

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on January 7, 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. Bellino and Mr. Steven Spardel. Mr. Michael Unis was absent. Also present were: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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. Spardel

Seconded by: Mr. Bellino

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on January 7, 2013 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.

One member of the press and 50 citizens were present.

Mr. James Day and Mr. Michael Unis were sworn in as Board Members for a three year term.

Ms. Nardino called for a nomination for the position of Board President. Mr. Spardel nominated Mr. Quattrocchi. Ms. Nardino called for any other nominations. There were none. All Board Members were in favor.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Quattrocchi, Board President.

Mr. Quattrocchi called for a nomination for the position of Board Vice President. Mr. Spardel nominated Mr. Unis. Mr. Quattrocchi called for any other nominations. There were none. All Board Members were in favor.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations

- Gary Farishian – Fall Sports Wrap Up
- Nick Klose – VFEE Grants
- Charlie Miller and Glen Stevenson – Curriculum Instruction and Assessment Update

Committee Reports:

Community Resources

- District Fact Book is posted online

Education

- Discussed curriculum council meeting to discuss professional learning
- Special education students and staffing

Athletics and Co-curricular

- Cardiac screening
- Volunteers
- We are approving Gary Farishian to attend the NJ State Athletics Directors' convention where he will be speaking on the topic of "Recruiting, Retraining, and Retaining Coaches".
- Due to condensation on the "New Gym" floor we've needed to close down its use. The HVAC project in the upcoming referendum will solve this issue.

Finance

- Discussion on referendum
- Budget deadlines have not be released by the State.

Buildings and Grounds

- ESIP Program
- Committee recommends passing the resolution to notify the county clerk of a referendum vote on March 11, 2014.
- The security company has not conducted a comprehensive review, but has done some preliminary reviews of the schools.
- Rough referendum total will be \$16.5m, \$3.5m of ROD Grant money, so the taxpayer impact will be \$13m.
- Referendum includes major updates to the technology infrastructure. Security has four main parts. Upgrading vestibules, adding security cameras, adding proximity access points and replacing doors with better locking mechanisms.
- Security audit will tell us where to put the cameras.
- Board has not decided whether to repair/turf the upper football field or turf lower field. That decision will be made in the coming weeks.
- \$3.5m of ROD Grant money has been committed to us. Not all rod letters received.

Discussion- None

Superintendent's Report

1. Snow days- used 2 have 2 in bank
2. Extreme cold- VHS gym below 60 degrees will move closed
3. FNB- spirit day- very nice
4. Denville vs. Verona- daughter's team 7th graders
5. Eagles letter- I will meet with the president tomorrow
6. Security audit- continuing
7. Hour of code
8. 14/15 district calendar made with student success in mind

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-16**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Spardel

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting **December 10, 2013**

BOARD RENEWAL RESOLUTIONS

#2 RESOLVED that the Verona Board of Education approve the establishment of the following Board of Education Committees. Appointments to the Committees will be made by the Board President:

Buildings and Grounds-Joseph Bellino/Steven Spardel

Finance-Joseph Bellino/James Day

Education –John Quattrocchi/Steven Spardel

Community Resources-John Quattrocchi/Michael Unis

Athletics & Co-Curricular-James Day/Michael Unis

PERSONNEL

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve and ratify the 2012–2015 Contract Agreement with the Verona Education Association for the term July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

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

4.1 Substitute teachers, bus drivers, aides, custodian and maternity leave replacement positions:

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment	Notes
Langley, Ashley	District	Sub Bus Driver	\$20/hr.	Education	SY 13-14	Rescind
Langley, Ashley	District	Sub Bus aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 13-14	Approve
Scherr, Sarah	HBW	MLOA replacement	\$240/day	Education	on or before 1/27/14 -6/30/13	Replacing J. Miskinis
Scherr, Sarah	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	1/7/14-6/20/14	
Trama, Kyle	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14	
Salguero, Andrea	VHS	MLOA replacement	\$230/day	Education	1/27/14-6/30/14	Replacing C. Osborn
Palmer, Samantha	Spec. Svcs.	Teacher Aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 13-14	LSS Class
Pannullo, Lucio	District	Sub custodian	\$18/hr.	Education	SY 13-14	
Scott, Paige	Laning	Teacher Aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 13-14	

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment	Notes
Brucchieri, Marissa	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14	

4.2 Leave of Absence

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Estimated Return Date	W/WOP
XXX-XX-2942	LDT-C	Spec.Svcs.	Medical Leave extension	9/1/2014	Without Pay
XXX-XX-8640	Teacher	VHS	Medical Leave return	2/20/2014	Using sick days

4.3 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Banta, Pamela	VHS	Boys/Girls JV Tennis Coach	resignation	1/2/2014

4.4 Volunteers

Name	Location
Wallace Mooncai	FNB
Donna Krusznis	FNB
Sophia Merti	Laning
Joan Testa	FNB
Meghan Walsh	FOR
Suzanne Dillane	Laning
Suzanne Giarusso	FNB
Susan Sabo	FNB
Palma Quagliata	HBW
Shouzam Megalla	FOR
Diane Bartell	FOR
Jennifer Vogel	Laning
Jill Caporrino	Laning

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

- #5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Board of Education meeting dates from January 2014 – January 2015.
- #6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent’s HIB report from December 10, 2013.
- #7 RESOVLED** that the Board approve **Lauren Besante**, BCBA, to conduct up to four evening parent training programs during the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$60.00 per hour, not to exceed \$720.00 funded through IDEA.
- #8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Student Home Instruction:

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week	Beginning
32998	VHS	10	5 hrs./wk. for 8 wks.	1/2/2014
102697	VHS	10	5 hrs./wk. for 4-8 wks.	12/19/2013

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Attendance at Conferences:

Kimberly Ferlauto to attend the College Board Middle States
Regional Forum in Philadelphia, PA on January 22-23, 2014:

Registration	\$350.00
Hotel	\$200.00
Mileage	\$ 57.04
Meals	<u>\$ 66.00</u>
Total	\$673.04

Name	Event/Location	Date	Cost	Acct.
Milo-Mastrobuono, Domenica	Required Courses for Structured Learning Experience Supervision	1/16,30,31, 4/30, 5/14-16/14	\$705	IDEA
Givas, Vasi	Get Ready to Learn - Englewood, NJ	1/25-26/14	\$200	IDEA

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Student Observers:

Name	School	School/teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours	Assignment
Robert Kolesar	Cald. Coll.	VHS/Sepecie/Soc.Std.	1/4/14- 6/20/14	60 hrs.	Field Observer
Natalie Basilone	Cald. Coll.	BRK/Gordon/Grade 1	1/27/14- 5/1/14	5 hrs./week	Student Observer
Caleb Rumley	Wm. Pat.	HBW/Halpern/Michalowski	1/14/14- 5/1/14		Student Observer
Alison Perna	Quinnipiac	FNB/BRK/Nurse	1/10/14- 1/20/14	1 day	Student Observer

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Statistical Report for November 2013.
(see attached)

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following coaches:

Name	Location	Position	Step	Stipend
Iannucci, Jackie	VHS	Volunteer/Winter Track Coach		N/A
Sluberski, Jason	VHS	Volunteer/Baseball Coach		N/A

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve notifying the county clerk, township clerk and county superintendent of elections, to prepare for a special school district election, for the Board of Education of the Township of Verona, to be held on March 11, 2014.

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve authorizing competitive contracting for the energy savings improvement program for Verona Public Schools

WHEREAS Verona Public Schools is desirous of being in compliance with the requirements of PL 2012 Chapter 55 "Energy Savings Improvement Program" (ESIP); and the Board may utilize Competitive Contracting (C.40A:11-4.1 et seq.) in lieu of public bidding for the selection of a DPMC qualified Energy Services Company (ESCO) and

WHEREAS it is the requirement of Competitive Contracting (C.40A:11-4.1 et seq.) that a committee be formed in order to receive, evaluate and recommend a qualified energy savings company (ESCO) to implement the ESIP and now:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Facilities, Paul McDevitt, be authorized to establish a Request For Proposal (RFP) and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of the RFP by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU), (C.40A:11-4.1 et seq.) the Board hereby authorizes the Director of Facilities to establish such a selection committee for the purposes stated herein and is also authorized to publically advertise for the selection of a qualified ESCO via the Competitive Contracting process.

FINANCE

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed check lists for the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$ 32,660.10	Cafeteria checks	January 2, 2014

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve amendment #2 to correct amendment #1 for the FY14 NCLB grant. The amendment corrects the account number for the Non-Public carryover funds from the FY13 grant in the amount of \$1,402.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

#17 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

The Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**