

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on October 8, 2013 in the Board Office Conference Room 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. Glenn Elliott. Also present were: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Resolved that the Board meet in private session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss the topics of negotiations and personnel or potential litigation which private discussion is being held pursuant to Section 7b and 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act. The matters under discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as final decisions are made and voted upon.

Moved by: Mr. Unis

Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on October 8, 2013 in the Board Office Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

The Regular meeting reconvened to the regular session, in the Verona High School Media Center, at 8:00 p.m.

Ten citizens and two members of press were present.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items-** None

**Presentations-**None

**Committee Reports**

**Education**

- NJASK data
- HBW 8<sup>th</sup> grade and VHS graduation to be held at Caldwell College
- Marzano training is ongoing
- Personnel resolutions
- Special education staff
- Litigation
- QSAC
- After school enrichment nurses

**Athletics**

- Freshman basketball and golf positions open
- Field trips
- Mr. Farishian attending the state and national athletic director conferences
- Cardiac screening

- Yankee Youth Camp
- Baseball coach resignation

### **Buildings and Grounds**

- QSAC facilities checklist completed
- ROD Grant paperwork has been filed. 2,000 applications filed with the state.
- Mylan and EI will present the referendum project at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> board meeting
- VHS girls bathroom remodel is complete
- HBW track repair discussions are ongoing
- HBW bleacher repair scheduled end of October/first week of November

### **Finance**

- Mr. Forte's merit pay
- Breakage from retirements after budget
- Recommending hiring someone to prepare a referendum video
- Recommending paying architects to present at two meetings
- Cost of network repair and network backup
- QSAC

### **Superintendent's Report**

Team from Verona going to NJIT on October 28 to expand the relationship and explore adding STEM to HBW for 2014-15 school year

- Will go to all SCA meeting to explain the upcoming referendum
- Will attend Chamber of Commerce fundraiser this Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Money raised will be used to fund the college scholarship program. This year \$1,500 will go to a VHS senior. I funded an advertisement for tuition students in the program
- \$107,000 in new revenue for 2012-13 allowed us to put \$150,000 into a maintenance reserve- this comes to an 11.6% increase in our discretionary funds
- Verona Chamber of Commerce VTV show- taped yesterday to air this month on VTV and on the Chamber website
- Charlie Miller and Libby Skinner will present to the BOE on Nov 26- curriculum update
- October 22- presentation by EI and Mylan Associates on the planned referendum

### **Discussion- None**

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-5**

**Moved by: Mr. Elliott**

**Seconded by: Mr. Unis**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting **September 24, 2013**

**PERSONNEL**

**#2 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements:

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment
DeWitt, Robin	Laning	Lunch Aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 13-14
McGinley, Megan	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14

**2.1 New Staff**

Name	Location	Assignment	Salary	Degree/ Step	Term of employment	Department Committee	Replacing/ Notes
Quinn, Laura	FNB	2nd Grade Teacher	\$43,866 pro-rated-estimated amt. based on start date	MA Step 2	To begin on or before 10/18/13	Education	Additional class

**2.2 Resignation**

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Racioppe, Lou	VHS	Head Baseball Coach	resignation	10/8/13

**EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following home instruction:

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week	Beginning
90696	VHS	11	5 hrs./wk.- 2-4 weeks	9/26/2013
103100	HBW	6	10 hrs./wk.-3-6 weeks	9/30/2013
71697	VHS	9	10 hrs./wk. -6-8 weeks	10/2/2013
12704	LAN	4	5 hrs./wk. - 4-6 weeks	10/7/2013

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

**4.1 Attendance at Conferences**

Name	Event/Location	Date	Cost
<b>O'Neill, Maureen</b>	NJ Int'l. Dyslexia Assoc. Conf./ Somerset, NJ	10/18/2013	\$222.75
<b>Tully, Karen</b>	CEDS/ALC Annual Conference "Cultivating Positive Assessment Results, Weehawken, NJ	10/17-19/13	\$287.77
<b>Burns, Marla</b>	CEDS/ALC Annual Conference "Cultivating Positive Assessment Results, Weehawken, NJ	10/17-19/13	\$287.77
<b>Stier, Jennifer</b>	CEDS/ALC Annual Conference "Cultivating Positive Assessment Results, Weehawken, NJ	10/17-19/13	\$287.77
<b>Skinner, Libby</b>	CEDS/ALC Annual Conference "Cultivating Positive Assessment Results, Weehawken, NJ	10/17-19/13	\$287.77

**Gary Farishian** – The National Athletic Director Convention,  
Anaheim, CA on December 13 – 17, 2013.

Registration	\$245.00
Air fare	\$327.80 round trip
Transportation	\$171.62
Meals \$71 x 5	<u>\$355.00</u>
Total	\$1,099.42

**Glen Stevenson** – The 2013 NJ Science Teachers Conference,  
Princeton, NJ on October 15-16, 2013.

Registration	\$280.00
Hotel	\$167.00
Mileage	\$ 28.00
Meals \$61 x 2	<u>\$122.00</u>
Total	\$597.00

**Elise Edelstein** – Autism New Jersey Conference, Atlantic City  
Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ on October 17-  
18, 2013

Registration	\$300.00 – IDEA account
Hotel	\$129.00
Mileage	\$ 78.11
Meals \$56 x 2	<u>\$112.00</u>
Total	\$619.11

**4.2 After School Enrichment**

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment	Notes
<b>Gesario, Tamara</b>	Forest	Enrichment Cluster Facilitator	\$500	Fall 2013/Spring 2014	8 - 1 hr. sessions
<b>Jasterbski, Joni</b>	F N Brown	Enrichment Cluster Facilitator	\$500	Fall 2013/Spring 2014	8 - 1 hr. sessions
<b>Johnston, Samme</b>	Forest	Enrichment Cluster Facilitator	\$500	Fall 2013/Spring 2014	8 - 1 hr. sessions
<b>Orsini, Catherine</b>	F N Brown	Enrichment Cluster Facilitator	\$500	Fall 2013/Spring 2013	8 – 1 hr. sessions
<b>Ribaudo, Daniel</b>	Forest	Enrichment Cluster Facilitator	\$500	Fall 2013/Spring 2014	8 - 1 hr. sessions

<b>Samples, Brian</b>	F N Brown	Enrichment Cluster Facilitator	\$500	Fall 2013/Spring 2014	8 - 1 hr. sessions
<b>Waibel, Lou</b>	F N Brown	Enrichment Cluster Facilitator	\$500	Fall 2013/Spring 2014	8- 1 hr. sessions
<b>Wallace, Marcie</b>	Forest	Enrichment Cluster Facilitator	\$500	Fall 2013/Spring 2014	8 - 1 hr. sessions
<b>Brancato, Angela</b>	Forest/FN Brown	Nurse Enrichment coverage	\$38/hr.	Fall 2013/Spring 2014	not to exceed \$304
<b>Palmer, Norma</b>	Forest/FN Brown	Nurse Enrichment coverage	\$38/hr.	Fall 2013/Spring 2014	not to exceed \$304

**#5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following student observers:

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>School/teacher/Grade</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
<b>Manley, Marissa</b>	E. Stroudsburg	HBW/Moy/Gr. 5	10/9-11/29/13	4 hrs.	Observer
<b>Connolly-Schoner, Linda</b>	Caldwell College	FNB/Perri/Kdg.	10/9-12/15/13	20 hrs.	Observer
<b>Oriondo, Jen</b>	Caldwell College	BRK/Till/Gr. 4	10/9-12/15/13	12 hrs.	Observer

**PUBLIC COMMENT- None**

**The Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary**