

PUBLIC MEETING

March 11, 2014

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 11, 2014 in the Board Office Conference Room at 6:29 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. Joseph Bellino, Mr. James Day and Mr. Steven Spardel. 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. Day

Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on February 11, 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.

10 citizens and one member of press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations- Forest Avenue Students presented their NJ History Technology Project

Committee Reports:

Education

- District to pay for PSAT for all students
- Curriculum council update
- SATs are adjusting to reflect the common core spring 2016
- Completed NJASK
- March 14th professional development will deal with scoring of Student Growth Objectives, teacher scores and final evaluations
- Panel discussion at FNB on March 13 on Dyslexia
- CHILD and Special Services to produce an IEP pod cast for the website
- Maternity leaves
- Enrollment for pre-school program
- SE professional development

Athletics and Co-curricular

- Cardiac Screening student-athletes
- Coaching changes, and volunteer coaches
- Field trips
- Field AED's required for 9-1-14 per Janet's Law
- Winter sports highlights
- Recreation supervision

Buildings and Grounds

- Received 3 ESIP bids
- Forest roof repair completed on March 7
- EnerNoc Demand Response Program
- Budget 14-15
- Facilities use approval
- APG Security Report

Finance

- Current year budget status- will update after the March payroll
- Reviewed department budgets
- Budget 14-15 priorities

Discussion-

- Budget meeting Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 7pm

Superintendent's Report

- Referendum presentation powerpoint is posted to the web site and was converted to a movie
- HSPA testing is completed
- Attendance at the referendum meetings was about 300 in total
- Our NJDOE HIB grade just posted is 69/75 posted on homepage and all school pages
- Successful joint SCA/VFEE funded One School, One Book program with author, Jacqueline Davies, "The Lemonade War", raised \$704 for Alex's Lemonade Stand

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-8**

Moved by: Mr. Spardel

Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting **February 25, 2014**

PERSONNEL

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

2.1 Substitutes

| Name | Location | Position | Salary | Committee | Term of Employment |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Segarra, Patricia | Laning | Lunch Aide | \$12.50/hr. | Education | SY 13-14 |
| Kistner, Douglas | District | Sub Teacher | \$85/day | Education | SY 13-14 |
| Kotulak, Joseph | District | Sub Teacher | \$85/day | Education | SY 13-14 |
| Prendergast, Rose Ann | District | Sub Teacher | \$85/day | Education | SY 14-15 |

2.2 Attendance at Conference

| Name | Event/Location | Date | Cost | Acct. |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Wrobel, Kathleen | PROMPT Workshop/New Providence, NJ | 3/19-21/14 | \$700.00 | IDEA |

2.3 Leave of Absence

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

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

#3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent’s HIB report:

Forest 2014-1

#4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve 2014 VSEA business plan.

#5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve NJASK Test Prep Personnel Grades 4-8 for 1 hour a week for 6 weeks at \$60 per hour per instructor not to exceed \$15,000.

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

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

6.1 VSEA

| Name | Title | Stipend |
|--------------------|-------------|---------|
| Monacelli, Jeffrey | Co-Director | \$7,958 |
| Siegel, Larry | Co-Director | \$7,958 |

6.2 Field Trips

| Name of Chaperone | School | Club/Destination | Date of Field Trip |
|-------------------------------|--------|--|---------------------|
| Chris Tamburro/ Mark Russo | VHS | Euro Challenge/BNP Paribas Bldg., New York, NY | 3/14/14 and 3/24/14 |
| Mark Russo | VHS | Euro Challenge/ Federal Reserve Bank, NY, NY | 3/25/2014 |
| Marie Meyer | VHS | Girls Learn International/ United Nations, NY | 3/8-3/14/14 |

ADDENDUM RESOLUTION PERSONNEL

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

Rescind

| | 2011-2012 | 2011-2012 | | GUIDE MOVEMENT SEPT. 1, 2012 TO | | STEP INCREASE |
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| | | | | NOV. 15, 2012 | | NOV. 16, 2012 |
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| NAME | CURRENT LEVEL/STEP | SALARY | NEW LEVEL/STEP | SALARY | NEW LEVEL/STEP | SALARY |
| Rusignuolo, Corrie | BA/Step 2 | \$46,413 | MA/Step 2 | \$51,607 | MA/Step 3 | \$52,867 |

Approve

| | 2011-2012 | 2011-2012 | | GUIDE MOVEMENT SEPT. 1, 2012 TO NOV. 15, 2012 | | STEP INCREASE NOV. 16, 2012 |
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PUBLIC COMMENT- None

The Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
 Board Secretary**