

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on February 13, 2017 in the Verona High School Media Center at 5:59 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Board Secretary. 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. Michele Bernardino , Mr. James Day, and Mr. Glenn Elliott. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Mr. John Quattrocchi, President and Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice-President were absent.

Approximately twenty citizens and one member of the press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations

- Ms. Christine McGrath, Verona Junior Woman’s Club, Creative Writing Winners

Superintendent’s Report

- Education
 - a. 17-18 Budget Item-\$30k in inquiry science refurbishment for grades 1-8 in 5 schools
 - b. Budgeted 6th period stipends to accommodate increased enrollment at VHS
 - c. 95% of staff has completed State-mandated staff development training through online Global Compliance Network (GCN)
 - d. SGO midpoint check is 2/15 and staff is on track
 - e. MSGP results from 2015-16 have been reviewed and reported to the NJDOE
 - f. Orton Gillingham-fourth and final class has begun and a visit between VPS teachers and North Caldwell will occur next week to collaborate on infusing OG into classroom instruction
- Special Education-Verona CHILD-parent coffee on 2/7 to discuss overview of programming and getting ready for IEP meetings

Committees

Education/Special Education

- See Superintendent report

Athletics/Co-Curricular

- A.D. to attend athletic directors conference in March
- Reviewed field trips
- Athletic budget increase of approx. \$5k to fund the lax and hockey programs

Buildings and Grounds

- Lower field turf is completed
- Baseball bleachers will be repaired in March
- Finishing referendum projects

Community Resources

- Negotiations for aides and tech staff
- Code of conduct meetings continue
- Conference of SCA fundraisers

Discussion Items

- Today is the 100th school day
- Election Day- the possibility of closing school that day

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-5**

Moved by: **Seconded by: Mrs. Bernardino**

Ayes: 3 **Nays: 0**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting January 31, 2017

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

HIB Case
HBW CH 39800
HBW OH 39611
VHS 39733
VHS 39326
VHS 39293
VHS 39143
BRK 39708
LAN 39603

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 1st reading of the following policies/regulations:

- P0134 Board Self Evaluation
- P0152 Board Officers
- P3212 Attendance
- P4212 Attendance (Formerly P4211 Attendance)
- P&R 5200 Attendance
- P5465 Early Graduation

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2nd reading of the following policies/regulations:

- P1310 Employment of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

FINANCE

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the budget transfer request to the Department of Education to the legal fees account line in the amount of \$85,959.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**