

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on October 30, 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.

Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice-President, Mrs. Michele Bernardino, Mr. James Day and Mr. Glenn Elliott were present. Also present were Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

1 citizen was present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Presentations

- Board Goals and Annual Board Update - Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent of Schools
- Presentation posted to website

Superintendent's Report

- Verona Marching Maroon and White who took first place in their AAA competitive division at the New Jersey school music Association championship show at Verona High School
- Volleyball-3 peat as County Champs, won the American Division in the conference, earned #1 seed in state tourney and are in the 2nd round tomorrow vs. Highland Park
- Football-finished year 6-2. Earned 2 seed in state playoffs. Host Dumont on Friday at 7.
- Girls Soccer-finished regular season with 7-6-2 record against a tough schedule. Won their first round state game this afternoon vs. Becton. Currently 5-0 with game today. Play in 2nd round on Friday against winner of Dover/Morris Tech. Location TBD.
- Boys Soccer-won a county tourney game before bowing out to Group 4 state power West Orange in penalty kicks in quarterfinals. Lost their state game yesterday.
- Boys XC-took 3rd at Greystone Invitational, all 8 runners medaled in class meet for Essex County. Finished top 10 in county at Essex County Championships
- Girls XC-won Greystone invitational, came in 2nd at SEC Championship meet
- Tennis-advanced to the state semifinals. Won their senior day match vs. Bloomfield
- HBW STEM Competition-Ms. Harth and HBW student team competed at NJSBA Convention in Atlantic City in the STEAM TANK challenge. They advanced from this past spring at the NJIT STEAM TANK competition.
 - The STEAM Tank Challenge, created and sponsored by NJSBA and the U.S. Army, encourages students in the areas of STEAM – science, technology, engineering, the arts and math.
 - Launched at Workshop 2016, the STEAM Tank Challenge has students compete against each other in a contest modeled after the “Shark Tank” television show.
 - Teams brainstorm and create innovative projects, and present their inventions before a judging panel of entrepreneurs, business and education leaders.
 - Doodle Glass-students design own eye glasses in maker space. No announced winner yet.
 - Congrats to Ms. Harth and her students. Tremendous job by all.
- VHS STEM-Our VHS team won first place against more than 20 high schools and collegiate competitors at Rowan University in Pumkin Chunkin competition launching pumpkins. Design

challenge trebuchet (catapult) The second VHS team also made the finals. Congratulations to Mr. Atkins and the STEM students.

- College Board Recognition
 - VHS is ranked #2 in New Jersey by College Board in participation in Advanced Placement exams in grades 9-12.
 - This is the second independent recognition in the past two months (NJ Monthly #24)
 - As student participation has increased, so have our student performance outcomes.
 - Our school district is among the top performing high schools in the entire nation.
 - The Verona Public Schools first focused on eliminating barriers to higher level coursework and increasing Advance Placement (AP) opportunities in 2009.

Committees

Finance

- Flood insurance claim
- SDA reimbursement and short term note
- Audit will be completed late November

Discussion Items-None

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-15**

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 Meeting October 9, 2018

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations for the 2018-2019 school year pending pre-employment paperwork:

2.1 New Hires

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Susan Robinson	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 18-19
Rosalie Melillo	FNB	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY18-19
Susan Robinson	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 18-19
Ryan Muirhead	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 18-19
Florence Caldera	FNB	Paraprofessional	\$14.60/hr.	Education	SY 18-19
Caroline Tobin	FNB	Paraprofessional	\$14.60/hr.	Education	SY 18-19
Isaiah Wood	LAN	Paraprofessional	\$14.60/hr.	Education	SY18-19
Yolanda Mathurin	FNB	Paraprofessional	\$14.60/hr.	Education	SY 18-19
Destini Taylor	LAN	Paraprofessional	\$14.60/hr.	Education	SY 18-19
Terry Frediani	District	Sub Secretary	\$90/per diem	Education	SY18-19
Yolanda Jones	Pomptonian/ FNB	Lunch Aide	\$12.00/hr.	Education	SY18-19
Daria Selepouchin	HBW	Leave Replacement	\$275/per diem	Education	Oct. 24 - Nov. 16, 2018
Rosemary Palmer	Forest	Lunch Aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 18-19

2.2 Movement on Guide

NAME	CURRENT LEVEL/STEP	SALARY	NEW LEVEL/STEP	SALARY
Priya Basak	MA/Step 10	\$65,005	BA+60/Step 10	\$69,646
Jessica Calvo-Varela	BA/Step 5	\$52,682	MA/Step 5	\$58,312
Danielle Kelly	MA/Step 11	\$66,519	MA+30/Step 11	\$70,852
Erik Lynch	BA+30/Step 18	\$92,532	MA/Step 18	\$94,654
Jahn Maka	MA/Step 11	\$66,519	MA+30/Step 11	\$70,852
Bethany McMin	BA/Step 5	\$52,682	BA+30/Step 5	\$57,285
Christine Sepcie	MA+30/Step 16	\$92,927	MA+45/Step 16	\$94,509

2.3 Reallocation of Days

Employee #	Dates	Explanation
#61390613	Oct. 22-26, 2018	Reallocate 5 Personal Illness days to 5 Paternity days

2.4 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or before
#83501072	Medical Leave of Absence	Oct. 16, 2018	Nov. 15, 2018
Yvonne Rodzen	Extension of Maternity Leave of Absence	Apr. 29, 2018	Jan. 7, 2019
#83499384	Medical Leave of Absence	Oct. 17, 2018	Nov. 2, 2018

EDUCATION

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

HIB Case
VHS153075
VHS153076
VHS153078

#4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the revised 2018-2019 Verona Public Schools District calendar. (attached)

#5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached District Statistical Report for the month of September 2018.

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

6.1 Attendance at Conferences

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
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Gilliam Betcher	Laning	Preschoolers & Autism/On-line course		\$199.99
Andria Rosenberg	Laning	Mental Health Issues in the Classroom/Edison, NJ	Dec. 7, 2018	\$199.99
Karen Tully	FNB/BRK	NJALC Fall Symposium/Somerset, NJ	Oct. 19,2018	\$195.00
Vasi Givas	LAN/FOR/HBW	CP of North Jersey/Livingston, NJ	Dec. 1-2, 2018	\$350.00
Dana Garcia	LAN/FOR/HBW	CP of North Jersey/Livingston, NJ	Dec. 1-2, 2018	\$350.00
Terrance Lennon	VHS	NGSS Training/Montclair State Univ.	Nov. 14, 2018	\$150.00
Linda Haftel	VHS	NGSS Training/Montclair State Univ.	Nov. 14,2018	\$150.00
Priya Baska	VHS	Ethical Issues in the Schools/Social Media/Parsippany, NJ	Oct. 8 and Nov. 9, 2018	\$200.00
Amy Quinn	District	Handling & Positioning Strategies to Support Motor, Posture and Cognitive Development/ Parsippany, NJ	Nov. 27, 2018	\$299.99
Grace Minervo-Buneo	Laning	Early Intervention for Autism/Parsippany, NJ	Nov. 7, 2018	\$229.00

6.2 Home Instructors

Name
Maggie Manning
Wendy Amsterdam

6.3 Student Observers

Name	School	School/Teacher/Grade	Duration	Assignment
Patience Rustomji	Cald. Univ.	FNB/BRK/Jasterzbski/Art	60 hrs./Oct. 31 - Dec. 20, 2018	Student Observer

Andrea Santamaria	Cald. Univ.	FNB/Moon/Resource	12 hrs.	Student Observer
Lucy Zheng	MSU	FNB/Chierici/3rd Grade	3 hrs./Oct. 30 - Dec. 15, 2018	Student Observer
Deanna Mendez	MSU	FNB/Graziano/2nd Grade	3 hrs./Oct. 31 - Dec. 15, 2018	Student Observer

6.4 Anti-Bullying Specialists

Name	School	Position
Dana Lustig	FOR/LAN	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Jennifer Gadaleta	VHS	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Jennifer Dasilva	VHS	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Nicholas Dillman	VHS	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Kristen Tarantola	VHS	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Harriette Warshaw	HBW	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Doris Peim	HBW	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Karen Tully	BRK/FNB	Anti-Bullying Specialist

SPECIAL EDUCATION

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve to increase the total for About Behavior, LLC/J. Michelle Smith, MA, ABA, BCBA to provide BCBA services on a part-time basis for the 2018 – 2019 school year from \$30,800 to \$43,400.

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year:

8.1 Student Home Instruction

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
#261366	HBW	5	10 hrs./8-10 wks.	Oct. 1, 2018

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of Winter Coaches for the 2018-2019 school year.

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following pending pre-employment paperwork:

10.1 Coaches

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment
Stephanie Colon	VHS	Volunteer Softball Coach	Volunteer	Spring 2018
Jessica O'Boyle	VHS	Volunteer Softball Coach	Volunteer	Spring 2018

10.2 Field Trips

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
Danielle Mutovic	VHS	Computer Science/Yale University, Connecticut	Dec. 5, 2018
Betty Hou	VHS	Mandarin Club/New York Chinese Scholar Gardens	Nov. 2, 2018

10.3 Clubs

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
Jennifer Errico	Peer Leaders	VHS	Funded by VMAC	SY 18-19

FINANCE

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2018-2019 budget for:

September, 2018

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

September, 2018

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.

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

September, 2018

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$35,863.87	Cafeteria checks	October 30, 2018
\$1,138,500.76	Vendor checks	October 26, 2018

ADDENDUM RESOLUTION
PERSONNEL

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

15.1 New Hire

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Salary	Term of Employment on or about
Beth Anne DeMarco	Long term substitute for Medical Leave Staff Member	Nov. 22, 2018	\$265 per day	2018-2019

PUBLIC COMMENT-

- Parent complaint regarding cheerleading team and coach

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl A. Nardino, Board Secretary**