

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on October 10, 2017 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 Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

There were approximately 25 citizens present. One member of the press was present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations-

- Tom Lancaster, Assistant Principal - VHS - Student of the Month and Student and Staff Kindness Awards
- Dr. Dionisio, Superintendent - Board Goals & Annual Update

Superintendent's Report

- HIB-Second Reading
 - VHS #54005-founded for some
 - VHS #54130-unfounded-inconclusive
- Verona Board of Education and Verona Township Council Joint Meeting scheduled for 10/30/17

Committees

Education/Special Education

- Inquiry based math
- PSAT testing October 11.
- October 19th will be a kindness assembly at HBW
- Professional staff development conferences attended by staff

Athletics/Co-Curricular

- Team updates
- Swim team contract approval tonight
- Field trips
- Winter coaches approval tonight
- Verona Band Festival October 14th

Buildings and Grounds

- Paving around field complete
- Air handling unit repaired at VHS
- Field landscaping to be completed this month

Community Resources

- Brookdale 90th Celebration was attended by staff, administrators and board members

Discussion Items

- Thank you to staff and teachers for all the back to school nights
- Board will continue to have two board meetings a month. First meeting of the month will be the work session meeting and the second meeting of the month will be the business meeting.
- NJ School Board Members training Mrs. Freschi attended.

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: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Day

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting September 26, 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.

2.1 Substitutes

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Thalia Morsillo	District	Sub teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Kerrin Goosman	District	Sub teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Lisa Petruzzelli	District	Sub teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18

Joseph Napoli	District	Sub teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Elizabeth Daniel	District	Sub teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Michelle Cerle	District	Sub secretary	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Shouzam Megalla	District	Sub secretary	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18

2.2 Leave of Absence

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about
Amy Quinn	Physical Therapist	Laning	Maternity Leave of Absence	Jan. 15, 2018	Sept. 1, 2018

2.3 Paraprofessionals

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about	Notes
Erin McDonald	FOR	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18	
Raquel DeSantis	Forest	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 17-18	
Courtney Lamkey	Laning	Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 17-18	rescind

Courtney Lamkey	Laning	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18	approve
Jazmine Bridges	District	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18	
Cindy Mullen	District	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18	
Yolonda Ismael	HBW	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18	

#3 RESOLVED that the Board appoint **Dr. Rui Dionisio** as Superintendent of Schools, for the Verona Public School District for a term retroactive to July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022 as per attached contract at a salary of \$174,689. Contract salary was previously approved at \$157,500.

#4 RESOLVED that the Board rescind the previously approved contract for **Frank Mauriello** as Director of Special Services for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 at a salary of \$124,848.

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve a revised contract for **Frank Mauriello** as Director of Special Services retroactive to July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 at a salary of \$137,000.

EDUCATION

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

HIB Case
VHS 54005
VHS 54130

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve reimbursement to the following staff for the cost of registration:

7.1 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Diane Conboy	Laning	Autism Conference with A.S.H.A./ Atlantic City, NJ	Oct. 19-20, 2017	Registration \$175.00
Terry Shapiro	VHS	Mindful Based Stressed/Reduction, Parsippany, NJ	Nov. 6-7, 2017	Registration \$250.00
Frank Mauriello	Spec. Svcs.	2017 FEA/NJPSA/ NJASCD Fall Conference	Oct. 19, 2017	Registration \$155.00
Kimberly Ferlauto	VHS	Strengthening Families Program	Oct. 26-27, 2017	Registration \$250.00

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached agreement between the Verona Board of Education and the Verona High School Swim Team Parents for the 2017-2018 school year.

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached agreement between the Verona Board of Education and the Verona High School Hockey Parent's Association for the 2017-2018 school year.

FINANCE

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed checklist(s) in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$2,648,199.26	Vendor Checks	October 6, 2017

ADDENDUM RESOLUTION
PERSONNEL

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

1.1 Paraprofessional

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Heather Charowsky	Brookdale	Kindergarten Classroom Aide	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Joint meeting between Town Council and Board of Education will be October 30. The meeting will be an open dialog meeting and will include a presentation by the Board of Education. The meeting will be held in the VHS Learning Commons at 7pm.

The meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary