

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on November 28, 2017 in the Verona High School Media Center at 5:59 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Quattrocchi, President. A statement was made that the meeting had been properly advertised in the designated newspapers and the agendas were posted at the appropriate locations. A motion was made to convene to confidential session. All were in favor.

The board reconvened to the regular session at 7 pm.

The following members of the Board were present: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice President, Mrs. Michele Bernardino, Mr. James Day and Mr. Glenn Elliott were present.

Also present were Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent, Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Mr. Dan Roberts, Board Attorney.

Approximately twenty citizens were present. One member of the press was present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Presentations

- Charles Miller, Director of Curriculum, Academic Performance Results

Superintendent Report

- AP Results
 - Attended “Wonder” The Movie class trip for entire grade 4 culminating book read on disabilities, inclusion, and kindness
 - Congratulations to our swim team vs. Millburn High School who had their first swim team competition.
 - Girls Volleyball finished the season with a 31-1 record with the lone loss being to nationally ranked, #1 team in the state-Immaculate Heart Academy. They captured their second straight American division title, second straight Essex County Championship, 2nd straight sectional championship, and their first ever Group State Championship.
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Committee Reports

Finance

- Update on the audit

Discussion Items

Mr. Day received and acknowledged a letter from a parent regarding the football investigation. Mr. Day will set up a meeting with that person to review the process.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-15**

Moved by: Mrs. Freschi

Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting November 14, 2017

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2017-2018 school year:

TABLED 2.1 Substitutes

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Michael Hardenberg	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Meghan Mortara	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Nicholas Costarelli	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Cara LaMedica	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
Nina Sapienza	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18

Janet Rubino	District	Sub Lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Linda Zacharella	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Erica Vitale	HBW	MLOA Math teacher	\$235/per diem	Education	SY 17-18

2.2 New Staff

Name	Location	Assignment	Step	Salary	Effective on or about	Department
Daniel Simon	District	Custodian	Step 1	\$39,371 to be pro-rated according to start date	TBD	Building and Grounds

2.3 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or before
D. Catalano	Maternity leave of absence	Mar. 26, 2018	Sept. 4, 2018

2.4 Mentor

Novice Teacher	Location	Mentor	Stipend
Maria Mayo	VHS	Jennifer Kleinknecht	Fee waived

2.5 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Monique Marrero	FNB	Paraprofessional	resignation	Nov. 22, 2017

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve to reallocate 1 personal illness day to 1 family illness day for employee **#61720942**.

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Colleen Fernandez** to extend her maternity leave until September 1, 2018 as per Article 18:1 of the VEA contract while making health benefit contributions for May-June 2018.

EDUCATION

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

HIB Case
VHS 65008
VHS 65211
VHS 65440
BRK 65316
FNB 65317

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached District Statistical Report for the month of October, 2017.

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

7.1 Student Observers

Name	School	School/Teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours/ days	Assignment
John Notte	FDU	VHS/Quick/English	Jan. 3 - Jan. 19, 2018	30 hours over 5 days	Student Observer
Nicholas Polis	Seton Hall	FOR/Weiss/1st Grade	Nov. 29 - Dec. 19, 2017	3 hours	Student Observer
Dixie-Ann Roach	Seton Hall	FOR/Weiss/1st Grade	Nov. 29 - Dec. 19, 2017	3 hours	Student Observer
Alexa Morbelli	Seton Hall	FOR/Weiss/1st Grade	Nov. 29 - Dec. 19, 2017	3 hours	Student Observer
Kayley Mullooly	Seton Hall	FOR/Weiss/1st Grade	Nov. 29 - Dec. 19, 2017	3 hours	Student Observer
Amanda Mahn	Seton Hall	FOR/LaStella/1st. Grade	Nov. 29 - Dec. 19, 2017	3 hours	Student Observer
Andrea Chavez	Seton Hall	FOR/LaStella/1st. Grade	Nov. 29 - Dec. 19, 2017	3 hours	Student Observer
Melanie Sanchez	Seton Hall	FOR/LaStella/1st. Grade	Nov. 29 - Dec. 19, 2017	3 hours	Student Observer
Nick Flores	Seton Hall	FOR/Gesario/4th Grade	Nov. 29 - Dec. 19, 2017	3 hours	Student Observer
Marina Veliz	Seton Hall	FOR/Gesario/4th Grade	Nov. 29 - Dec. 19, 2017	3 hours	Student Observer

Francis Hunter	Seton Hall	FOR/Gesario/4th Grade	Nov. 29 - Dec. 19, 2017	3 hours	Student Observer
Angel Tello	Seton Hall	FOR/Gesario/4th Grade	Nov. 29 - Dec. 19, 2017	3 hours	Student Observer
Vanessa Fiscal	Seton Hall	FOR/Buzaid/4th Grade	Nov. 29 - Dec. 19, 2017	3 hours	Student Observer
Sarah Hollcraft	Seton Hall	FOR/Buzaid/4th Grade	Nov. 29 - Dec. 19, 2017	3 hours	Student Observer
Catherine Solimini	Seton Hall	FOR/Buzaid/4th Grade	Nov. 29 - Dec. 19, 2017	3 hours	Student Observer
Stephanie Rodetis	Cald. Univ.	FNB/Graziano/2nd grade	Jan. 22 - May11, 2018		Student Observer

SPECIAL EDUCATION

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve to change out-of-district placement for Student #200213 from Banyan Upper School to Craig High School as of November 27, 2017 at the tuition rate of \$35,412.

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

9.1 Home Instructors

Name	Name
Jonathan Thai	Ron Rice
Jamie Ricci	Mary Beth Sfraga

9.2 Student Home Instruction

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
240409	HBW	6	5 hrs. every ten days	Nov. 20, 2017
200229	VHS	10	10 hrs./week 6-8 weeks	Nov. 20, 2017

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

10.1 Club

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
Pam Burke	DECA	VHS	\$2,576	SY 17-18

10.2 Field Trip

Name of Chaperone	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
Angela Salisbury	VHS	Event Marketing (11th-12th graders)/New York, NY	Dec. 1, 2017
Bob Maher	VHS	Model UN Club/New York, NY	Dec. 9, 2017

10.3 Stipends

Name	School	Stipend	Position
Ray Bowes	VHS	\$962	Football Coach
Chris DeMond	VHS	\$962	Football Coach
Mitchell Roshong	VHS	\$962	Football Coach
Dan Corrado	VHS	\$962	Football Coach

FINANCE

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$26,220.00	Vendor Check	November 8, 2017
\$3,907,505.21	Vendor Checks	November 22, 2017
\$35,400.00	Vendor Check	November 27, 2017

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2017-2018 budget for:

October, 2017

#13 RESOLVED that the Report of the Secretary for the period(s) as follows be approved:

October, 2017

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of October 31, 2017 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund, has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month(s):

October, 2017

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve modifying the 17-18 budget by appropriating the 16-17 maintenance reserve balance of \$242,916.07.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Comments on the football investigation
- Comments on a parent concern regarding the football program
- Question on the appeal process
- Question regarding tax changes and if it effects our bond interest payments

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**