

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on December 12, 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.

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, Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Mr. Dan Roberts, Board Attorney.

There were approximately 10 citizens present. No members of the press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations

- ❖ Gary Vinci, CPA, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins- 2016-2017 Audit Presentation
- ❖ Robert Merkler, Director of Athletics, Fall Sports Awards

Superintendent's Report

- Ms. Stuto will lead elementary teachers in Reading/Writing Workshop professional development January 9 (Gr. 3/4), January 11 (Gr. 1/2), and January 18 (Gr. K) blending reading and writing together
- The PD for grades 5-8 occurred on November 21, 2017 at HBW. Our trainer, Erik Lepis, along with Dr. Bangia and Ms. Venezia continue to support our grades 5-8 ELA teachers-true mini lessons and student conferences in reading and writing
- Congrats to our VHS senior students who were recently inducted into the Math Honor Society. A separate induction ceremony for the current juniors will occur at the end of the 2017-18 school year.
- Ms. Harth's students created catapults to launch pumpkins after school on November 30, 2017. Many students, teachers and parents supported this tremendous effort of the engineering design process. Mr. Atkins, VHS STEM teacher, supported Ms. Harth by bringing three of his engineering students to HBW for this event

Committees

Education/Special Education

- Discussed elementary math program, book club started
- Use results for AP's when developing master schedule
- Catapults to launch pumpkins at HBW supported by three high school students
- Math Honor Society criteria
- Staff photo/image consent form
- C.H.I.L.D fundraiser raised \$1,500
- Maternity leaves, home instruction, evaluations

Athletics/Co-Curricular

- Winter season sports have begun
- Injury tracking/guidelines
- Adding future sports
- Meeting with representative from the “Positive Coaching Alliance” organization
- N.J.com video contract
- Field trips
- Personnel, coaching approvals

Buildings and Grounds

- Lower field planting
- Preparing buildings for QSAC
- Carbon monoxide detectors installed in all buildings where necessary
- Field maintenance
- New sign being looked at for F.N. Brown

Finance

- Aides sick day pay for two retired aides
- Review of audit
- 18-19 budget discussion

Discussion Items

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-25 excluding #2**

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 28, 2017

PERSONNEL

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve to reallocate 5 personal illness days to 5 paternity days for employee **#13729686** for the 2017-2018 school year.

EDUCATION

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

HIB Case		HIB Case
VHS65800		VHS65818
VHS112017		HBWOH66211

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached 2017-2018 Revisions of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached Board of Education meeting dates for January 2018 – January 2019.

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached proposal and description of services from Centennium Consultants, LLC to facilitate a strategic planning process for the Verona Public School District.

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the first reading of the following regulation:

R5519 Dating Violence at School

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following curriculum for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Spanish IV Honors

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached District Statistical Report for the month of November 2017.

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

11.1 Movies

Name	Course	Subject	Location	Grade
White Light, Black Rain	US History II	Social Studies	VHS	11th
Star Wars: A New Hope/ Star Wars: The Force Awaken	History and the Hollywood Cinema	Social Studies	VHS	10th - 12th
LaLa Land	History and the Hollywood Cinema	Social Studies	VHS	10th - 12th

11.2 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Pamela Burke	VHS	AP Economics Workshop/ Verona High School	Mar. 24, 2018	\$235.00

11.3 Time Requirements

Name	Location	Reason	Date	Rate
Pam Burke	VHS	AP Workshop	Mar. 24, 2017	\$337.66/per diem

11.4 Student Observers

Name	School	School/Teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours/ days	Assignment
Micaela Andrews	Cald. Univ.	HBW/Halpern/ Music	Jan. 22 - May 11, 2018	100 hrs./ 5 days/week	Student Observer
Ashley Zafarino	Cald. Univ.	HBW/Halpern/ Jazz Band	Dec. 13, 2017	1 hr.	Student Observer
Amanda DeForne	Cald. Univ.	HBW/Halpern/ Jazz Band	Dec. 13, 2017	1 hr.	Student Observer
Deborah Andrews	Cald. Univ.	VHS/Shapiro/Art	Jan. 22 - May 11, 2018	100 hrs./ 7-8 hrs./week	Student Observer
Brianna Cinelli	FDU	BRK/Symczak	Jan. 22 - May 4, 2018	5 days/week	Student Teacher

SPECIAL EDUCATION

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

12.1 Student Home Instruction

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
200125	VHS	10	10 hrs./wk./4-8 wks.	Dec. 4, 2017
299149	VHS	10	10 hrs./wk./4-8 wks.	Dec. 4, 2017

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve for an out-of-district placement for Student #210161 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, commencing January 2, 2018, at an approximate tuition rate of \$41,202.

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

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

14.1 Coach

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Term of Employment
Albert Palazzo	VHS	Spring Track Assistant Coach	\$5,163	SY 17-18
Barbara Erickson	VHS	Volunteer Assistant Girls Lacrosse Coach	NA	SY 17-18
Christopher Hardenberg	VHS	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	NA	SY 17-18

14.2 Field Trips

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
E. Mordkovich/T. Sherman	VHS	French/Art/NY, NY	Dec. 13, 2017
H. McKelvey-McLaughlin	VHS	Fashion/Manhattan, NY	Jan. 5, 2018
Christopher Tamburro	VHS	Euro Challenge/NY, NY	Dec. 15, 2017
H. Kunkel/M. Albano/C. Pietrucha	HBW	Student Council/Phila., PA	Jun. 6, 2018

14.3 Stipends

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment	Notes
Patrick Bresnan	Social Studies Honor Society	VHS	\$325	SY 17-18	rescind

Jessica Schram	Social Studies Honor Society	VHS	\$325	SY 17-18	rescind
Jessica Schram	Social Studies Honor Society	VHS	\$650	SY 17-18	approve

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached contract between NJ.com and the Verona Board of Education.

REFERENDUM

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve change order #1 to Finewall Corporation in the amount of \$2,541.46 for replacement of a circuit breaker.

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approved change order #1 to Amco Enterprises in the amount of \$3,980 for an upgrade in circuit power.

FINANCE

#18 RESOLVED that the Board accept the 2016-2017 CAFRA Report ending June 30, 2017 as prepared by Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, CPA's.

#19 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Corrective Action Plan for the audit year ending June 30, 2017 as attached.

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$1,470.00	Vendor Check	December 1, 2017
\$33,921.96	Cafeteria Checks	December 7, 2017
\$430,950.29	Vendor Checks	December 8, 2017
\$178,009.83	Referendum Checks	December 12, 2017

#21 RESOLVED that the Board approve and accept the following 2017-2018 funding for Our Lady of The Lake School:

Non-Public Textbooks	\$ 10,901
Non-Public Nursing	\$ 19,303
Non-Public Technology	\$ 7,363
Non-Public Security Aid	\$ 14,925
Chapter 192/193 Services	\$105,623

- #22 RESOLVED** that the Board approve and accept the 2017-2018 IDEA funding in the amount of \$476,049 for the Basic Program, Non-Public portion \$36,247. And the IDEA Preschool Program in the amount of \$24,189.
- #23 RESOLVED** that the Board approve and accept the 2017-2018 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Title I in the amount of \$196,602. Title IIA in the amount of \$47,363. Title IV in the amount \$10,000. Total funding in the amount of \$253,965.
- #24 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the 2016-2017 NCLB Title IIA carryover in the amount of \$10,826 to the 2017-2018 project year.
- #25 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the 2016-2017 IDEA carryover in the amount of \$9,570 to the 2017-2018 project year.

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #2**

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mrs. Freschi

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1- Mrs. Bernardino

PERSONNEL

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

2.1 New Hires

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Erica Vitale	HBW	MLOA Math teacher	\$235/day	Education	Dec. 11, 2017- Jun. 19, 2018
Daniel Simon	District	Bus Driver	\$21/hr.	Athletics	SY 17-18

Islande Charles	District	Sub Bus Driver	\$21/hr.	Athletics	SY 17-18
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
Nga Pham	District	Sub Nurse	\$175/per diem	Athletics	SY 17-18
Nina Sapienza	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY17-18
Janet Rubino	District	Sub Lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Steve Lall	FNB	Lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Linda Zacharella	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Gerard Benanti	FNB	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Deborah Skowronski	FNB	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18

Gina Zarro	HBW	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Adrianna Reyes	HBW	Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Joan Weiss	District	Home Instructor	\$40/hr.	Special Education	SY 17-18
MaryBeth Sfraga	HBW	Grade 6 Social Studies Teacher	BA30/Step 2 \$53,654	Education	Jan. 2 - Jun. 30, 2018

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

#26 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.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
 Board Secretary**