

**PUBLIC MEETING**

November 5, 2013

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on November 5, 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. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Bellino

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on November 5, 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.

Eight citizens and one member of press were present.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items-** None

**Presentations-**None

**Committee Reports**

**Education and Special Services**

- Reviewed spring testing scores. Will be presented at the December 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
- Discussed G&T program
- Extended medical leave for a staff member
- Special Education settlement reached for a student to remain in district
- Scheduled VBOE/CHILD Workshops for parents

**Community Resources**

- Reviewed the district fact book.

**Athletics**

- Posted for head golf coach, boys and girls freshman basketball coaches, swim coach and head baseball coach
- Band Trip this year is to Boston
- Cheerleaders had their cheering showcase, and raised \$2,600 for breast cancer research.

**Buildings and Grounds**

- Met with Mylan and EI to edit the scope of work for the referendum and address concerns with cost estimating.
- Dome-Tech Energy Audit Report

**Finance**

- Free lunches
- Financial advisors and bond counsel for referendum
- EI cost estimating
- Promedia working on estimated budget for network, wiring of doors and cameras around district

**Superintendent's Report**

- Our volunteer fingerprinting policy applies to all volunteers who report on a regular basis. They must undergo a background check
- We are continuing to build our relationship with NJIT. On October 28 we took a team from Verona and Caldwell to meet with the NJIT pre-college program staff to continue a dialogue on how they can help us infuse more STEM programs in our district K-12
- The NY Yankees are coming back to VHS during the week of June 23, 2014
- All staff received training on HIB today from a consultant who works for Strauss Esmay. The training also included a discussion on school security with Chief Huber.
- Voting took place in the schools today. There was a police officer assigned to each building during the voting.

**Discussion**

Mr. Unis thanked the polling workers and police to keep the schools safe during election day.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-6 and Addendum 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 **October 22, 2013**

**PERSONNEL**

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

**2.1 Substitute Teachers, Lunch Aides and Classroom/Teacher Aides**

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment
McGinley, Megan	Forest	Classroom aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	11/6/13 - 6/30/13
Grady, Jeanne	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14
Mau, Michelle	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14
Herekar, Ashwin	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14
Johnson-Thom, Keisha	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14
Teske, Salem	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14
Dimovski, Snezana	District	Sub Lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 13-14
Dimovski, Snezana	Spec. Svcs.	Sub Tch. Aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 13-14
DeSomma, Gerry	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14
Sentowski, Brian	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14
Sinisi, Mary	District	Sub Lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 13-14

**2.2 Leave of Absences**

Name	Position	Location	Reason	MLOA Begin Date	Estimated Return Date
Miskinis, Jacqueline	English Teacher	HBW	Maternity Leave	1/27/2014	9/1/2014
Pellegrino, Megan	3rd Grade Teacher	FNB	Maternity Leave - additional 20 sick days requested	9/6/2013	1/20/2014

**2.3 Stipend**

Name	Location	Stipend	Notes
Smith, Jeremy	VHS	\$56.60 per diem	6th class - Digital Photography – retroactive from October 11, 2013 - TBD

**EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to change out-of-district placement for Student #051293 from ECLC to The Children’s Institute High School for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year at the rate of \$297.35 per day.

**#5 RESOLVED** that the Board approved the following:

**5.1 Student Field Observer**

Name	School	School/teacher/ Grade	Hours	Assignment
Monica Ann Bossung	MSU	HBW/Sewell/G5	3 hrs.	Field Observation

**5.2 Home Instructor**

Name	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment
Marmo, MaryEllen	Home Insturctor	\$38/hr.	SY 13-14

**CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS**

**#6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Verona Hockey parents pay their share of hockey expenses of \$3,705.46 by November 15, 2013.

**ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS**

**PERSONNEL**

- #1 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the transfer of **Robert Banks**, night custodian at Laning Avenue School, to night custodian at H B Whitehorne Middle School, effective November 11, 2013.
- #2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the transfer of **Gaetano Ficarra**, night custodian at H B Whitehorne Middle School to Laning Avenue School, effective November 11, 2013.

**EDUCATION**

- #3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent's report on the following HIB cases:

913A  
913B  
913C  
913D  
913E

Ayes: 3

Nays: Mr. Bellino

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the purchase of Centris Group -IEP Direct, a proprietary program for student IEP's, in the amount of \$22,024. Funded partially through IDEA.

**FINANCE**

- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the award of the online energy auction to LibertyPower, at a rate of \$0.09350, per kilowatt hour.

Mr. Quattrocchi called for nominations for the vacant board seat.  
Mr. Elliott nominated Steven Spardel. Mr. Unis seconded it.  
Mr. Bellino nominated Anthony Gardner. There was no second.  
Mr. Bellino nominated Donald Flood. Mr. Unis seconded it.

Roll call vote for Mr. Spardel:

Mr. Elliott, Mr. Unis and Mr. Quattrocchi voted yes. Mr. Bellino voted no.

Board members can only cast one vote. By virtue of the 3-1 vote for Mr. Spardel, no further roll call votes were taken.

Mr. Steven Spardel was sworn in as a Board Member for a term on one year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary**