

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on February 27, 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 were present. There were no members of the press present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Superintendent’s Report

- Statement and discussion on school security

Discussion Items

- Budget discussion and second questions for November. Possible referendum voting dates if the board decides. January 23, March 13, April 17, October 2 and December 11.

RESOLUTIONS

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve Resolutions #1-22

**Moved by: Mr. Elliott**

**Seconded by: Mrs. Freschi**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting February 13, 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 on or about
<b>John Christopher Cunningham</b>	HBW	Home Instructor	\$40/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
<b>Bridget Sullivan</b>	HBW	MLOA replacement teacher	\$235/per diem	Education	Extended to April 16, 2018
<b>Karen Convery</b>	LAN	MLOA replacement teacher	\$260/per diem	Education	Apr. 25, 2018 - June 19, 2018
<b>Mara Friedman</b>	FNB	MLOA replacement teacher	\$260/per diem	Education	Extended to June 19, 2018

**2.2 Movement on Guide**

NAME	CURRENT LEVEL/STEP	SALARY	NEW LEVEL/STEP	SALARY
<b>Danielle Mutovic</b>	MA+30/Step 12	\$75,621	MA+45/Step 12	\$77,254
<b>Jessica Schram</b>	MA+30/Step 6	\$64,069	MA+45/Step 6	\$65,193
<b>Pamela Solomon</b>	MA+30/Step 9	\$67,531	MA+45/Step 9	\$68,679
<b>Yan (Jenny)Qin</b>	MA/Step 14	\$78,235	MA+30/Step 14	\$83,585

**2.3 Without Pay**

Name	Date/s	Reason
<b>#61806550</b>	Apr. 20, 2018	Without pay

**2.4 Leave of Absence**

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or about	Estimated Return Date on or about
<b>#83457010</b>	Medical Leave of Absence	Feb. 13, 2018	Feb 23, 2018
<b>#74481334</b>	Maternity Leave of Absence	May 9, 2018	Dec 3, 2018

#61741419	Extension of Maternity Leave of Absence	Sept. 8, 2017	Feb 4, 2019
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**2.5 Attendance at Conference**

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Vasi Givas	Laning	Functional Exercise & Strength Training/Hotel Pennsylvania, NY, NY	May 8-9, 2018	\$350
Dana Garcia	Laning	Functional Exercise & Strength Training/Hotel Pennsylvania NY, NY	May 8-9, 2018	\$350

**2.6 Retirement**

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Elaine Atmeh	Paraprofessional	Laning	retirement	Jun. 30, 2018

**2.7 Resignation**

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Erica McKenna	FNB	1st Grade Teacher	resignation	Jun. 30, 2018

**2.8 Reallocation of Days**

Employee #	Explanation
#81334492	2 PI days to 2 FI days
#41092214	5 PI days to 5 Paternity days
#61769246	5 PI days to 5 FI days

- #3 **RESOLVED TABLED** that the Board approve employee #86522950 to borrow 5 personal illness days and 5 vacation days from the 2018-2019 school year.
- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve sick day payments to the following retirees from the 16-17 school year:

Deborah Burke \$4,500  
 Michelle Hayes \$7,500

**EDUCATION**

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

<b>HIB Case</b>
HBW OH 73442
HBW OH 78119

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board the 2018 VSEA Business Plan.

#7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached District Statistical Report for the month of January 2018.

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

**8.1 VSEA**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
<b>Jeffrey Monacelli</b>	Program Director	\$8,279
<b>Howard Freund</b>	Assistant Program Director	\$6,120
<b>Debbie Lawrence</b>	Administrative Assistant	\$2,000

**8.2 Book Adoption**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Grade</b>
<b>The Giver</b>	English Language Arts	HBW, VHS	7th - 12th

**8.3 Professional Development Presenters**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
<b>Julia Albretsen</b>	BRK	Feb 15, 2018	\$60/hr. x 2 hrs = \$120.00
<b>Megan Shaw</b>	HBW	Feb. 15, 2018	\$60/hr. x 2 hrs.= \$120.00
<b>Jessica Calvo-Varela</b>	VHS	Feb. 15, 2018	\$60/hr. x 2 hrs.= \$120.00
<b>Max Morden</b>	VHS	Feb. 15, 2018	\$60/hr. x 2 hrs.= \$120.00

<b>Yvonne Rodzen</b>	HBW	Feb. 15, 2018	\$60/hr. x 2 hrs.= \$120.00
<b>Amy Heckel</b>	HBW	Feb. 15, 2018	\$60/hr. x 2 hrs.= \$120.00
<b>Carol Thomas</b>	HBW	Feb. 15, 2018	\$60/hr. x 2 hrs.= \$120.00
<b>Christina Stokes</b>	LAN	Feb. 15, 2018	\$60/hr. x 1 hr. = \$60.00
<b>Anne Marie Ruggiero</b>	LAN	Feb. 15, 2018	\$60/hr. x 1 hr. = \$60.00

**8.4 Student Observers**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>School/Teacher/ Grade</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Hours/ days</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
<b>Jake Farrell</b>	ECC	HBW/Rossi/5th Grade	Feb. 28 - May 1, 2018	3 hrs. total	Student Observer
<b>Olivia Haveron</b>	Manhattan Coll.	HBW/Marsano/Tempesta/ Special Services	Mar. 12 - Mar. 15, 2018	20 hrs.	Student Observer

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following curriculum for the 2017-2018 school year:

Fashion Design II

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to contract with Hillmar, LLC to provide interpreter services for the 2017 – 2018 school year as needed.

**#11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve David Rubin, Esquire to represent the Verona Public School District in a specific Special Education matter for the 2017-2018 school year at the rate of \$185.00 per hours not to exceed a total of \$10,000 for all legal fees as per the district's insurance deductible.

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve BDM Enterprises to provide bedside instruction for Student #210048, who has been placed in a therapeutic setting, at the rate of \$65 per hour for up to 10 hours per week for six to eight weeks.

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

**13.1 Student Home Instruction**

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
#200052	VHS	10	10 hrs. wk./4-6 wks.	March 5, 2018
#182322	VHS	12	10 hrs. wk./8-10 wks.	January 29, 2018

**ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR**

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

**14.1 Coaches**

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Term of Employment
Samantha Battista	VHS	Volunteer Softball Coach	NA	SY 17-18
Jessica O'Boyle-Danieli	VHS	Volunteer Softball Coach	NA	SY 17-18

**14.2 Clubs**

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
Helene McLaughlin	Fashion Club	VHS	NA	Volunteer/Trial Basis SY 17-18

**14.3 Field Trip**

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
M. Meyer	VHS	GLI/United Nations, New York, NY	Mar. 12-16, 2018
C. Tamburro	VHS	Euro Challenge/Astor House & Federal Reserve Bank, NY,NY	Mar. 9 & 22, Apr. 26, 2018

**14.4 Band/Spring Musical**

<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Term of Employment</b>
<b>Sean Clancy</b>	Music Director/Pit Conductor	VHS	\$2,000	SY 17-18
<b>Jana Byrnes</b>	Choreographer	VHS	\$1,500	SY 17-18
<b>Taylor Rehe</b>	Pit Director/Audition Accompanist/Pit Musician	VHS	\$1,850	SY 17-18
<b>John Priori</b>	Primary Accompanist	VHS	\$1,500	SY 17-18
<b>Eric Lampmann</b>	Pit Musician	VHS	\$450	SY 17-18
<b>Fabian Schulz</b>	Pit Musician	VHS	\$450	SY 17-18
<b>Nathan Quist</b>	Pit Musician	VHS	\$450	SY 17-18
<b>Austin Furham</b>	Pit Musician	VHS	\$450	SY 17-18

**FINANCE**

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$37,699.32	Cafeteria Checks	February 27, 2018
\$1,274,717.60	Vendor Checks	February 27, 2018

**#16 RESOLVED** that the Board accept a donation of \$300.00 from Verona C.H.I.L.D. for Lunch Bunch and Sensory Room items at H. B. Whitehorne Middle School.

**#17 RESOLVED** that the Board accept a donation of 26 copies of “The Magically Brilliant Boy” from an anonymous donor to Brookdale Avenue Third Grade Class with an approximate value of \$259.00.

**#18 RESOLVED** that the Board accept a donation of \$400 from the New Jersey State Bar Association to be applied toward the F.N. Brown Peer Mediation Program.

**#19 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2017-2018 budget for:

January, 2018

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

January, 2018

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of January 31, 2018 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.

**#21**    **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month:

January, 2018

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Questions regarding school security
- Question on whether the town has an ordinance on use of drones

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary**