

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on October 7, 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 and Mr. James Day. Mr. Steven Spardel was absent. Also present were: Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.**

**Approximately three citizens and two members of press were present.**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items-None**

**Superintendent's Report**

- Our recent HIB self-assessment reports or our school report cards on HIB were successfully submitted to the Department of Education on September 29th. As a result of these assessment results, we met or exceeded expectations in every category.
- Professional development on October 22 on an overview of conflict vs. bullying and a refresher (including amendments) of the Anti-Bullying Rights Act
- There is a first reading tonight by the Board of Education on a revision to the HIB policy to include hazing.
- One of our district goals is to focus on higher level question to prepare our students for high level of critical thinking beyond memorization of facts. The focus is on a review of our current questioning strategies and incorporating complexity to engage students in critical thinking more frequently.
- Thursday, October 9th - New Teacher Forum
- October 21st - BOE Presentation of New and Revised Curriculum, Data (NJASK, HSPA, AP) Analysis, and District Goals
- October 28th - Elementary Family Literacy Night @ FNB
- October 31st - Professional Development Day for staff
- District website, friday folder and coordinating a group of stakeholders on a committee to identify ways upon which we can improve layout of our website, usability and access to important information on our website, and efficiency in communicating with our community-mobile compatibility
- Speaker/Presentation Agenda for BOE meetings for the entire academic year currently in the process of coordinating student presentations from every one of our schools
- Technology committee will be reviewing and selecting of wireless devices that will support our instructional needs throughout the year.

**Committee Reports**

**Athletics/Co-curricular**

- JV girls soccer schedule was originally cancelled, but 5 games have been re-scheduled
- Track repairs are complete
- First reading tonight on HIB policy. It has been revised to address hazing.
- Speaker has been scheduled to present on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, regarding hazing and HIB
- Committee is looking at "student contract" document
- Band trip will be approved at a future meeting for May 14-17

**Building and Grounds**

- ESIP third party verification is taking place this week
- Multi-purpose field project plans were submitted to the planning board on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The planning board has 45 days to review.
- Updating 5 year plan for future summer projects
- Door bid specifications being finalized. Will go out to bid in early 2015.
- Estimating to getting 5-7 years out of the track resurfacing
- Lower field has been prepared for football and band festival
- Administrative assistant job description for the referendum is being approved tonight

**ADHOC Referendum**

- Room divider in music room addition is still being addressed. There is a concern regarding supervision.
- Technology committee is looking at Chrome Books for the wireless devices

**Education/Special Education**

- Curriculum and textbook review
- Dual enrollment courses
- Professional development

**Community Resources- None**

**Discussion Items**

- Mr. Quattrocchi and Mr. Unis will handle the VEA negotiations which will begin in November
- Discussion on resolution that Rockaway Board of Education passed regarding unfunded state mandates
- Mr. Bellino noted the passing of Gerald T. Caprio.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-10**

**Moved by: Mr. Unis**

**Seconded by: Mr. Bellino**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting    September 23, 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 teachers, Special Services aide and Substitute Custodian**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Term of Employment</b>
<b>Brill, Matthew</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>DeNicola, Loren</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Lubetkin, Elaine</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Mendez, Joyce</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Perantoni, Renier</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Lotrecchiano, Melissa</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Weidlich, Brooke</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Jones, Laurie</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Furey-King, Mary</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Della Ferra, Joseph</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Muscara, Ronald</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Bongiovanni, Catherine</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Giacomazza, Catherine</b>	Spec. Svcs.	Teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Collins, Douglas</b>	District	Sub custodian	\$18/hr.	Education	SY 14-15

**EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION**

#3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Kathleen Grant** to attend the HIB Prevention Training Program in Toms River, New Jersey on October 15, 2014:

Registration - \$150.00  
Mileage - \$ 43.40  
Total \$193.40

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

**4.1 Student Home Instruction**

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week	Beginning
102697	VHS	11	10 hrs./week	9/23/14 until further notice

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

#5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Capital Contribution and Use Agreement with Montclair Kimberley Academy.

**FINANCE**

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve modifying the 14-15 budget by the balance of the prior year maintenance reserve of \$76,580, and the 13-14 maintenance reserve of \$121,035.

**ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS**  
**PERSONNEL**

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

**1.1 New Staff**

Name	Location	Assignment	Salary	Degree/Step	Effective	Department	Replacing/ Notes
Janet Carley	HBW	School Nurse	\$73,478.00	BA/Step 15	on or about 10/22/14	Education	D. Aldiero

**EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the first reading of the revised policy:

5512 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following student home instruction:

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week	Beginning
81499	VHS	10	10 hrs./week	10/7/14 for approx. 3 weeks

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached job description Administrative Assistant for the referendum.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Question on field plan submission to planning board and the timeline going forward
- Question on band room addition and the construction of a stationary wall

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino  
 Board Secretary