

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on February 13, 2018 in the Verona High School Media Center at 5:29 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: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President and Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice-President, Mrs. Michele Bernardino and Mr. Glenn Elliott. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Mr. James Day was absent.

Four citizens and one member of the press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

### Superintendent's Report

#### Athletics

- Wrestling-Frank Gabriele broke the all time school wins record with 122 and won a county title. John Gabriele broke the 100 win mark. Wrestling advanced to the sectional semi-finals for the 2nd time in school history and finished with a 17-8 record.
- Girls Hoops-13-6 on the season. Won the West Essex Area Holiday Tournament. They are the 8 seed in county tourney and beat 9 seed Nutley to advance to 1 seed University on Saturday. They will be the 2 seed in the state tournament.
- Boys Hoops-Won their first game in the county tournament and will be the 13 seed in the state tournament. Joe Zecchino having an outstanding season averaging 20 points a game.
- Swim-Season is concluded. Had some really outstanding performances on both boys and girls side. We believe more kids will be out next year and program will continue to grow.
- Ice Hockey-Play in the Kelly Cup semi-finals lost vs. Millburn last night. Have a 14-3-7 record. Playing very well this season.
- Winter Track
- Boys side-Our 4 x 400 team qualified for the Group Championships and Owen Fogarty tied the school record in pole vault at 12 feet while also qualifying for the group 1 championships.
- On the girls side, Kate Ashley won the state sectional in the 800 m and our 4 x 400 team moved onto the group championships.
- Head Football Coach announcement

### Committees

**Education/Special Education:** Mr. Mauriello, Mr. Miller, Ms. Nardino, Dr. Dionisio and Mrs. Freschi discussed various budget factors in regard to Education. A stand out item was the current costs of substitutes, particularly among paraprofessionals. There are several pending litigation items w/in Spec. Services.

**Athletics/Co-Curricular:** Mrs. Bernardino, Mrs. Freschi, Mr. Merckler and Dr. Dionisio discussed Winter sports wrap up, with first Swim season completed. Tabling discussion on high school field hockey (no feeder program); ongoing discussion around Freshman Girls' Soccer. Upcoming field trips, including chaperones/logistics was covered.

**Buildings and Grounds**

- Future referendum

**Community Resources**

- Negotiations
- Action committees
- Verona Magazine

**Finance**

Mr. Quattrocchi, Mr. Elliott and Ms. Nardino discussed the para-professional salary budget, substitute costs, overtime costs and legal fees. Mr. Mauriello presented his 18-19 special education budget. There was a discussion on the 18-19 budgets by department and/or by school. Governor's budget addressed moved to March 13.

**Discussion Items**

- Board members to submit committee minutes for the full board minutes

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1, 3, 4, 5**

**Moved by: Mr. Elliott**

**Seconded by: Mrs. Freschi**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

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

**Moved by: Mr. Elliott**

**Seconded by: Mrs. Freschi**

**Ayes: 3**

**Nays: 1- Mrs. Bernardino**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meetings

January 9, 2018

January 30, 2018

**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 from/to on or about
<b>Nina Sapienza</b>	Forest	Medical leave replacement	\$235/per diem	Education	Feb. 21 - Apr. 20, 2018

**2.2 Leave of Absence**

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about
<b>#61766887</b>	Medical leave of absence	Jan. 5, 2018	Mar 30, 2018
<b>#61782165</b>	Medical leave of absence	Feb 21, 2018	Apr 20, 2018
<b>#86522950</b>	Medical leave of absence	Feb 8, 2018	Apr 23, 2018
<b>G. Betcher</b>	Extension of maternity leave of absence	Original return date Apr. 9, 2018	Sept.4, 2018
<b>C. Gasalberti</b>	Extension of maternity leave of absence	Original return date Apr. 9, 2018	Apr 16, 2018

**EDUCATION**

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

HIB Case	HIB Case
VHS67694	VHS67653
VHS67608	VHS67158
VHS 12-15-17	

**CO-CURRICULAR**

**#4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve a field trip for **Pam Burke**, DECA advisor and **Clark Murphy**, parent chaperone to attend the DECA State competition in Atlantic City, NJ on February 27, 28 and March 1, 2018.

**Pam Burke**

Meals - 2 days @ \$64.00 per day	\$128.00
Transportation – 256 miles at .31 + \$8.50 tolls	<u>\$ 87.86</u>
Total	\$215.86

**Clark Murphy**

Transportation – 256 miles at .31 + \$8.50 tolls	\$ 87.86
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**FINANCE**

**#5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed checklist in the following amount:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$2,216.21	Vendor Checks	January 31, 2018

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolution #6**

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

**Ayes: 4                                      Nays: 0**

**ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS**  
**PERSONNEL**

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

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment from/ to on or about
<b>Anthony Sorrentino</b>	VHS	Long Term Substitute-Digital Arts	\$265/per diem	Education	February 20 - June 19, 2018

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve Resolutions #7-9

**Moved by: Mrs. Freschi**

**Seconded by: Mrs. Bernardino**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Term of Employment from/ to on or about</b>
<b>Anthony Sorrentino</b>	VHS	JV Boy's Lacrosse Coach	\$6,587 Step 3	Athletics	Spring 2018
<b>Anthony Sorrentino</b>	VHS	Head Varsity Football Coach	\$12,506 Step 3	Athletics	Fall 2018

**#8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Memorandum of Agreement between the VBOE and VEA for AP Testing Coordinator and PSAT Testing Coordinator as per attached.

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Memorandum of Agreement between the VBOE and VEA for Publication Designer as per attached.

**PUBLIC COMMENT- None**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino  
 Board Secretary**