

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on February 23, 2016 in the Verona High School Media Center at 6:59 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. A motion was made to convene to confidential session. All were in favor.

The board reconvened to the regular session at 8pm.

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

Approximately fifty citizens were present. One member of the press was present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Presentations- Josh Cogdill, VHS Principal, Guidance Presentation & Students of the Month

Superintendent's Report

- Athletics
 - Wrestling Team won the Divisional Team Championship. 5 vhs wrestlers have advanced to the District Individual Championships. Congratulations Mark Riggio earned 100 wins.
 - Boys Basketball Team won first two rounds of the Essex County Tournament before losing to Seton Hall Prep. They are the number 4 seed in the North 1 Group 1 States Playoffs and will host Saddle Brooklyn on Monday 2/29.
 - Girls Basketball Tea won an opening round game of the Essex County Tournament before losing to Columbia. They are the number 9 seed in the North 1 Group 1 playoffs and will be traveling to Cresskill on 2/29 for a 7pm start.
 - Ice Hockey-Team won the McGinnis Cup as Divisional Champions. Scored a first round victory in the state playoffs with a 7 to 4 win against Woodbridge.
- Donna Buro is retiring from Laning Avenue School. She has been the administrative assistant there for 17 years and has been in education for 26 years. I wish her the best and thanks to her for the time and dedication to the Verona Schools.

Committees

Finance

- Reviewed 20 page budget document that was shared with the board. Explains the budget items by committee.

Discussion Items- Change board meeting to March 15th. Cancel March 8th board meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-14**

Moved by: Mrs. Freschi Seconded by: Mr. Day

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting February 9, 2016

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2015-2016 school year:

2.1 New Staff

Name	Location	Assignment	Degree/Step	Salary	Effective on or about	Department	Notes
Kimberly Cardinoza	District-Spec. Svcs.	Behaviorist	MA/Step 11	\$66,431 Pro-rated amount \$29,894	2/16/2016 - 6/30/16	Education	Repl. S. Shumar

2.2 Personal Illness

Name	Location	Date/s	Reason	Notes
#42817403	VHS	2/2/2016	PI	without pay

2.3 Retirement with regret

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Donna Buro	Admin. Asst.	Laning	Retirement	7/1/2016

2.4 Movement on Guide

NAME	CURRENT LEVEL/STEP	SALARY	NEW LEVEL/STEP	SALARY
Helene McKelvey-McLaughlin	MA/Step 10	\$64,979	MA+30/Step 10	\$69,312

2.5 Leave of Absence

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or before	Notes
Kathleen Grant	Guidance Counselor	VHS	Extension of maternity leave	9/3/2015	9/1/2017	Extension
Christine Gasalberti	5th Grade Teacher	HBW	Maternity leave	4/13/2016	12/5/2016	

2.6 Substitutes

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Lameese Zaitoun	Spec. Svcs.	Sub teacher aide	\$14.40/hr.	Education	SY 15-16

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached contract from the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for student #061207 for the 2015-2016 school year. This student will receive Level 1 services from 1/14/16 - 6/30/16 at the rate of \$1,056 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. This amount will be deducted from the school district's state aid.

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Student Home Instruction:

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
120607	Laning	2	10 hrs./week/4-6 weeks	2/17/2016

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

HIB Case	
2/9/2016	VHS #22976
2/9/2016	VHS #23157

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Student Observers:

Name	School	School/teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours/ days	Assignment
Micaela Andrews	Cald. Coll.	VHS/Barone/ Spec.Ed.	2/24-5/10/16	25 hrs.	Student Observer
Robert Luzhak	Cald. Coll.	VHS/Quick/English	2/24-5/13/16	30 hrs.	Student Observer

#7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following VFEE Grant:

Grant Recipient	Name of Grant	Grant #	Amount Awarded
Board of Education	Chromebooks in the Classroom	2015-4	\$25,000.00
Dan Halpern	Aspire	2015-5	\$300.00
Andor Kish	MakerBot	2015-6	\$3,953.36
Angie Yang	China Night	2016-1	\$1,100.00
Corisa Walker and Katey McAuliffe	Aquatic Adventures: Bringing Nim's Island to Life	2016-2	\$4,680.00
Julia Harth	HBW Maker's Club	2016-3	\$2,139.77
		Total	\$37,173.13

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve to contract with Speech Therapy Center, LLC to provide speech therapy services for student #192690 for the remainder of the 2015 – 2016 school year in accordance with Settlement Agreement dated February, 2016, Agency Ref. No.: 2016-23854 at an amount not to exceed \$4,420.

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the settlement agreement for Student #192690 dated February 23, 2016.

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

10.1 Coach

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Term of Employment
Andrew Truesdale	VHS	Volunteer Boys Lacrosse Coach	NA	SY 15-16

10.2 Field trip

Name of Chaperone	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip	Notes
Marie Meyer	VHS	GLI/United Nations, New York, NY	3/14-18/2016	Daily trips

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Jessica Barnes** as the SAT Supervisor for the 2015-2016 school year. Stipend paid directly from College Boards.

REFERENDUM

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve rejecting of all bids for Window Security Film as per the attached resolution.

FINANCE

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 15-16 IDEA Grant Amendment to include carryover of \$2,117.00 in public funds and \$306.00 in non-public funds. Total of \$2,423.00.

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>
\$347,753.98	Vendor Checks	January 28, 2016
\$3,253,332.60	Vendor Checks	February 19, 2016
\$10,525.00	Vendor Checks	February 19, 2016
\$ 56,989.24	Cafeteria Checks	February 23, 2016

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

#15 **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

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary