

PUBLIC MEETING

February 11, 2020

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on February 11, 2020 in the Verona High School Media Center at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ernest Turner. 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. Jim Day, Vice-President, Mr. Timothy Alworth, Mrs. Pamela Priscoe and Mrs. Sara Drappi. Also present was Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Mr. Ernest Turner, Acting Board Secretary.

There were 1 member of the public present. There were 1 member of the press present.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of Meeting Notice

This meeting is being conducted in compliance with the open meeting session that the Verona Board of Education passed a resolution at its annual reorganization meeting held on January 8, 2019. The meeting set forth the schedule of its regular meetings which resolution was within 7 days of passage. The schedule was sent to the Verona Cedar Grove Times, the Star Ledger, the Herald News, Township of Verona and the VEA. Postings of this meeting setting forth the time location and agenda were posted in each of Verona's six schools, Board Office and Town Hall. This posting was also sent to the above newspapers all SCA presidents and SCA liaisons, the VBOE operates under a consent agenda format, any board member has the right to have an item pulled to be voted upon or cussed separately. Copies of tonight's agenda and resolutions have been made available to the public and press.

4. Roll Call Attendance

Mr. Alworth	<u> X </u>	Mr. Day	<u> X </u>
Mrs. Drappi	<u> X </u>	Mrs. Freschi	<u> X </u>
Mrs. Priscoe	<u> X </u>		

5. Public comments on Agenda Items – None

6. Presentations - None

7. Superintendent Report - Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent of Schools

- Referendum-Design & planning, summer scheduling (ESY, VSEA, Verona Summer Music, Verona Recreation), September camps
- Bidding schedule
- Credit rating and bond sale
- VHS Bathroom Incident

8. Committee Reports

- Athletics & Co-Curricular - James Day / Pamela Priscoe - Mrs. Priscoe reported
- Education - Timothy Alworth / Sara Drappi – Yes, Mr. Alworth reported
- Facilities - James Day/Lisa Freschi – Mr. Day reported
- Community Resources - Pamela Priscoe/Sara Drappi - Mrs. Priscoe reported
- Finance - Timothy Alworth / Lisa Freschi – Mrs. Freschi reported

9. Discussion Items –

10. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions

Motion by: Mr Day

Seconded by: Mrs. Drappi

Be it **RESOLVED** the approval of Resolutions #1-12.

Mr. Alworth	<u> Y </u>	Mr. Day	<u> X </u>
Mrs. Drappi	<u> Y </u>	Mrs. Freschi	<u> Y </u>
Mrs. Priscoe	<u> Y </u>		

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

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting February 11, 2020

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2019-2020 school year:

Be it **RESOLVED** the approval of **Resolutions #1-12 and Addenda Resolution #1.**

Motion by: Mr. Day

Seconded by: Mrs. Drappi

Mr. Alworth	<u> X </u>	Mr. Day	<u> X </u>
Mrs. Drappi	<u> X </u>	Mrs. Freschi	<u> X </u>
Mrs. Priscoe	<u> X </u>		

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

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting January 28, 2020

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2019-2020 school year:

2.1 New Hires

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Ashley MacMoyle	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 19-20
Indyana Sena-Jimenez	LAN	Paraprofessional	\$14.95/hr.	Education	SY 19-20
Ilene Klein	District	Sub Nurse	\$175/per diem	Education	SY 19-20

2.2 Extra Class

Name	Location	Course	6th Period amount	Term of Employment on or about	Notes
Colleen Fernandez	HBW	Math	\$619.22	Jan. 23 - Feb. 10, 2020	Rescind
Colleen Fernandez	HBW	Math	\$432.40	Jan. 23 - Feb. 3, 2020	Approve
Julianne Curro	HBW	Math	\$515.47	Jan. 23 - Feb. 10, 2020	Rescind
Julianne Curro	HBW	Math	\$412.40	Jan. 23 - Feb. 3, 2020	Approve

2.3 Retirement

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Grace Boyle	Paraprofessional	LAN	Retirement	Oct. 18, 2019

2.4 Without Pay

Name	Date/s	No. of Days/Reason
#105274	Jan. 31 & Feb. 3, 2020	2 Unpaid Days
#105198	Jan. 27,28,29,30,31, Feb. 3,4,5, 2020	8 Unpaid Days
#105460	Jan. 30, 2020	Unpaid Day
#105158	Jan. 31, Feb. 3,4,5,6,7, 2020	6 Unpaid Days
#105293	Jan. 31, 2020	1 Unpaid Day
#105349	Feb. 4, 2020	1 Unpaid Day

2.5 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective on or About
Samantha Battista	VHS	Girls JV Soccer Coach	Resignation	Feb. 11, 2020

EDUCATION

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

HIB Case	HIB Case
VHS # 12-4-19	VHS # 206600
VHS # 206129	HBW-CH #206306
VHS # 206247	HBW-CH # 206532
VHS # 206251	HBW-CH # 206788
VHS # 206393	HBW-OH # 206418
VHS # 206581	

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve Brookdale Avenue School SCA to contract with Nicole Johnson of Javanna Productions (MOVE) for a 4th grade performance with a timeline of rehearsals beginning February 25th and ending with a show date on April 2, 2020.

#5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached 2020 VSEA Business Plan.

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following for the 2019-2020 school year:

6.1 VSEA

Name	Position	Stipend
Jeffrey Monacelli	VSEA Program Director	\$8,527
Howard Freund	VSEA Assistant Program Director	\$6,304
Debra Lawrence	VSEA Administrative Assistant	\$2,743

6.2 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
				Registration \$95.00
				Hotel \$96.00
				Mileage \$69.44
Dan Halpern	HBW	NJMEA Conference/ Atlantic City, NJ	Feb. 20-21, 2020	Total \$260.44

#7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the second reading of the following policies and regulations:

P&R 1642: Earned Sick Leave Law (M)
P 3159: Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting (M)
P&R 3218 Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances (M)
P&R 4218 Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances (M)
P 4219 Commercial Driver's License Controlled Substances and
Alcohol Use Testing (M)
P&R 6112 Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant
Expenditures (M)
P&R 7440 School District Security (M)
P 8600 Student Transportation (M)
P&R 8630 Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility, Emergency
Procedures (M)
P 8670 Transportation of Special Needs Students (M)
P 8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs
(new)

- #8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations:

0155.1: Board Member Participation at Board Meetings
Using An Electronic Device (new),

R5460: Option ii Programs and Procedures (revised)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

- #9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve for an out-of-district placement for Student #022804 for the remainder of the 2019 – 2020 school year, commencing approximately February 12, 2020, at the approximate cost of \$34,937.
- #10 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve to accept settlement agreement OAL Docket No.: EDS 12343-2019 dated 02/07/2020 regarding a special education matter for Student #250750.

ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR

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

11.1 Field Trip

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
Brian Michalowski	HBW	5-8 Music/New York, NY	April 22, 2020
Marie Meyer	VHS	GLI, New York, NY	March 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 2020

11.2 Club

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
Nadia Domenick	Yoga Club (Trial Basis)	HBW	Volunteer	SY 19-20

FINANCE

- #12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve a new bank account with Investors Savings Bank to be named "The Verona Board of Education 2019 Referendum" account with anyone of the following three signatures:

Ernest J. Turner - Acting Board Secretary
Dr. Rui Dionisio - Superintendent
Matthew Laracy - Treasurer of School Funds

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #13.

Motion by: Mrs. Drappi

Seconded by: Mr. Alworth

Mr. Alworth X

Mr. Day X

Mrs. Drappi X

Mrs. Freschi X

Mrs. Priscoe X

Mrs. Priscoe expressed thoughts on the amount of the contract and expressed her appreciation to Dr. Dionisio. Supported consideration for the teachers during the next negotiations.

Mr. Day expressed his gratitude to the Board of Education and expressed his support of Dr. Dionisio.

- #13 RESOLVED** that the Board appoint Dr. Rui Dionisio as Superintendent of Schools, for the Verona Public School District for a term retroactive to July 19, 2019 through June 30, 2024 as per attached contract.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

- #14 **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.

11. Public Comments - None

NOTE: The next scheduled Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 beginning with a Confidential Session at 6:00 pm in the Board Conference Room.

Closed Session: 7:43 pm

Moved by: Mr. Alworth Seconded by: Mr. Day

All in Favor: Aye

Back to Public Session: 8:20 pm

Moved by: Mr. Day Seconded by: Mr. Alworth

All in Favor: Aye

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Motion by: Mr. Alworth Seconded by: Mr. Day

All in Favor: Aye All Opposed: None

This meeting is adjourned at (TIME) 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Ernest Turner
Acting Board Secretary