

PUBLIC MEETING

November 12, 2019

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on November 12, 2019 in the Verona High School Media Center at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Rui Dionisio. 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 was Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent. Ms. Nardino was absent.

There were no members of the public present. There were no members of the press present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Presentations - None

Superintendent Report

- Referendum Update
- HIB Self Assessment Public Report
- Newsweek Top STEM High School recognition and thank you to entire K-12 faculty and staff, Board of Education, students, and parents who make it all possible.
- Congratulations Mr. Day & Mrs. Drappi. Thank you to Mrs. Halsey for her efforts. A special thank you to Mr. Elliott for his dedication, countless hours and devotion to this Board, and insight and commitment to making Verona a better place for over 12 years as our Board of Education member and Vice-President. He will be missed.

Committee Reports

Education/Special Education

- Math Curriculum
- HBW OWL Day successful
- QSAC Statement of Assurance
- SGO's
- STEM Team competition - 4th place
- EdCamp - huge success
- Community Relationship meeting went well
- Nov. 21 Fundraiser at Verona Inn
- Nov 14 Public SEPAC Meeting

- NJSB Dec. 11 Mental Health - HBW Learning Commons
- New technology for PreSchool from IDEA Grant

Athletics/Co-Curricular

- Fall seasons update
- Amazon Store Partnership
- Basketball Trainer
- Nursing Services Plan
- Freshmen Girls Volleyball
- Field Trips
- Winter Coaches
- Girls Lacrosse Coaches
- HIB Self-Assessment 2018-2019
- Sports Boosters Fundraiser

Community Resources

- Facilities Referendum
- Published Public Notice that Dr. Dionisio's contract is being renewed

Building and Grounds

- Referendum - both questions passed, commenced planning and design phase with AECOM architects and engineers
- Landscaping services, safety railings and security gate
- Commended Dr. Dionisio for his presentations and videos of referendum

Discussion Items - Acknowledging Mr. Elliott for all of his hard work and contributions

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1 - 16**

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Day

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

#1 RESOLVED that the Board rescind the approval of the October 8, 2019 Confidential and Regular Public Meeting.

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meetings October 8, 2019
October 29, 2019

PERSONNEL

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

3.1 New Hires

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Theresa Giacalone	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 19-20
Gail Mascera	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 19-20
Karen Crawford	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 19-20
Rania Mikhael	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 19-20
Nithya Aruchamy	Brookdale	Paraprofessional	\$14.95/hr.	Education	SY 19-20
Patricia D'Angelo	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 19-20
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Kelly Hoover	District	Sub Secretary	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 19-20
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Natalie White	District	Sub Secretary	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 19-20
Rachel Black	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY19-20

3.2 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about
#105247	Extension of Maternity Leave	Sept. 3, 2019	Jan. 21, 2020
#102101	Medical	Nov. 18, 2019	Dec. 2, 2019
#105047	Medical	Nov. 13, 2019	Dec. 2, 2019

3.3 Resignations

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective on or About
Patricia D'Angelo	FNB	Paraprofessional	resignation	Oct. 25, 2019
Rania Mikhael	FNB	Paraprofessional	resignation	Nov. 4, 2019

3.4 Staff Changes

Name	Current Location/ Position	New Location/Position	Salary	Effective Date on or about
Renata Miranda	Brookdale/ Paraprofessional	Laning/Paraprofessional	\$14.95/hr.	Oct. 30, 2019

3.5 Without Pay

Name	Date/s	No. of Days	Reason
#105078	Oct. 25, 2019	1 Day	Unpaid Day
#105096	Oct. 28-29, 2019	2 Days	Unpaid Days
#103161	Oct. 31, 2019	1/2 day	Unpaid Day
#105457	Nov. 5, 2019	1/2 day	Unpaid Day
#105198	Nov. 5-6, 2019	2 Days	Unpaid Sick
#105443	Nov. 26-27, 2019	2 Days	Deduction
#105274	Nov. 12, 2019	Half Day	Unpaid Day

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Thomas Lancaster** as acting Verona High School Principal at an additional stipend of \$100 per diem effective November 13, 2019 to on or about December 2, 2019.
- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Robert Merkler** as acting Assistant Principal at an additional stipend of \$100 per diem effective November 13, 2019 to on or about December 2, 2019.
- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board rescind **Dr. Rui Dionisio** as Interim Board Secretary.
- #7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Dr. Rui Dionisio** as Acting Board Secretary.
- #8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Ernie Turner** as Acting Board Secretary.

EDUCATION

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

HIB Case
HBW-CH 203408
VHS 203611

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

10.1 Mentor

Novice Teacher	Location	Mentor	Stipend	# of mentoring weeks	Notes
Brooke Raskin	LAN	Grace Minervo-Buneo	Waived	30 weeks	RESCIND

10.2 Professional Development Presenters

Presenter	School	Date	Hrs./Stipend	Total
Angela Salisbury	VHS	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Steven Munoz	VHS	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00

Melissa Wallerstein	VHS	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Eugenie Mordkovich	VHS	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Christopher Tamburro	VHS	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Eileen Malespina	VHS	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Michelle DellaFortuna	VHS	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Pamela Burke	VHS	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Patrick Bresnan	VHS	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Erik Lynch	VHS	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Bethany McMinn	HBW	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Christopher Haines	HBW	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Colleen Ferndnez	HBW	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Carol Thomas	HBW	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Jennifer Kleinknecht	HBW	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Megan Shaw	HBW	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Andor Kish	HBW	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Tamara Gesario	HBW	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Amy Heckel	HBW	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Amanda Hamilton	HBW	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Julia Albrechtsen	HBW	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Max Morden	HBW	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Maggie Manning	HBW	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Heather Anderson	FNB/FOR	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Claire Duffy	LAN/BRK	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Corisa Walker	FNB/BRK	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Karen Tully	FNB/BRK	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00
Lisa Varuolo	FOR/LAN	Nov. 5, 2019	2 hrs./\$60/hr.	\$120.00

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve Summit Management Solutions, LLC to provide professional business management services effective November 4, 2019 to June 30, 2019 at a cost of \$125 per hour on an as needed basis at the direction of the Superintendent of Schools.

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached 2019-2020 QSAC Statement of Assurance.

ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR

#13 RESOLVED that Verona Board of Education approves the New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the period of July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019.

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

14.1 Clubs

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment	Notes
Michelle DellaFortuna	Math Honor Society	VHS	\$669.00	SY 19-20	
Melissa Wallerstein	Fridays for Future	VHS	Volunteer	SY 19-20	Trial Basis

14.2 Coaches

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment
Abby Whelan	HBW	Girls Lacrosse JV Coach	\$5,228	Mar. 1 - Jun. 1, 2020
Nadia Domenick	HBW	Volunteer Girls Lacrosse Coach	To be paid by lacrosse boosters to VBOE	Mar. 1 - Jun. 1, 2020

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached Fall winter coaches for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$28,575.16	Cafeteria Checks	October 29, 2019

Public Comment -

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Rui Dionisio', followed by a long horizontal line.

**Dr. Rui Dionisio
Superintendent**