

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 25, 2014 in the Verona High School Media Center 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 and 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.

Approximately fifty five citizens and two members of press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Reporting of Election Results for the March 11, 2014 Referendum Election

- There are 10,458 registered voters in Verona
- 2,844 votes were cast
- Turnout was 27.19%
- Public question #1, 1,777 yes votes were cast and 1,067 no votes were cast for a difference of 710 votes.

Presentation – HBW Swing Night funded by VFEE

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

- Discussed ESIP. Mr. McDevitt interviewed three companies.
- All three companies said that the VHS referendum work cannot be included in the ESIP.
- The company selected will do an evaluation of the district and will evaluate VHS even though the work cannot be combined.
- ESIP company selected will be approved on April 8th.
- Forest Ave. roof fix is complete.
- Need to finalize contracts with architects and engineers for the referendum project. Contracts will be approved on April 8th.
- HBW track needs to be repaired and resurfaced. The cost is split with MKA.
- HBW track drainage will be fixed in-house and the paving in the referendum may alleviate the water problem on the track.
- Re-occurring pest problem at VHS. Lockers will be cleaned out for April break and a pest control company will be in to address the problem.

Finance

- Track repairs
- Discussed bond sale timeline. The bond closing will be 11am.
- 14-15 budget discussion. Will hold another finance meeting next week before April 8th.

Discussion-None

Superintendent’s Report

- Dr. Siegel presenting at the IStem Conference in Edison “You’re Teaching Engineering”
- VHS won first place in the NJIT Web Design contest last week over 400 participants
- Committees are forming for the projects: notices posted on homepage and in Friday Folder
 - Band Room
 - Field- (2)
 - Security
 - Tech
- Neighbor meeting- April 1 2014- 6PM in BOE office to create a field usage policy. All residents on Dodd, North side of Franklin between Grove and Fairview, Grove between Franklin and Sampson were sent letters- 10 RSVP.
- Caldwell College classes to be approved for the summer

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meetings **March 11, 2014**
March 18, 2014

PERSONNEL

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

2.1 Movement on Guide

February 1, 2014 - February 28, 2014				
NAME	CURRENT LEVEL/STEP	SALARY	NEW LEVEL/STEP	SALARY
Errico, Jennifer	MA/Step 2	\$52,063	MA+30/Step 2	\$56,428

September 1, 2012 - November 14, 2012				
Corrado, Daniel	BA+30/Step 5	\$54,138	MA/Step 5	\$55,147

	November 16, 2012			GUIDE MOVEMENT February 1, 2014	
NAME	CURRENT LEVEL/STEP	SALARY	NEW LEVEL/STEP	SALARY	NOTES
Paula, Mirja	BA/Step 6	\$51,194	MA Step 6	\$56,721	Rescind
Paula, Mirja	BA/Step 5	\$49,597	MA/Step 5	\$55,439	Approve

2.2 Substitutes

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment
D'Alessio, Spencer	District	Sub Custodian	\$18/hr.	Education	SY 13-14
Spangler, Irene	District	Sub Nurse	\$105/day	Education	SY 13-14
Forsyth, Linda	Spec. Svcs.	Sub Teacher Aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 13-14
Hunter, Tammy	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14
Giocalone, Theresa	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14
Beagin, Marisa	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14
Curtis, Lane	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14
Stelzle, Thea	Laning	Sub Lunch Aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 13-14

2.3 Attendance at Conference

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
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2.4 Home Instructor

Name	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment
Prendergast, RoseAnn	Home Instructor	\$38/hr.	SY 14-15

2.5 NJ ASK Tutoring

Name	Location	Position	Duration	Stipend
Graves, Cindy	Forest	NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/1 hr. per week	\$60/hr.
Gesario, Tamara	Forest	NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/1 hr. per week	\$60/hr.
Savolskis, Kimberly	Forest	NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/1 hr. per week	\$60/hr.
Duffy, Claire	Brookdale	NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/1 hr. per week	\$60/hr.
Till, Lauren	Brookdale	NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/1 hr. per week	\$60/hr.
Ricci, Jamie	Laning	NJ ASK test prep tutor	9 sessions/1.5 hrs. per week	\$60/hr.
Samples, Brian	Laning	NJ ASK test prep tutor	9 sessions/1.5 hrs. per week	\$60/hr.
Pellegrino, Megan	FNB	NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/1 hr. per week	\$60/hr.
Hiscano, Nancy	FNB	NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/1 hr. per week	\$60/hr.
Force, MaryAnn	FNB	NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/1 hr. per week	\$60/hr.
Marsano, Debbie	HBW	Grade 5 NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/2 hrs. per week	\$60/hr.
Rossi, Mark	HBW	Grade 5 NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/2 hrs. per week	\$60/hr.
Albano, Marisa	HBW	Grade 6 NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/2 hrs. per week	\$60/hr.
Moschella, Paul	HBW	Grade 7 NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/2 hrs. per week	\$60/hr.
Barnes, Jessica	HBW	Grade 7 NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/2 hrs. per week	\$60/hr.
Slavin, Melissa	HBW	Grade 8 NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/2 hrs. per week	\$60/hr.
Sarett, Lisa	HBW	Grade 8 NJ ASK test prep tutor	6 sessions/2 hrs. per week	\$60/hr.

2.6 Leave of Absence

Name	Position	Location	Reason	MLOA Begin Date	Estimated Return Date	Comments
Maria, Perri	77% Kindergarten Teacher/ 23% Reading Intervention	FNB/BRK/ FOR/LAN	Maternity	5/27/2014	9/1/2015	Rescind
Maria, Perri	77% Kindergarten Teacher/ 23% Reading Intervention	FNB/BRK/ FOR/LAN	Maternity	4/7/2014	9/1/2015	Approve

Employee	Location	Notes	Reason	WOP
XXX-XX-1435	VHS	April 3, 4, 7, 2014	Personal	Without pay

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve 3 quantitative and 2 qualitative Superintendent merit goals for the 2013/2014 school year.

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following recommendation for Video Film Adoptions at Verona High School:

Name	Course	Location	Grade
Argo	History and the Hollywood Cinema	VHS	10th-12th
Waiting for Superman	Contemporary Issues	VHS	11th-12th
Sicko	Contemporary Issues	VHS	11th-12th

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

5.1 Student Observers

Name	School	School/teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours	Assignment
Molinari, Danielle	FDU	FOR/O'Neill/Resource Rm.	4/24/2014	1 day	Student Observer
Plotkin, Robert	Alt. Rt.	VHS/Salisbury/Bus. Ed.	3/2014-5/2014	4 hrs.	Student Observer
Sayad, Judy	Cald. Col.	VHS/HBW/Hamilton/Music	3/2014-5/2014	60 hrs.	Student Observer

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Monthly Statistical Report for February 2014.

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

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

7.1 Field Trips

Name of Chaperone	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
Kunkel, Albano, Pietrucha	HBW	Student Council/ Philadelphia, PA - walking tour	6/10/2014
Leoparti, Palmerezzi, Iannucci, Kirby, Serpico	VHS	Track Team/Pearl River, NY	4/4/2014

7.2 Club

Name	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment

Marie, Meyer	Girls Learn International	VHS	\$500	SY 13-14
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7.3 Coaches

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Notes
Davidson, Greg	VHS	Volunteer Baseball	NA	
Sewell, Chris	VHS	Volunteer Baseball	NA	
Schiavone, John	VHS	Volunteer Lacrosse	NA	Rescind
Hemsley-Cartotto, Trish	VHS	Volunteer Softball	NA	
D'Urso, Gianna	VHS	Volunteer Girls Lacrosse	NA	
Maloszuk, Dustin	VHS	Volunteer Boys Lacrosse	NA	

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/REFERENDUM

#8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Use of Building:

Organization/Group	Location	Purpose	Dates
NJ Basketball Academy	VHS-old/new gyms	Basketball Day Camp	8/4-8/8/14
Valerie Fund	VHS parking lot	Accommodate cars for Valerie Fund walk	6/14/2014
Team Zoey	HBW gym	Fundraiser	4/25/2014
Catalyst Prep, LLC	VHS Café/Library	SCA SAT Boot Camp	4/26-27/14

FINANCE

#9 **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>
\$ 27,898.88	Cafeteria Checks	March 4, 2014
\$2,858,752.21	Vendor Checks	March 21, 2014

#10 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the participation for joint special education transportation in the Sussex County Regional Cooperative for the 2014-2015 school year.

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve the donation of a Casio Privia keyboard, Roland keyboard amplifier and Shure dual channel wireless microphones valued at \$1,335.00 to the Forest Avenue School SCA from Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Falcone on behalf of The Thomas J. Falcone Memorial Fund.

Mr. Unis and Mr. Bellino acknowledged the above resolution.

ADDENDUM
PERSONNEL

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following courses for the Verona Summer Enrichment Academy 2014:

1.1 Caldwell College Courses – pending student enrollment

Name	Location	Course	Stipend
Ferlauto, Kim	VHS	Interpersonal Relations	\$2,560
Maher, Robert	VHS	Vietnam War	\$2,560
Schram, Jessica	VHS	Criminal Justice Issues in Media	\$2,560

EDUCATION

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Caldwell College courses for summer 2014 as part of VSEA – 3 credits for Caldwell College and 2.5 for VHS pending student enrollment. These courses will be funded by student tuition.

1. Criminal Justice in the Media
2. Interpersonal Relations
3. Vietnam War

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Member of the public not in agreement with field in the referendum.
- Member of the public who lives on Dodd Terrace, along with the other Dodd Terr. residents, were not notified of the field work.

- Environmental concerns.
- Concern with lights

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

#14 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

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**