

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on October 11, 2016 in the Verona High School Media Center at 6:59 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. Michael Unis. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Three citizens were present. The press was not present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-

Presentations- Standardized Test Results- Mr. Charlie Miller - Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Superintendent's Report

- Tennis-#1 seed in N1G1 NJSIAA Tournament. 2 of our singles players were seeded in individual state NJSIAA tournament. Volleyball is 13-1 primed for a deep run in the state tournament.
- Upper Field Usage-day and night games, physical education classes, band practice, Festival of Bands competition on 10/15/16
- Lower field making progress
- SCA Walkathon-raised \$3,000 to be donated for fitness center renovation
- Thomas J. Sellitto Field Dedication on Friday, October 14th
- Verona SEPAC CHILD and Special Services presentation-47 parents attended
- Board Policy Updates in progress as Board goal
- Science Program Grades 1-8 Update
- PSAT 9-11 on 10/19, use of AP Potential for recommendations and scheduling students
- District Website Expanded
- B&G-Referendum Update
- Congratulations to Janet Landara, Administrative Assistant, has been employed and served Verona Public Schools for 24 years is retiring effective this Spring. We accept her retirement with regret and wish her continued prosperity in the future.

Committee Reports

Education/Special Education

- Board policy review, curriculum, SGO's, observations, professional development
- ESL and preschool enrollment, litigation

Athletics/Co-curricular

- Field update, fall season update, coaching positions, brick paver fundraiser
- Fundraiser on September 24 for Zoey Penny at Citifield
- Will be honoring athletes of the week in the district
- Band trip to Disney this year in March

Buildings and Grounds

- Referendum update

Community Resources

- District fact book, Verona Magazine, district website, joint meeting with township 10-24-16

Discussion

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-17**

Moved by: Mrs. Freschi

Seconded by: Mr. Day

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting September 27, 2016

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2016-2017 school year per attached.

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

3.1 Retirement with regret

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Janet Landara	Administrative Assistant	VHS	Retirement	4/1/2017

3.2 Mentor

Novice Teacher	Location	Mentor	Stipend	Notes
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Anthony Chierici	HBW	Nadia Domenick	\$257.00	Rescind
Anthony Chierici	HBW	Nadia Domenick	Fee waived	Approve

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve Superintendent's Merit Goals for **Rui Dionisio** (2 qualitative and 3 quantitative goals) for the 2016-2017 school year.

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

5.1 Professional Development

Presenter	Date	Hours	Stipend
Barbara Wertz	9/25/2016	\$60.00 per hour * 3.5 hours	\$210.00

5.2 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Amy Quinn	Laning	"Seeing the Whole Picture" Visual Rehab for Pediatrics	10/13/2016	\$199.99
Andria Rosenberg	Laning	"Seeing the Whole Picture" Visual Rehab for Pediatrics	10/13/2016	\$199.99
Marie Meyer	VHS	Writing for the New SAT & ACT Workshop/Columbia University	9/7/2016	\$165.00

5.3 Student Teacher

Name	School	School/Teacher/Grade	Duration	Assignment
Emily Carlson	Ramapo Coll.	Laning/DePoe/Grade 1	1/17-5/5/17	Student Teacher

- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the second reading of the following policies:

3283 Electronic Communications Between Teaching Staff Members and Students (M)

4283 Electronic Communications Between Support Staff Members and Students (M)

2468 Independent Educational Evaluation

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve to revise the Substitute Secretary salary to \$85 per diem.

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations:

Comprehensive Equity Plan Updates

- P1140-Affirmative Action Program
- P1523-Comprehensive Equity Plan
- P&R1530 Equal Employment Opportunities
- P1550-Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices
- P&R2200-Curriculum Content
- P2260-Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices
- P&R2411-Guidance Counseling
- P&R2423-Bilingual and ESL Education
- P2610-Educational Program Evaluation
- P2622-Student Assessment
- P5750-Equal Educational Opportunity
- P5755-Equity in Educational Programs and Services

Other Board Policies

- P3111-Creating Positions(R)
- P3125-Employment of Teaching Staff Members (M)
- P3125.2-Employment of Substitute Teachers (R)
- P&R3126-District Mentoring Program (R)
- P&R3144-Certification of Tenure Charges (R)
- P3159-Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities (R)
- P&R3240-Professional Development for Teachers & School Leaders (M)
- P&R3244-In-Service Training (Abolished)
- P3231 - Outside Employment as Athletic Coach
- P1310 - Employment of SBA/BOE Secretary
- P2414 - Program & Services for Students for Students in High Poverty and in High Need School District
- P3124 Employment Contract

ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

9.1 Clubs

Name/Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
Janan Wehbeh	Exploring Middle	VHS	Volunteer	SY 16-17

	East			
Eugenie Mordkovich	Yoga	VHS	Volunteer	SY 16-17
Rich Wertz	AppDev	VHS	Volunteer	SY 16-17
Patricia Hemsley-Cartotto/ Alyssa Roshong	Something Sweet	VHS	Volunteer	SY 16-17
Michelle DellaFortuna	National Honor Society	VHS	\$695	SY 16-17

9.2 Coaches

Name	Location	Position	Step/Stipend	Term of Employment
Michelle DellaFortuna	VHS	Fall JV Cheerleading Coach	Step 2/\$2,503	SY 16-17

Public Comment

Question on Superintendent's goals

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
 Board Secretary**