sept. 1, 2018
#83471565	Medical leave of absence	Jan. 19, 2018	Mar. 2, 2018

2.2 New Hires

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Michelle Mau	District	Sub teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Laurin Long	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Renee DeLora	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Anthony Josso	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Michelle DellaFortuna	District	Home Instructor	\$40/per hour	Special Education	SY 17-18

Tricia Lewis	HBW	Maternity replacement	\$235/per diem	Education	Apr. 6 - Jun. 19, 2018
Christina Lordi	Laning	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Special Education	SY 17-18
Mark Scarella	HBW	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Special Education	SY 17-18

2.3 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Cindy Mullen	HBW	Paraprofessional	Resignation	Jan. 26, 2018
George Watson	District	Mail Carrier	Resignation	Jan. 6, 2018

2.4 Reallocation of Days

Employee #	Explanation
83445924	5 PI days to 5 FI days
81334492	6 PI days to 6 FI days

EDUCATION

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

HIB Case	HIB Case
VHS66822	VHS66582
VHS66521	VHS66756
VHS66523	HBW 12-08-17
VHS67074	

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

4.1 Time Requirements

Name	School	Reason	Stipend	Date	Notes
Pam Burke	VHS	AP Workshop	\$337.66/per diem	Mar. 24, 2017	Rescind
Pam Burke	VHS	AP Workshop	\$337.66/per diem	Mar. 24, 2018	Approve

4.2 Student Observer

Name	School	School/Teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours/ days	Assignment	
Ellen Pulsinelle	MSU	BRK/Coffey/Kdg.	Jan. 31, 2018	3 hrs./1 day	Student Observer	
Deborah Andrews	Cald. Univ.	VHS/Shapiro/Art	Jan. 22 - May 11, 2018	100 hrs./ 7-8 hrs./wk.	Student Observer	Rescind
Deborah Andrews	Cald. Univ.	HBW/Saltalamacchia /Art	Jan. 22 - May 11, 2018	100 hrs./7-8 hrs./wk.	Student Observer	Approve

4.3 VFEE Grants

Grant Recipients	School	Name of Grant	Grant #	Amount of Grant
Melissa Hanulak, Danielle Kelly, Julia Harth	HBW	Kind Club	2018-02	\$620.00
Kathleen Thomas, Julia Harth	HBW	Sensory Inventions	2018-03	\$500.00
Christina Sciacchitano, Pamela Burke, Helene McKelvey-McLaughlin	VHS	Adobe Character Animator	2018-04	\$967.50

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached District Statistical Report for the month of December 2017.

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve a resolution for the QSAC Equivalency Process for High Performing Districts described in N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.1(a)-(d), and 6A:30-3.2 to relieve the district from the District Performance Review and QSAC monitoring. (attachment)

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve Garden State Audio L.L.C. to provide audio services for the 2018 VHS graduation at Caldwell College with an estimated cost of \$8,600.00.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

8.1 Student Home Instruction

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
210048	VHS	9	10 hrs.wk/4-6-wks.	Dec. 14, 2017
201765	VHS	10	10 hrs.wk/4-6-wks.	Jan. 3, 2018
261347	FNB	4	10 hrs.wk/4-6 wks.	Jan. 17, 2018
230952	HBW	7	10 hrs.wk/8-10 wks.	Jan. 24, 2018
291813	Out of District	Kdg.	12 hrs. total	Jan. 29, 2018
192970	11	VHS	10 hrs.wk/8-10 wks.	Jan. 29, 2018

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve to contract with Jeannie Rojas to provide physical therapy services as part of home instruction for student #291813. The student will receive 12 sessions of physical therapy for a total not to exceed \$900.00.

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

10.1 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Robert Hill	VHS	NJAHPERD Convention/ Long Branch, NJ	Feb. 26-27, 2018	Registration \$120 Hotel \$145 Meals \$46

10.2 Field Trips

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
B. Michalowski/ A. Hamilton	VHS	Music/New York, NY	May 23, 2018
L. Till	Brookdale	3rd Grade/Ellis Island, NY, NY	Feb. 23, 2018
C. Sepcie	VHS	Fed Challenge/NY, NY	Feb. 6, Mar. 13 or 14, Apr. 17, 2018

10.3 Volunteers

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Term of Employment
Ken McPeek	VHS	Volunteer Baseball Coach	NA	SY 17-18
Barbara Erickson	VHS	Volunteer Girls Lacrosse Coach	NA	SY 17-18
Mike O'Neil	VHS	Volunteer Boys Lacrosse Coach	NA	SY 17-18

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of Spring Coaches for the 2017-2018 school year.

FINANCE

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$39,317.29	Cafeteria Checks	January 30, 2018
\$3,318,058.96	Vendor Checks	January 26, 2018

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

December, 2017

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

December , 2017

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

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

December, 2017

ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS
PERSONNEL

#1 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations:

1.1 Retirement

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Pauline Jennis	Pre-School Teacher	Laning	retirement	Jun. 30, 2018

SPECIAL EDUCATION

- #2 RESOLVED** that the Board request approval to waive the district from participation in the 2018 – 2019 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) due to the district's estimated low eligibility rate.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**