

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on January 9, 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 one citizen was present. Two members of the press were present.

Reporting of Election Results

- On November 7th the School Board election was held to fill one seat of a three year term
- 3,409 votes were cast which was a 31% turnout
- Total votes cast were:
 - 1,710 for Mrs. Lisa Freschi
 - 1,699 for Mr. Connor McCann
 - There were 5 write-in votes

Swearing in of Board Members

Ms. Nardino called for a nomination for the position of Board President. Mrs. Bernardino 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. Elliott nominated Mrs. Freschi. Mr. Quattrocchi called for any other nominations. All Board Members were in favor.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations-

- Mr. Charles Miller, Mr. Glen Stevenson, Dr. Sumit Bangia, Office of Curriculum Instruction, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Update

Superintendent's Report

- Strategic Plan Steering Committee update
- Education-Action Committee Update
 - George Scott, Mental Health & Suicide Prevention presentation
 - Conflict resolution training
 - District counseling support
 - PBSIS District Committee
 - #WeAreVerona
- Verona Athletics winter update

Committees

Education/Special Education

- Review tonight's presentation
- Mentoring
- Changed vendors for hiring aides
- Preschool press release for regular ed tuition
- Staff training
- Partnering with Cedar Grove for a high school special education program
- Home instruction

Athletics

- Winter sports
- Possible frosh girls soccer and field hockey team discussion
- Professional development, field trips and personnel

Community Resources- Did not meet

Buildings and Grounds- 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 #1-11**

Moved by: Mrs. Bernardino Seconded by: Mrs. Freschi

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meetings December 12, 2017

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 - James Day/Glenn Elliott
 Finance - John Quattrocchi/Glenn Elliott
 Education – John Quattrocchi/Lisa Freschi
 Community Resources –Michele Bernardino/James Day
 Athletics & Co-Curricular – Lisa Freschi/Michele Bernardino

PERSONNEL

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

3.1 New Hires

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee
Brian McGowan	VHS	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Special Education
Islande Charles	District	Sub Bus Driver	\$21.00/hr.	Athletics
Amali Dedi	Brookdale	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Special Education

3.2 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Mitchell Roshong	VHS	Business Education Teacher	Resignation	Feb. 13, 2018

3.3 Stipend

Name	School	Stipend	Title	Position	Department
Charles Miller	Board Office	\$3,500	Strategic Plan Internal Coordinator	Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment	Education

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following staff to attend Techspo 2018 in Atlantic City, NJ:

Jeffrey Monacelli - January 25-26, 2018

Registration \$425.00
 Hotel 1 night \$118.56

Mileage 250 miles x .31	\$ 76.88
Meals	<u>\$ 28.00</u>
Total	\$648.44

Joseph Higgins - January 25, 2018

Registration	\$275.00
Mileage 250 miles x .31	<u>\$ 76.88</u>
Total	\$351.88

EDUCATION

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

HIB Case	HIB Case
HBW OH 66663	VHS 65925
VHS 66318	VHS 66660
VHS 66127	VHS 11-20-17

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2nd reading of the following policy/regulation:

R5519 Dating Violence at School

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached proposal for Leadership Solutions.

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

8.1 Student Observer

Name	School	School/Teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours/ days	Assignment
Paul Scully	Bloomsburg Univ.	BRK/Cirigliano/ Grade 1	Jan. 10-22, 2018	40 hours	Student Observer

8.2 Tuition Student

Student ID No.	School	Grade
#192602	VHS	11

SPECIAL EDUCATION

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve to contract with Friends of Cyrus to provide instruction in the Family Living portion of the Health curriculum for Grade 8 LSS students at H.B. Whitehorne Middle School for two hours per month at the rate of \$90 per hour for a total not to exceed \$1,260 for the remainder of the 2017 – 2018 school year.

ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve to reimburse **Jason Calo**, Athletic Trainer to attend the following conference for his athletic training certification/license (continuing education units):
 January 5 and January 8, 2018

Registration	\$ 290.00
Hotel	\$ 545.93
Mileage 232 mi. x .31	\$ 70.68
Meals	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Total	\$1,156.61

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$3,664.27	Vendor Check	December 12, 2017
\$3,360,885.28	Vendor Checks	January 5, 2018

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino
 Board Secretary