

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on December 11, 2018 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.

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

There were approximately 3 citizens present. No members of the press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations-None

Superintendent's Report

- VHS Trip to Museum of Jewish Heritage in NYC was a huge Thank you to Mrs. Schram for coordinating and to the museum for funding the entire trip
- ESS & Full Day Kindergarten progress is underway to meet expectations from the additional funding through the second questions.
- College Board recognized VHS as top high school in nation (1 of 373 high schools nationally) for growth in AP courses over the past 3 years. This recognition is the result of opportunities for our students with increase in number of unique AP students (36%) and increase in administered AP exams (40%). During that same time period AP scores of 3 or better improved by 2%. The recent progress is the result of the efforts of Mr. Cogdill and our leadership team with the introduction and use of AP potential data analytics, focused efforts and guidance of our counseling department, expansion of AP course offerings, and efforts of our AP teacher, students, and parents. This recognition is important because it represents our district commitment to affording all students opportunities to engage in rigorous coursework by removing barriers and engaging students in meaningful discussions about their educational pursuits and areas of interest. Congratulations to all.

Committees

Education/Special Education

- Dr. Lanzo is updating the conflict resolution curriculum
- Positive feedback on Mrs. Lusting being in the elementary schools
- Elementary math problem based math
- QSAC compliant
- Professional development, evaluations, walk-thrus, Orton Gillingham training
- Discussion on VHS homework free weekends
- Using Title IV funds for mental health workshop
- Special Ed personnel
- CHILD fundraising

Athletics/Co-Curricular

- Winter season underway
- Crossfit affiliation at VHS
- Field trips, personnel
- Discussion on the possibility of a field hockey team

Buildings and Grounds

- Roof repairs
- Architects doing site review for referendum
- ESS building offices
- Will start community review of referendum in January

Finance

- State has delayed filing date for audit
- Final referendum funding review

Discussion Items

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-20**

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Day

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting November 26, 2018

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2018-2019 year:

2.1 New Hires

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about	Notes
Feisha Camacho	VPP Laning	Paraprofessional	\$14.60/hr.	Education	SY 18-19	
Karen Ibold	Laning	Paraprofessional	\$14.60/hr.	Education	SY 18-19	
Kacey Studwell	VPP Laning	Paraprofessional	\$14.60/hr.	Education	SY 18-19	
Courtney Lamkey	Laning	Paraprofessional	\$14.60/hr.	Education	SY 18-19	
Daniel Jimenez	Brookdale	Part Time Custodian	\$18.00/hr.	B&G	SY 18-19	
Giselle Ilic	Spec. Svcs.	Sub Secretary	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 18-19	
Kyle Trama	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 18-19	
Brooke Raskin	District	Behaviorist	Pro-rated BA+60/Step 3/ \$60,470	Education	Jan. 15, 2019	
Brandon Adler	LAN/BRK	Long Term Sub Physical Education Teacher	\$125/per diem	Education	On or about Jan. 28, 2019	
Brandon Adler	LAN/BRK	Physical Education Teacher	pro-rated MA/ Step 1, \$55,699	Education	On or about Jan. 28, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2019	Pending certification

2.2 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about

#83442608	Medical leave of absence	Dec. 6, 2018	Dec. 13, 2018
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2.3 Resignations

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective on or about
Mary Hipp	Laning	Paraprofessional	resignation	Nov. 29, 2018

2.4 Staff Changes

Name	Current Location/ Position	Current Salary	New Location/ Position	New Salary	Effective Date
Dr. Teresa Shapiro	VHS/.60% School Psychologist	PhD/Step 18/ \$63,274	VHS/100% School Psychologist	PhD/Step 18/ \$105,456	Jan. 1, 2019
Erin Coffey	BRK/.77% Kindergarten Teacher	BA/Step 8/ \$42,875	BRK/100% Kindergarten Teacher	BA/Step 8/ \$55,682	Jan. 28, 2019
Catherine Orsini	FNB/.77% Kindergarten Teacher	BA/Step 18/ \$66,506	FNB/100% Kindergarten Teacher	BA/Step 18/ \$86,372	Jan. 28, 2019
Maria Perri	FNB/.77% Kindergarten Teacher	MA/Step 10/ \$50,054	FNB/100% Kindergarten Teacher	MA/Step 10/ \$65,005	Jan. 28, 2019
Kaleigh Cella	FOR/.77% Kindergarten Teacher	MA/Step 6/ \$45,652	FOR/100% Kindergarten Teacher	MA/Step 6/ \$59,288	Jan. 28, 2019
Suzanne Livelli	FOR/.77% Kindergarten Teacher	BA/Step 9/ \$44,030	FOR/100% Kindergarten Teacher	BA/Step 9/ \$57,182	Jan. 28, 2019
Kristy McCabe	LAN/.77% Kindergarten Teacher	BA/Step 14/ \$55,272	LAN/100% Kindergarten Teacher	BA/Step 14/ \$71,782	Jan. 28, 2019
Kimberly Nochimson	LAN/.77% Kindergarten Teacher	BA+15/Step 16/ \$61,467	LAN/100% Kindergarten Teacher	BA+15/Step 16/ \$79,827	Jan. 28, 2019

EDUCATION

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

HIB Case
VHS 164528
VHS 164392

#4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Board of Education meeting dates for January 2019 – January 2020.

#5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached District Statistical Report for the month of November 2018.

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Effective School Solutions, LLC agreement for programming to be implemented at Verona High School and H. B. Whitehorne Middle School and the January 1, 2019 payment of \$31,250.

#7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Elementary Schools updated Conflict Resolution Curriculum for the 2018-19 school year.

#8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached 2018-2019 QSAC Statement of Assurance.

#9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year for Verona High School and H. B. Whitehorne Middle School:

Effective School Solutions - Life Skills and Learning Strategies

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

10.1 Curriculum Writing

Staff Name	Course	Total No. of Hours	Hourly Rate	Stipend
Claire Duffy	Creation of I&RS Reading Intervention Document	10	\$45.00	\$450.00

10.2 Student Intern

Name	School	School/Teacher/ Grade	Duration	Assignment
Lisa Gallagher	MSU	FNB/Dr. Lanzo	Jan. 7 - Apr. 28, 2019/ 300 hrs.	Administrative Internship

SPECIAL EDUCATION

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve an out-of-district placement for Student #230500 at Holmstead School for the remainder of the 2018 – 2019 school year commencing December 12, 2018 at a tuition rate of \$308 per day for approximately 116 days for an estimated total of \$35,728.00.

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

12.1 Student Home Instruction

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
#231014	HBW	7	10 hrs.wk./4-6 wks.	Nov. 30, 2018
#230597	HBW	8	10 hrs.wk./4-6 wks.	Dec. 6, 2018

ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year:

13.1 Stipend Positions

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
M. DellaFortuna	PBSIS Coordinator	VHS	\$3,000	SY 18-19
S. Munoz	International Thespian Honor Society Advisor	VHS	\$650	SY 18-19
A. Kobylarz	English Honor Society Advisor	VHS	\$650	SY 18-19
C. Harris	Medical Research Club Advisor	VHS	\$599	SY 18-19

C. Ma	Music Honor Society	VHS	\$650	SY 18-19
D. Mutovic	Computer Science Honor Society	VHS	\$650	SY 18-19
R. Maher	Key Club	VHS	\$2,000	SY 18-19
M. Albano	PBSIS Co-Coordinator	HBW	\$1,500	SY 18-19
A. Jordan	PBSIS Co-Coordinator	HBW	\$1,500	SY 18-19

13.2 Coach

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment
Angela Appolito	VHS	Varsity Winter Cheer Coach	Step 1/\$4,221	SY 18-19

13.3 Field Trips

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
Pamela Burke	VHS	AP Micro/Fed Challenge/ New York, NY	Jan. 14, 2019
Eugene Leporati/ Laura Palmerezzi	VHS	Indoor Track/Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex/Staten Island, NY	Dec. 22, 2018
Eugene Leporati/ Laura Palmerezzi	VHS	Indoor Track/Rockland Community College, Suffern, NY	Dec. 27, 2018
Stacey Smith	HBW	8th Grade Class/Museum of Jewish Heritage/New York, NY	Jan. 10, 2019

FINANCE

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$2,871,999.86	Vendor Checks	December 7, 2018

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve and accept the following 2018-2019 funding for Our Lady of The Lake School:

Non-Public Textbooks	\$9,932
Non-Public Nursing	\$18,042
Non-Public Technology	\$6,696
Non-Public Security Aid	\$13,950
Chapter 192/193 Services	\$93,753

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2017-2018 IDEA Non-Public carryover in amount of \$19,282 to the 2018-2019 project year.

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve and accept the 2018-2019 IDEA funding in the amount of \$440,904 for the Basic Program, Non-Public portion \$40,187 and the IDEA Preschool Program in the amount of \$24,662.

#18 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2017-2018 ESEA carryovers to the 2018-2019 project year as follows:

Title I	\$3,095
Title II	\$21,271
Title IV	\$7,923

#19 RESOLVED that the Board approve and accept the 2018-2019 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Title IA in the amount of \$195,501. Title IIA in the amount of \$42,428. Title IVA in the amount \$11,799. Total funding in the amount of \$249,728.

ADDENDUM RESOLUTION
PERSONNEL

#20 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations:

20.1 Medical Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about
#61782165	Extension of Medical Leave of Absence	Nov. 2, 2018	Feb. 1, 2019

20.2 New Hire

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Beth Anne DeMarco	Forest	Leave Replacement - extension	\$265 per diem	Education	Extended to Feb. 1, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Possibility of field hockey as a sport
- Full Day Kindergarten
- Board and public thanked Mr. Quattrocchi for his time and dedication to the board

The meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**