

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 22, 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 and Mr. Michael Unis were present. Mr. James Day was absent. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items- Question on budget cap.

Finance Committee

- Reviewed 16-17 preliminary budget

Discussion Items

- Discussed the 16-17 preliminary budget
- Tax levy cap 3.08%
- Budget increases in salaries and benefits, special education, discretionary and non-discretionary accounts
- Budget will be broken down by account and given to the respective committees

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. Unis

Seconded by: Mrs. Freschi

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

#1 RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the tentative 2016-2017 School Budget of \$37,215,295 for submission to the County Superintendent of Schools.

GENERAL FUND	\$32,800,311
SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 855,596
DEBT SERVICE	<u>\$ 3,559,388</u>
	\$37,215,295

The General Fund Tax Levy is \$30,966,400, which represents a 3.08% tax levy increase.

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

Moved by: Mr. Unis

Seconded by: Mrs. Freschi

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

EDUCATION

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following first reading of the following regulations (see attached):

R 2423 Bilingual and ESL Education (M)

R 3240 Professional Development for Teachers and School Leader

R 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students (M)

R 5512 Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying Investigation Procedure (M)

R 5750 Equal Educational Opportunity Complaint Procedure (M)

R 5751 Sexual Harassment of Students (M)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Insurance- Cadillac Tax
- Maintenance reserve account
- Needs vs. wants list for the budget

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**