

PUBLIC MEETING

October 8, 2019

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on October 8, 2019 in the Verona High School Media Center at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lisa Freschi. 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: Mrs. Lisa Freschi, President, Mr. Glenn Elliott, Vice-President, Mr. James Day, Mr. Timothy Alworth and Mrs. Pamela Priscoe. Also present were Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

There were no members of the public present. There was one member of the press present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Presentations - None

Superintendent Report

- Referendum Update
- HIB Annual State Reporting
- Coach Batty Gatorade coach of the week

Committee Reports

Education/Special Education

- C.H.I.L.D. meeting October 15, 2019
- Professional Development
- ESS numbers down
- Mediation cases – 1 settlement
- BOE policy – Passive Alcohol Sensor Device
- PSAT – October 16, 2019
- QSAC ongoing

Athletics/Co-Curricular

- Cheerleaders – Breast Cancer competition in Bloomfield
- District cheerleaders - Minettes Angels fundraiser – October 24, 2019
- Girls Tennis advanced to semi-finals
- Congratulations to Coach Batty
- 5th Downers Tricky Tray
- Boys Soccer advanced o first round
- Swim Team – Caldwell University rental rates up

Community Resources

- Referendum presentations ongoing
- VHS Pep Rally – cut short due to stink bombs – rally was terminated because of behavior and safety
- Food Truck Festival at Verona Community Center – Sunday October 13, 2019
- Candidates Forum October 15, 2019

Building and Grounds

- Laning Avenue ceilings completed at an approximate cost of \$54,000 – roofs are part of the referendum
- Referendum press release going well
- VHS – Snack Bar
- Shrubs replaced at Forest Avenue
- Exhaust fan removed by Terry's lot
- Custodial/Maintenance went to Verona Police Dept. to strip and wax floors in break room part of our relationship with them

Discussion Items- None

RESOLUTIONS

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

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

Moved by: **Mr. Elliot** **Seconded by: Mr. Day Ayes: 5**

Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting September 24, 2019

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations for the 2019-2020 school year pending pre-employment paperwork:

2.1 New Hires

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Anthony Petrigliano	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 19-20
Nino Thaddeus Acosta	District	Substitute Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 19-20
Nino Thaddeus Acosta	FNB	Paraprofessional	\$14.95/per diem	Education	Oct. 10, 2019 - Jun. 19, 2020
Donna Giuliano	District	Sub Secretary	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 19-20
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Lorraine Valdiviva	District	Sub Secretary	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 19-20
Laura DeStefano	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 19-20
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2.2 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about
#102972	Maternity	Jan. 27, 2020	Jan. 2, 2021

2.3 Staff Changes

Name	Current Location/ Position	New Location/Position	Salary	Effective Date on or about
Paula Pineda	FNB/Paraprofessional	VHS/Paraprofessional	\$18.35/hr.	Sept. 23, 2019 - Jun. 19, 2020
Louella Selby	VHS/Paraprofessional	FNB/Paraprofessional	\$14.95/hr.	Sept. 23, 2019 - Jun. 19, 2020

2.4 Without Pay

Name	Date/s	Number of Days	Reason
#103161	Sept. 23,24,25,27 2019	4	Unpaid Personal
#105274	Sept. 27, 2019	1	Unpaid Personal
#102861	Sept. 27, 2019	1/2	Half Unpaid Personal
#105294	Sept. 27, 2019	1	Unpaid Personal
#105078	Sept. 27, 2019	1	Unpaid Personal
#105233	Sept. 27, 2019	1	Unpaid Personal
#105262	Sept. 27, 2019	1	Unpaid Personal
#105346	Sept. 27, 2019	1/2	Half Unpaid Personal
#100768	Sept. 27, 2019	1	Unpaid Personal
#105082	Sept. 27, 2019	1	Unpaid Personal
#105343	Oct. 3, 2019	1	Unpaid Personal
#105282	Oct. 21 - Nov. 14, 2019	10	Unpaid Personal

2.5 Extra Pay

Name	Dates	Pay rate	Total	Reason
Corisa Walker	Aug. 26, 27, 28, 2019	\$368.45 per diem	\$1,105.35	Re-shelving FNB Library

2.6 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective on or About
Ana Zambrano	HBW	40% Spanish	resignation	Nov. 30, 2019
Christina Gess	HBW	Registered Behavior Technician	resignation	Oct. 28, 2019
Louella Selby	FNB	Paraprofessional	resignation	Oct. 8, 2019
Grace Boyle	LAN	Paraprofessional	resignation	Oct. 18, 2019

EDUCATION

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

HIB Case	HIB Case
VHS 202684	VHS 202862
VHS 202690	VHS 202982
VHS 202691	VHS 203012
HBW-CH 202722	

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

4.1 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Kim Asmar	HBW	Treating Traumatic Stress in Kids/Parsippany, NJ	Oct. 23, 2019	\$219.00

4.2 Professional Development

Presenter	School	Date	Hrs./Stipend	Total
Megan Shaw	HBW	Sept. 27, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Abigail Whelan	HBW	Sept.27, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00

4.3 Student Observer

Name	School	School/Teacher/ Grade	Duration	Assignment
Louella Selby	Cald. Univ.	FNB/Waibel/4th Grade	60 hrs./Oct. 10 - Dec. 15, 2019	Student Observer
Paul Hirsch	Cald. Univ.	FNB/Lanzo/Principal	50 hrs./Oct. 10- Dec. 9, 2019	Admin. Internship

- #5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year:

ELA Grade 2	Instrumental Music 4-12
Environmental Science CP	AP US History
AP Environmental Science	Medical Biology B
Conflict Resolution Elementary K-4	
Math 6 On, Math 7 Above, AP Computer Science A	

- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the first reading of the following policy:
P5535 - Passive Breath Alcohol Sensor Device

SPECIAL EDUCATION

- #7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

7.1 Summer Hours

Name	Rate	Hours	Total	Notes
Gillian Betcher	\$39.68	5 hrs.	\$198.00	Attendance at IEP Meetings

7.2 Home Instructor

Name
Ana Zambrano

7.3 Student Home Instructor

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
#292830	FOR	3	10 hrs.wk./4-6 wks.	Sept.16, 2019

- #8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve to accept settlement agreement OAL
Docket No.: EDS-11900-2019N, Agency Ref. No.: 2020-30446
dated October 4, 2019 regarding a special education matter for
Student #281239.

ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR

- #9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

9.1 Clubs

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment	Notes
Casey Harris	Medical Research	VHS	\$753.00	SY 19-20	
Michelle Mustardo	Drawing	HBW	\$1,576.00	SY 19-20	
Heather Kunkel	Student Council	HBW	\$3,237.00	SY 19-20	RESCIND
Carolyn Pietrucha	Co-Student Council	HBW	\$1,618.50	SY 19-20	
Marisa Albano	Co-Student Council	HBW	\$1,618.50	SY 19-20	

9.2 Coach

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment
Kevin Batty	VHS	Summer Weight Room	\$1,456	SY 19-20

FINANCE

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$216,412.07	Vendor Checks	Oct. 3, 2019

Public Comment - None

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



**Dr. Rui Dionisio
Superintendent**