

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on November 11, 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 eleven citizens and two members of press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Superintendent's Report

- Technology Referendum is ahead of scheduling by 3 days on VHS cabling nearly complete, HBW almost complete.
- Hazing presentation to coaches by Andy Yeager and attended by our attorney Michael Gross.
- CHILD-Children Having Individual Learning Differences is running successful parent support groups for dyslexia, autism, and ADHD. Anyone interested in finding out more information on these support groups may contact CHILD by visiting the Verona website under the community section for more information or contact one of our parents Norma Francullo directly.
- Jean Sapienza Special Education Teacher at Forest Avenue Elementary School awarded the Teacher of the Year Award by The Free Masons.
- Traffic Safety Concerns were discussed Township Manager Joseph Martin and he will be working with Chief Huber to examine the traffic safety on Fairview Avenue in light of several accidents that have occurred in and around VHS.
- Literacy Night for Elementary Parents held on October 28th, district elementary parents attended FNB to learn more about our reading and writing programs. There were multiple breakout sessions The Common Core Standards and PARCC Testing, Tips for Parents to Support Reading at Home, Reading Intervention, Just Right Books, Guided Reading and Book Clubs.
- Congratulations to Barbara Kistner, teacher at HBW for her dedication to our students. We wish her the very best in her retirement after 34 years of service to the Verona Schools.

Committee Reports

Athletics/Co-curricular

- There was a speaker who presented the topic of hazing to all of our coaches. It was filmed for future use.
- Discussed student athlete code of conduct
- Discussed the lacrosse and hockey budgets
- Discussed the pending approval of two volunteer coaches
- Verona was complimented for their student athletes good sportsmanship

Building and Grounds

- Honeywell presented an update on the ESIP program to the committee. They will present to the public at the December 9th meeting.
- Project design, engineering and construction document preparation are in process. All referendum projects will be bid in the first quarter of 2015.
- The technology project is in process. The project began the week of November 3.

ADHOC Referendum

Education/Special Education

- Special services agenda included esl, parent workshops, personnel matters, preschool lottery, professional development, litigation update, dyslexia legislation, IEP progress reports
- Curriculum and instructional items discussed were the transitioning graduation requirements, professional development, co-curricular clubs, retirements and staff teaching a 6th class

Community Resources- None

Discussion Items

- Mr. Unis and Mr. Dionisio attended the School Boards Convention two weeks ago. Mr. Unis reported on the seminars he attended.
- Superintendent goals

Reporting of Election Results

- On November 4th the School Board election was for one seat with a three year term
- 3,065 votes were cast
- Votes cast for one board seat with a term of three years are as follows:
 - Dominic Ferry received 799 votes
 - Joanna Breitenbach received 588 votes
 - Michael Perry received 340 votes
 - Lisa Freschi received 924 votes
 - Judith DiNapoli received 406 votes
 - There were 8 write-in votes
- The top vote getter was Lisa Freschi. Mrs. Freschi will be sworn in at the first meeting in January.

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. 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 October 21, 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 Teacher Aides, Part Time Custodian, Substitute Teachers, Lunch Aide

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment
Apanah, Nadira	Special Services	Sub teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
Sulce, Bujar	District	Part time custodian	\$18.00/hr.	Building & Grounds	SY 14-15
Mau, Michelle	Laning	Teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
Barone, Courtney	Special Services	Sub teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
Marinelli, Lois	Brookdale	Lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
Kratzman, Phillip	HBW	Long Term Sub – Social Studies	\$175.00 per diem	Education	Start date TBD – 1/30/15
DelVecchio, Rich	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
Schiff, Nicholas	Special Services	Sub teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
Logan, Love	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15

2.2 Resignations

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Neglio, Anthony	VHS	Library Aide	resignation	10/31/2014
Arlette, Heather	VHS	JV Cheerleading Coach	resignation	10/8/2014

2.3 Retirement

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Murillo, Carlos	Night Custodian	HBW	Retirement – with regret	12/31/14
Kistner, Barbara	Teacher	HBW	Retirement - with regret	2/1/2015

2.4 Stipend

Name	Location	Stipend	Notes
MaryAnne Halbert	HBW	\$99.80 per diem	6 th class - Great Books classes
Marisa Albano	HBW	\$101.43 per diem	6 th class - Great Books classes
Danielle Catalano	HBW	\$56.14 per diem	6 th class - Social Studies class
Kleinknecht, Jennifer	HBW	\$82.20 per diem	6 th class – National History Day class
Corrie Rusignuolo	HBW	\$55.26 per diem	6 th class - National History Day class

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following emergency days:

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Duration
XXX-XX-3400	Teacher	HBW	5 emergency days with pay	10/20-10/24/14

SPECIAL EDUCATION/EDUCATION

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following rates as of September 1, 2014:

Aide Name	Per hour rate of pay	Aide Name	Per hour rate of pay
Atmeh, Elaine	\$15.45	Jones, Ann	\$14.85
Blake, Kelly	\$14.00	Jones, Laurie	\$14.00
Boyle, Grace	\$15.15	MacMoyle, Laura	\$15.15
Bruso, Barbara	\$15.45	Maida, Mary	\$14.00
Burke, Deborah	\$15.45	McNamara, Kathy	\$16.00
Cifaretto, Colleen	\$14.85	Palmer, Samantha	\$14.00
DelColle, Elaine	\$15.15	Paxson, Donna	\$14.00
Emerich, Angela	\$15.15		
Evans, Nancy	\$14.85	Pomarico, Carol	\$16.60
Ferrara, Claudia	\$14.00	Riley, Eileen	\$15.45
Hawryluk, Wendy	\$16.60	Scanlon, Ginny	\$15.15
Hayes, Michelle	\$16.60	Spellman, Josh	\$14.85

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

5.1 Student Home Instruction

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week	Beginning
110497	VHS	11	5 hrs. week	10/27/2014
31103	HBW	6	10 hrs./week 1-2 weeks	10/27/2014

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Verona is pursuing the “Sustainable NJ” program within their environmental commission
- Question on resolution 2.4 regarding staff teaching a 6th class
- Issues with the field design and review

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**