

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on October 21, 2014 in the Verona High School Media Center 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. Michael Unis, Vice President, Mr. Joseph Bellino, Mr. James Day and Mr. Steven Spardel. Also present were: Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Approximately eleven citizens and two members of press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- Question on mentoring resolution

Superintendent's Report

- HIB coaches training through Hazing specialist and Michael Gross, Esq.
- NJQSAC update
- Chromebooks
- Schoolhouse visits

Presentation

Charlie Miller, Sumit Bangia, Glen Stevenson and Gina Venezia presented the Curriculum Instruction and Assessment Update.

Committee Reports

Finance

- Refunding of 2006 Bond issue
- Source for Teachers proposal to address Obama Care
- Aides salaries
- Advertising revenues

ADHOC Referendum

- Meeting was held today between the district and the township to discuss the field project

Discussion Items-None

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-26 and Addendum #1-3**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino Seconded by: Mr. Day

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting October 7, 2014

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2014-2015 school year:

2.1 Substitute Secretary, Lunch Aide, Nurse

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment
DeSomma, Barbara	District	Sub secretary	\$9.75/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
DeSomma, Barbara	Laning	Sub teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
Love, Logan	District	Sub lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
Carley, Janet	HBW	Sub nurse	\$105/day	Education	10/22,23,24/14
Fernandez, Dana	Special Services	Sub teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
Foster, Jennifer	Special Services	Teacher's aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
Servidio, Susan	Special Services	Sub teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 14-15

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following effective November 1, 2014:

3.1 Movement on Guide

NAME	CURRENT LEVEL/STEP	SALARY	NEW LEVEL/STEP	SALARY
Hill, Robert	BA+30/Step 6		MA/Step 6	\$57,541

		\$56,534		
Mutovic, Danielle	MA/Step 10	\$63,200	MA+30/Step 10	\$67,841
Tamburro, Christopher	MA+30/Step 6	\$61,926	MA+45/Step 6	\$63,050
Schram, Jessica	MA/Step 4	\$55,255	MA+30/Step 4	\$59,589
Scott, Nathan	MA/Step 12	\$68,727	MA+30/Step 12	\$73,478

3.2 Mentors

Novice Teacher	Location	Mentor	Stipend	Notes
Brucchieri, Marissa	Brookdale	Claire Duffy	Waived	Waived by mentor
Cali, Alex	VHS	Paula Ramos	\$550	Paid for by novice teacher
Chohan, Kirpa	HBW	Danielle Kelly	\$550	Paid for by novice teacher
Makar, Youstina	HBW	Valerie Useche	\$1,000	Paid for by novice teacher
Scherr, Sarah	HBW	Lindsay Lagan	\$183	Paid for by novice teacher
Scott, Nathan	VHS	Carl Cascone	\$550	Paid for by novice teacher
Waldron, Lindsay	HBW	Debbie Marsano	waived	Waived by mentor
Wiemken, Ryan	VHS	Erik Lynch	\$550	Paid for by novice teacher

3.3 Leave of Absence

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or before	Notes
Lagan, Lindsay	English Teacher	HBW	Maternity Leave	1/28/2015	9/1/2015	
Calvo, Jessica	Spanish Teacher	VHS	Personal	11/20/2014	11/26/2014	4.5 days With Pay with the cost of a substitute to be deducted
Till, Lauren	3rd Grade Teacher	Brookdale	Maternity Leave	10/27/2014	11/24/2014	request to use an additional 18 personal illness days

#4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Administrative Assistant for the Referendum Project job description.

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

#5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Statistical Report for the month of September 2014.

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Home Instructor:

Name
Makar, Youstina

#7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Comprehensive Equity Plan Annual Statement of Assurance for the 2014-2015 school year.

#8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following curriculum for the 2014-2015 school year:

□ Curriculum:		
Course	Subject/Grade Level	School
Social Studies 6	Social Studies 6	HBW
Global Perspectives	Social Studies 11-12	VHS
Broadcast Journalism	English, Language, Arts 11-12	VHS
Elementary Literacy Framework	English, Language, Arts 3, English, Language, Arts 4	Elementary
Law & Criminal Justice	Social Studies 11-12	VHS
Modern World History - College Prep/Honors	Social Studies 9	VHS

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

Name	Event/Location	Date	Cost	Acct.
Marla Burns	Wood Cock Johnson IV Training/Princeton, NJ	10/24/2014	\$195.00	IDEA
Catherine Rhodes	Wood Cock Johnson IV Training/Princeton, NJ	10/24/2014	\$165.00	IDEA
Karen Tully	Wood Cock Johnson IV Training/Princeton, NJ	10/24/2014	\$165.00	IDEA

Kara Crudele	Wood Cock Johnson IV Training/Princeton, NJ	10/24/2014	\$195.00	IDEA
Elizabeth Skinner	Wood Cock Johnson IV Training/Princeton, NJ	10/24/2014	\$200.00	IDEA

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following book adoptions for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Author	Course	Location	Grade
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Rebecca Skloot	Syracuse Univ. Project Advance Non-fiction	VHS	9th-12th
Eating Animals	Jonathan Safran Foer	Syracuse Univ. Project Advance Non-fiction	VHS	9th-12th
AP Version-Psychology: Themes & Variations	Wayne Weiten	Syracuse Univ. Project Advance - Human Behavior	VHS	11th-12th
Government in America: People Politics, and Policy	George C. Edwards, III, Robert L. Lineberry, & Martin P. Wattenberg	Social Studies	VHS	AP
In Short: A Collection of Brief Creative Non-fiction	Judith Kitchen & Mary Paumier Jones	English	VHS	9th-12th
Tell It Slant: Creating, Refining, & Publishing Creative Non-fiction	Brenda Miller & Suzanne Paola	English	VHS	9th-12th
In Fact: The Best of Creative Non-fiction	Lee Gutkind	English	VHS	9th-12th

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

Name	School	School/teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours	Assignment
Murphy, Clark	MSU	FNB/Savolskis/3rd grade	10/22-12/19/14	3 hrs.	Student Observer
Weidlich, Brooke	MSU	FNB/Pellegrino/3rd grade	10/22-12/21/14	3 hrs.	Student Observer

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2014-2015 Nursing Services Plan to the County.

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve the NJDOE QSAC Statement of Assurance for 2014-2015. (will be emailed)

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve the second reading of the revised policy:

5512 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following field trip:

Field Trip	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
VHS Marching Band	VHS	Virginia Beach, VA	5/14-5/17/15

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Jamie Wronski**, Varsity Cheerleading coach to receive an additional \$1,359 for assuming Junior Varsity cheering duties for the 2014-2015 fall season.

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Verona Hockey parents pay their share of hockey expenses of \$6,226.13 by November 15, 2014.

CURRICULUM

#18 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Professional Development for 4 hours per staff member at the hourly rate noted:

Staff Name	Course	Date	Rescind Total No. of Hours/ Days	Approve Total No. of Hours/Days	Stipend
Lijoi, Stefanie	Pearson Presentation - 6th grade	8/19/2014	3 hrs.	4 hrs.	\$161.24
Smith, Kate	Pearson Presentation - 6th grade	8/19/2014	3 hrs.	4 hrs.	\$175.76

Marsano, Debbie	Pearson Presentation - 6th grade	8/19/2014	3 hrs.	4 hrs.	\$251.40
Halbert, MaryAnne	Pearson Presentation - 6th grade	8/19/2014	3 hrs.	4 hrs.	\$272.32
Rusignuolo, Corrie	Pearson Presentation - 6th grade	8/19/2014	3 hrs.	4 hrs.	\$150.76

FINANCE

#19 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed check list in the following amount:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$38,275.89	Cafeteria Checks	Sept. & Oct. 2014
\$146,297.90	Vendor Checks	October 17, 2014
\$1,168,66.83	Vendor Checks	October 17, 2014

#20 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2014-2015 budget for:

September, 2014 in the amount of \$58,705

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

September, 2014

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of **September 30, 2014** 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.

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

September, 2014

- #23 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the purchase of natural gas supply services From Amerigreen Energy beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 at \$.7890 per therm.
- #24 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the submission of the “Bridging the Device Gap Grant”.
- #25 RESOLVED** that the Board authorize an Request for Proposal on the refunding of the Series 2006 School Bonds.
- #26 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Phoenix Advisors to analyze and provide a recommendation on the results of the bond refunding RFP at a cost of \$17,500.

ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS

PERSONNEL

- #27 RESOLVED** that the Board accept the resignation of Cynthia Costanza on or about December 31, 2014.
- #28 RESOLVED** that the Board approved the job description for Manager of Information Technology.

FINANCE

- #29 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached resolution to acquire and to finance equipment by means of a lease purchase financing in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. The equipment in question are devices for PARCC readiness.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**