

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on October 30, 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. A motion was made to convene to confidential session. All were in favor.

The board reconvened to the regular session at 7 pm.

The following members of the Board were present: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice President, Mrs. Michele Bernardino and Mr. Glenn Elliott were present. Mr. James Day was absent.

Also present were Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent, Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Mr. Michael Gross, Board Attorney.

Present on behalf of the Township of Verona was Mr. Kevin Ryan, Mayor, Mr. Michael Nochimson, Deputy Mayor, Councilmen Mr. Alex Roman, Mr. Ted Giblin and Mr. Jack McEvoy. Also present were Mr. Matthew Cavallo, Township Manager, Mrs. Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk and Mr. Brian Aloia, Township Attorney.

Approximately seventy five citizens were present. Two members of the press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Joint Committee Panel Discussion- Verona Board of Education and Verona Township Council

- Strategic Plan presented by Dr. Dionisio
- Discussion on Pilot money
- Driving, walking and bike safety around town
- Affordable Housing and the impact on school enrollment
- Discussion on property tax and school district comparative spending guide. Information provided by Mr. Quattrocchi. 2016 calendar year information collected from:
 - http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/resources/property_tax.html
 - <http://www.state.nj.us/education/guide/>

Public Comment on Joint Committee Meeting

- Thanks to all involved in the success of the VHS Band Festival
- Thanks to all involved in the success of the SCA Food Truck Festival

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-19**

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

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Mr. Quattrocchi abstained from resolution 16

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting October 10, 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/Paraprofessionals

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Lauren Marden	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Allison Hinton	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Jacquelyn Maltino	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Lesly deGroot	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Stewart Resnick	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Heather Charowsky	Brookdale	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18

Cindy Mullen	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Daria Selepouchin	District	Leave replacement teacher	\$275/per diem	Education	Jan. 2, - Jun. 19, 2018
Lisa Ng	VHS	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Jennifer Fico	Laning	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Cynthia Bustillos	Laning	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Jillian Pilny	Laning	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Jazmine Bridges	VHS	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Sopio Simonishvili	Brookdale	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Kimberley Petersen	HBW	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Cindy May	Laning	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18

2.2 Resignations

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Karen Salomon	VHS	Color Guard Instructor	resignation	Aug. 30, 2017
Melissa Lerner	Laning	Paraprofessional	resignation	Oct. 19, 2017

2.3 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or before
#83499384	Medical leave of absence	Nov. 3, 2017	Jan. 2, 2018
#50363852	Extension of medical leave of absence	Aug. 24, 2017	Oct. 30, 2017
#61739496	Medical leave of absence	Oct. 25, 2017	Nov. 6, 2017

2.4 Movement on the Guide

NAME	CURRENT LEVEL/STEP	SALARY	NEW LEVEL/STEP	SALARY
Claire Duffy	BA/Step 18	\$85,772	MA/Step 18	\$94,054
Dana Moon	BA+30/Step 6	\$58,677	MA/Step 6	\$59,684
Corrie Majestic	MA/Step 6	\$59,684	MA+30/Step 6	\$64,069
Yvonne Rodzen	BA/Step 8	\$55,856	MA/Step 8	\$61,242
Matthew Rosa	BA/Step 2	\$49,176	MA/Step 2	\$54,443
Peter Foster	BA+30/Step 14	\$76,669	MA/Step 14	\$78,235

2.5 Stipend

Name	School	Stipend	Position	Notes
Matthew Rosa	VHS	\$9,835	6th period class	rescind
Matthew Rosa	VHS	\$10,889	6th period class due to movement on guide	approve

2.6 Mentor

Novice Teacher	Location	Mentor	Stipend	Notes
Taylor Rehe	VHS	Erik Lynch	\$275.00	15 weeks

EDUCATION

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

HIB Case
HBW 54375
VHS 54009
VHS 54377
VHS 54081
VHS 54100
VHS 64597

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following curriculum for the 2017-2018 school year:

Curriculum	Subject/Grade Level	School
After Effects	Graphic Arts 9th - 12th	VHS

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached Academy Agreement between Laning Avenue SCA, Forest Avenue SCA and Flex Academies, LLC for the 2017-2018 school year.

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

6.1 Student Observers

Name	School	School/Teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours/ days	Assignment
Stephanie Rodetis	Cald. Univ.	FNB/Graziano/2nd Grade	Oct. 31 - Dec. 15, 2017	30 hrs.	Student Observer
Ed Ovadia	MSU	HBW/Marsano/6th Grade	Oct. 31 - Dec. 15, 2017	3 hrs.	Student Observer
Pedro Liriano	Cald. Univ.	HBW/Hamilton, Halpern, Michalowski	Oct. 31 - Dec. 21, 2017	40 hrs.	Student Observer
Christina Velez	FDU	BRK/Cirigliano/1st Grade/English/LA	Jan. 3 - 19, 2018	30 hrs. or 5 days	Student Observer
Eugene Kim	MSU	FNB/Force/4th Grade	Oct. 31 - Dec. 15, 2017	3 hrs.	Student Observer
Franchesia Espinal Guerrero	MSU	FNB/Collins/1st Grade	Oct. 31 - Nov. 30, 2017	3 hrs.	Student Observer

Jacquelyn Carsillo	FDU	FNB/Pellegrino/3rd Grade	Jan. 3 - Jan. 19, 2018	10 days	Student Observer
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6.2 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Andria Rosenberg	Laning	The Zones of Regulations Exploring Emotions for Foster Self-Regulation & Self Control/Iselin, NJ	Dec. 7, 2017	Registration \$265.00
Amy Quinn	Laning	The Zones of Regulations Exploring Emotions for Foster Self-Regulation & Self Control/Iselin, NJ	Dec. 7, 2017	Registration \$265.00
Catherine Rhodes	Forest/Laning	The Imperia/ Somerset, NJ	Oct. 20, 2017	Registration \$165.00
Karen Tully	FNB/ Brookdale	The Imperia/ Somerset, NJ	Oct. 20, 2017	Registration \$195.00
Corisa Walker	FNB/ Brookdale	NJ Assoc. of Librarians Conference	Nov. 16-17, 2017	Registration \$150.00 Mileage \$35.00 Meals \$118.00
Maria Mayo	VHS	NJ Assoc. of Librarians Conference	Nov. 16-17, 2017	Registration \$150.00 Mileage \$35.00 Meals \$118.00
Elissa Freda	FOR/LAN	NJ Assoc. of Librarians Conference	Nov. 16-17, 2017	Registration \$150.00 Mileage \$35.00 Meals \$118.00
Jennifer Kleinknecht	HBW	NJ Assoc. of Librarians Conference	Nov. 16-17, 2017	Registration \$150.00 Meals \$118.00

6.3 Movies

Name	Course	Location	Grade
Ma Vie En Rose	SUPA Gender class	VHS	11th-12th
Ghostbusters (1984)	History and the Hollywood Cinema/Social Studies	VHS	10th-12th
Ghostbusters (2016)	History and the Hollywood Cinema/Social Studies	VHS	10th-12th

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached District Statistical Report for the month of September 2017.

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached 2017-2018 QSAC Statement of Assurance.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve to have **Anne Marie Ruggiero** provide 40 hours of Orton-Gillingham tutoring for student #200205 between September 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 in accordance with the student's IEP at a rate of \$95 per hour. The cost will be approximately \$3,800.

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of Winter Coaches for the 2017-2018 school year.

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached 2017-2018 Nursing Services Plan to the County.

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached 2017-2018 Intermunicipal Services Agreement between The Borough of Caldwell and the Verona Board of Education for the use of their swimming pool facility to conduct swim team practices and to host swim meets.

#13 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

13.1 Field Trips

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
E. Mordkovich	VHS	French Club/Majestic Theatre/NYC	Nov. 2, 2017
C. Pietrucha/M. Albano/H. Kunkel	HBW	Pocono Valley Resort/PA	Jun. 6, 2018
D. Mutovic	VHS	AP Computer Science/Cambridge/Boston, MA	Dec. 8, 9, 10, 2017
E. Lynch	VHS	Band/Choir/Arlington, VA	Mar. 15, 16, 17, 2017

13.2 Stipends

Name	School	Stipend	Position	Notes
Karen Solomon	S VH	\$ 2,348	Color Guard Advisor	rescind
Karen Solomon	S VH	\$ 900	Color Guard Advisor	approve

13.3 Volunteer Coaches

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Term of Employment
Justin Bruso	VHS	Volunteer Boys Basketball	NA	SY 17-18

Frank Greco	VHS	Volunteer Wrestling	NA	SY 17-18
Rachel Horowitz	VHS	Volunteer Girls Basketball	NA	SY 17-18
James Falcone	VHS	Volunteer Wrestling	NA	SY 17-18
Albert Palazzo	VHS	Volunteer Boys and Girls Basketball	NA	SY 17-18

13.4 Co-Curricular

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment	Notes
Marisa Albano	100% Drama Production Play Director	HBW	\$3,039	SY 17-18	Rescind
Barbara Piercy	100% Choral Director	HBW	\$3,039	SY 17-18	Rescind
Marisa Albano	70% Drama Production Play Director	HBW	\$2,127	SY 17-18	Approve
Barbara Piercy	70% Choral Director	HBW	\$2,127	SY 17-18	Approve
Grace Minervo-Buneo	30% Play Director	HBW	\$912	SY 17-18	
Grace Minervo-Buneo	30% Choral Director	HBW	\$912	SY 17-18	

Brian Michalowski	Technical Director	HBW	\$1,300	SY 17-18	
Noel Piercy	Play Volunteer	HBW	NA	SY 17-18	

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following organization for use of school buildings for the 2017-2018 school year:

Organization/Group
Verona United Soccer

FINANCE

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$41,728.04	Cafeteria Checks	October 30, 2017
\$919,875.04	Vendor checks	October 27, 2017

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve to accept a donation of a calculator valued at approximately \$130.00 from Mr. & Mrs. John Quattrocchi.

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2017-2018 budget for:

September, 2017

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

September, 2017

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of September 30, 2017 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.

#19 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month(s):

September, 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT-

- Comments in support of Coach Lou Racioppe

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**