

**PUBLIC MEETING**

February 25, 2014

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on February 25, 2014 in the Board Office Conference Room at 6:59 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Quattrocchi. 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, Mr. Michael Unis, Vice President, Mr. Bellino and Mr. Steven Spardel. Mr. James Day was absent. Also present were: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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.

Moved by: Mr. Unis

Seconded by: Mr. Spardel

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on February 25, 2014 in the Board Office Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

The Regular meeting reconvened to the regular session, in the Verona High School Media Center, at 8:00 p.m.

One member of the press and 8 citizens were present.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items-** None

**Presentations-** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance**

- Review department and school budgets
- Governor Christie’s budget address was today. School state aid figures to be released on Thursday.

**Discussion-** None

**Superintendent’s Report**

- Six snow day have been used
  - Days will be taken from spring break- school will be in session on April 14. After that, the next day will be the 15<sup>th</sup> and so on. Letter to parents and staff will go out tomorrow.
- Freshman basketball sponsors were honored at the basketball game tonight

- Public Referendum Meetings:
  - Feb. 23, VHS
  - Feb. 26, 9am FNB
  - Mar. 1, 10am Laning
  - Mar. 5, 7pm HBW
- Referendum power point will be converted to a movie and posted to the website and emailed to parents. It will include video messages. 14 days to the election.
- The Verona Junior Wrestlers won the Essex County Championship for the first time in town history
- VHS Hockey advanced in the playoffs. VHS girls and boys basketball both number 2 seeds in the sectional tournament.
- HSPA testing starts next week for all juniors
- Verona Middle School girls went on a trip to Stevens Institute in Hoboken with Mrs. Thomas for a girls STEM day on Feb. 20.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

**Moved by: Mr. Bellino**

**Seconded by: Mr. Unis**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

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

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**PERSONNEL**

**#2 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</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Gordon, Lindsay</b>	Spec.Svs.	MLOA-Social Worker	\$266.71/ per diem	Education	on or about 3/5/14 - 6/30/14	Replacing N. Azzati
<b>Gordon, Lindsay</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14	
<b>Waldron, Lindsay</b>	HBW	MLOA-Spec. Ed. Teacher	\$230.31/ per diem	Education	on or about 3/10/14 – 6/30/14	Replacing M. Bielen
<b>Waldron, Lindsay</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14	

<b>Kistner, Gary</b>	District	Sub Bus Driver	\$21.00/hr.	Education	SY 13-14	
<b>Rhoades, Lauren</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14	
<b>Cocchi, Renee</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14	
<b>Girardi, Michelle</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14	
<b>Schiavo, Lucille</b>	District	Sub Lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 13-14	
<b>Spangler, Irene</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14	
<b>Ropero, Diana</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14	

**2.1 Leave of Absences**

Name	Position	Location	Reason	MLOA Begin Date	Estimated Return Date
<b>Azzati, Nicole</b>	School Social Worker	District	Maternity	3/10/2014	9/1/2015
<b>Gesario, Tamara</b>	3rd Grade Teacher	Forest	Maternity	5/22/2014	11/3/2014

**2.2 Retirement with regret**

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
<b>Gordon, Nancy</b>	1st Grade Teacher	Brookdale	Retirement	7/1/2014

**2.3 Mentors**

Novice Teacher	Location	Mentor	Stipend
<b>Scherr, Sarah</b>	HBW	Lindsey Lagan	\$366.67
<b>Salguero, Andrea</b>	VHS	Eugenie Mordkovich	\$366.67

**2.4 Student Home Instruction**

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week	Beginning
91495	VHS	12	20 hrs./4-6 weeks	2/11/2014

**2.5 Student Observer**

Name	School	School/teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours	Assignment
<b>Austin, Raymond</b>	Cald. Col.	VHS/Various Spec. Ed	3/1-5/15/14	12 hrs.	Student Observer
<b>McGinley, Cara</b>	Richard Stockton	FNB/Aldworth/Speech	3/10-14/14	4 hrs.	Student Observer

**2.6 Volunteer**

Name	Location
<b>Dina Gebbia</b>	FNB

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following advancements on guide per contract for the school year 2012-2013:

	2011-2012	2011- 2012		GUIDE MOVEMENT SEPT. 1, 2012 TO NOV. 15, 2012		STEP INCREASE NOV. 16, 2012
NAME	CURRENT LEVEL/STEP	SALARY	NEW LEVEL/STEP	SALARY	NEW LEVEL/STEP	SALARY
<b>Calabrese, Alyssa</b>	BA+30/Step 5	\$54,138	MA/Step 5	\$55,147	MA/Step 6	\$56,721
<b>Fogel, David</b>	MA+30/Step 8	\$61,829	MA+45/Step 8	\$63,167	MA+45/Step 9	\$65,080
<b>Kelly, Danielle</b>	BA/Step 6	\$50,887	BA+30/Step 6	\$55,408	BA+30/Step 7	\$56,403
<b>McAuliffe, Katey</b>	BA+30/Step 12	\$65,675	MA+30/Step 12	\$71,456	MA+30/Step 13	\$75,492
<b>Miskins, Jacqueline</b>	BA/Step 10	\$55,997	MA/Step 10	\$61,395	MA/Step 11	\$64,886
<b>Rusignuolo, Corrie</b>	BA/Step 2	\$46,413	MA/Step 2	\$51,607	MA/Step 3	\$52,867
<b>Solomon, Pamela</b>	BA+30/Step 5	\$54,138	MA/Step 5	\$55,147	MA/Step 6	\$56,721
<b>Useche, Valerie</b>	MA+30/Step 10	\$65,764	MA+45/Step 10	\$67,019	MA+45/Step 11	\$70,264

		NOV. 16, 2012		GUIDE MOVEMENT FEB. 1, 2013
NAME	CURRENT LEVEL/STEP	SALARY	NEW LEVEL/STEP	SALARY
O'Connor, Sarah	BA/Step 4	\$49,283	BA+30/Step 4	\$53,926
Roshong, Mitchell 60%	BA/Step 2	\$28,092	BA+30 Step 2 60%	\$30,770

**#4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following advancements on guide per contract for the school year 2013-2014:

		FEB. 1, 2013		GUIDE MOVEMENT SEPT. 1, 2013
NAME	CURRENT LEVEL/STEP	SALARY	NEW LEVEL/STEP	SALARY
Hill, Robert	BA/Step 5	\$49,865	BA+30/Step 5	\$54,424
Kelly, Danielle	BA+30/Step 7	\$55,738	MA/Step 7	\$57,674
Lijoi, Stefanie	BA/Step 7	\$51,929	MA Step 7	\$57,674
O'Connor, Sarah	BA+30/Step 4	\$53,926	MA Step 4	\$54,724
Roshong, Mitchell	BA+30 Step 2 - 60%	\$30,770	MA Step 2 - 80%	\$41,650
Solomon, Pamela	MA/Step 6	\$56,721	MA+30/Step 6	\$60,991
Tamburro, Chris	MA/Step 5	\$55,439	MA+30/Step 5	\$59,745

		NOV. 16, 2012		GUIDE MOVEMENT FEB.1, 2014
NAME	CURRENT LEVEL/STEP	SALARY	NEW LEVEL/STEP	SALARY
Paula, Mirja	BA/Step 6	\$51,194	MA Step 6	\$56,721
Smith, Jeremy	BA+30/Step 9	\$58,380	BA+60/Step 9	\$63,943

**EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to request county approval to waive the district from participation in the 2014 – 2015 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) due to the district's estimated low eligibility rate.

**#6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Statistical Report for the month of January 2014.

#7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent's HIB reports 12114 and 12115.

#8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following attendance at conferences:

Name	Event/Location	Date	Cost	Acct.
Breckinridge, Denise	Visual Processing Therapy, Parsippany, NJ	4/11/2014	\$199.72	IDEA
Quinn, Amy	Visual Processing Therapy, Parsippany, NJ	4/11/2014	\$199.72	IDEA
Wrobel, Kathleen	PROMPT Workshop/New Providence, NJ	3/19-21/14	\$700.00	IDEA

#9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following change to the 2013-2014 district calendar:

Due to (6) six emergency closing days that have been used to far – the schools will be open on April 14, 2014 for a full day. In the event of further school closures the schools will make up the required days in this order – April 15, 16, 17.

**CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS**

#10 **RESOVLED** that the Board approve the contract between the Verona Board of Education and the Verona High School Lacrosse Parents Association.

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

**11.1 Club Advisor**

Name	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
Marie Meyer	Girls Learn International	VHS	\$500	SY 13-14

**11.2 Coaches**

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Notes
Kevin DiGiorgio	VHS	Asst. Track Coach		Resignation
Davidson, Greg	VHS	Volunteer Baseball	NA	
Sewell, Chris	VHS	Volunteer Baseball	NA	
Schiavone, John	VHS	Volunteer Lacrosse	NA	

Hemsley-Cartotto, Trish	VHS	Volunteer Softball	NA	
D'Urso, Gianna	VHS	Volunteer Girls Lacrosse	NA	

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REFERENDUM**

#12 **RESOVLED** that the Board approve the following Use of Building:

Organization/Group	Location	Purpose	Dates
Rutgers School of Social Work	VHS/classroom	Joint class between Rutgers and Caldwell College students	2/18/2014
NJ Basketball Academy	VHS/new/old gyms/bathrooms	Basketball camp	8/4-8/2014

**FINANCE**

#13 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed check list(s) in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$ 21,416.43	Cafeteria Checks	February 20, 2014
\$2,722,220.69	Vendor Checks	February 21, 2014

#14 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2013-2014 budget for:

**January, 2014      \$79,324.33**

#15 **RESOLVED** that the Report of the Secretary for the period(s) as follows be approved:

**January, 2014**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of January 31, 2014 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund, has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**#16 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month(s):

**January, 2014**

**#17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve participation in the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission for the 2013-2014 school year.

**ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS**  
**PERSONNEL**

**#18 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Paul McDevitt** to attend the NJSBGA Convention in Atlantic City, NJ on April 14-15, 2014:

Registration	\$100.00
Hotel 1 night	\$200.00
Mileage	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
Total	\$340.00

**#19 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the memorandum of agreement with the VAA to adjust the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 salaries of members who have health benefits and were employed on June 30, 2013. The Board realized savings from the change in benefits July 1, 2013.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Field lighting
- One School, One Book program at FNB, Brookdale and Forest, funded by VFEE and the SCA's
- Mr. Rampolla thanked Mr. Forte his many accomplishments in the district
- Mrs. Gordon for her years of dedication to the students of Verona

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN**

**#20 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: 4**

**Nays: 0**



**The Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary**