

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 27, 2018 in the Verona High School Media Center at 5:59 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: and Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice-President, Mrs. Michele Bernardino, Mr. James Day and Mr. Glenn Elliott. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Mr. John Quattrocchi, President was absent.**

**Twenty citizens were present. One member of the press was present.**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items-** None

**Presentation**

- Howard Freund, Principal, Laning Avenue School and Laning Students  
4th Grade News Broadcasting- "Laning Live"

**Superintendent's Report**

- HIB Second Reading-
  - a. VHS 02-21-18
- Revised School Calendar
- 3-27-18 Security training meeting threat assessment and identifying warning signs with FBI and VPD
- Congratulations to Debbie Marsano and Kate Smith on retirement. Thank you for your years of service and dedication to our students and best wishes.
- Resolution 7 on enrollment projections and live birth study for the district to anticipate future needs.
- Resolution #19 anonymous donation to BRK 25,000 extremely generous and special thank you to the donor.
- Congratulations to Mr. Quattrocchi recognized by NJ School Board Association service to the Board for the past 15 years. Recognition ceremony to be scheduled by NJSBA.
- Budget Update

**Committees**

- All committees discussed the 18-19 budget

**Discussion Items-** None

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-21**

**Moved by: Mr. Elliott**

**Seconded by: Mr. Day**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meetings    March 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**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
<b>Karen Binetti</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
<b>Courtney Lamkey</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
<b>Courtney Lamkey</b>	District	Sub secretary	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
<b>Beth Smillie</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18
<b>Julianne Curro</b>	District	Home Instructor	\$40/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
<b>Maria DiDiego</b>	District	Sub nurse	\$175 per diem	Education	SY 17-18
<b>Maria Denaro</b>	BRK	Lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
<b>Roberta Schoenbaum</b>	VHS	Leave replacement teacher	\$265/per diem - retroactive from Mar. 19, 2018	Education	Mar. 19 - Jun. 19, 2018
<b>Bridget Sullivan</b>	HBW	MLOA replacement teacher	\$235 per diem	Education	Apr. 16 - Jun. 19, 2018

#3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Robert Merkler** as the School Safety Specialist for the Verona School District for school year 2017-2018.

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

**4.1 Without Pay**

Name	Date/s	Reason	Notes
#86522950	Mar. 23 ½ pm, Mar. 26 - Apr. 19, 2018	without pay - medical	19.5 days
#61746251	Mar. 26-27, 2018	without pay - personal	2 days

**4.2 Resignation**

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Anthony Sorrentino	VHS	Long Term Substitute-Digital Arts	resignation	Mar. 16, 2018
Anthony Sorrentino	VHS	Head Varsity Football Coach	resignation	Mar. 16, 2018
Anthony Sorrentino	VHS	JV Boys Lacrosse Coach	resignation	Mar. 16, 2018
Lisa Savastano	Laning	Paraprofessional	resignation	Jun. 19, 2018
Nicole Petrucelli	FNB	Paraprofessional	resignation	Mar. 26, 2018

**4.3 Retirement**

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Debbie Marsano	Special Education Teacher	HBW	retirement	Jun. 30, 2018
Kathleen Smith	6th Grade Teacher	HBW	retirement	Jun. 30, 2018

**4.4 Salary Adjustment**

Name	Current	Salary	New	Salary	Effective Date
Christopher DeMond	BA/Step 16	\$76,085	BA/Step 17	\$81,799	Effective Sept. 1, 2017

**EDUCATION**

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

HIB Case		
VHS022118		

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

**6.1 Professional Development Presenters**

Presenter	School	Date	Stipend
Kelly Connallon	FNB	Feb. 15, 2018	\$60/hr. x 2 hrs. = \$120.00
Jean Sapienza	FNB	Feb. 15, 2018	\$60/hr. x 2 hrs. = \$120.00

**6.2 VFEE Grants**

Grant Recipients	School	Name of Grant	Grant #	Amount of Grant
Julia Albretsen	Brookdale Ave.	21st Century Learners Need Flexible 21st Century Environments	2018-06	\$1,535.00

#7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve Ross Haber Associates, Inc. to provide enrollment projection services at the cost of \$2,500.

#8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve Dr. Dionisio to attend the District Administration Leadership Institute superintendent conference in Orlando, Florida from April 4-6, 2018 at no cost to the district for the conference.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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

**9.1 Attendance at Conference**

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
<b>Paula Staudinger</b>	Laning	Handle With Care Recertification Training/Newton, NJ	May 30, 2018	\$450.00

**9.2 Student Home Instruction**

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
<b>#181570</b>	VHS	12	on-line courses/until end of 17-18 school year	Feb. 20, 2018
<b>#211773</b>	VHS	9	10 hrs./wk/6-8 wks.	Mar. 22, 2018
<b>#181210</b>	VHS	12	10 hrs./wk/3-4 wks.	Mar. 22, 2018

**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the participation in Joint Transportation Agreement with Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative for Special Education Transportation for the 2018 – 2019 school year per attached contract.

**#11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to contract with Social Work p.r.n. to provide educational therapy services on a part-time basis for the remainder of the 2017 – 2018 school year. (This is a transfer of services from Patience Moore to Social Work p.r.n.)

**ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR**

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Lacrosse Parents Association agreement for the 2017-2018 school year.

**#13 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2017-2018 school year:

**13.1 Coaches**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Term of Employment</b>
<b>Chris Cunningham</b>	VHS	Volunteer Baseball Coach	NA	SY 17-18
<b>Connor McCann</b>	VHS	Volunteer Baseball Coach	NA	SY 17-18
<b>Jack Weber</b>	VHS	Volunteer Assistant Boys Lacrosse	NA	SY 17-18
<b>Al Palazzo</b>	VHS	2nd Assistant Spring Track Coach	\$6,587/Step 1	rescind
<b>Al Palazzo</b>	VHS	2nd Assistant Spring Track Coach	\$5,163/Step 1	approve

**FINANCE**

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$ 500.00	Vendor Check	February 27, 2018
\$35,040.40	Cafeteria Checks	March 12, 2018
\$5,572,801.48	Vendor Checks	March 23, 2018

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

February, 2018

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

February, 2018

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of February 28, 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.

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

February, 2018

**#18 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the tentative 2018-2019 School Budget for submission to the County Superintendent of Schools for approval, using the 2018-2019 state aid figures in the amount of:

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Debt Service	Total
<u>2017-2018 Total</u>				
Expenditures	\$34,399,387	\$1,208,704	\$3,635,638	\$39,243,729
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ 1,827,519	\$1,208,704	\$ 673,817	\$ 3,710,040
Taxes to be Raised	\$32,571,868	-0-	\$2,961,821	\$35,533,689

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED In addition to the regular advertised budget, the board of education will seek approval from the district's legal voters to raise an additional \$215,000 for the expansion of our existing kindergarten program. The program currently is an extended day program. This proposal would institute a full day kindergarten program from January to June. The additional levy will provide funds for an increase in teachers and administrative salaries, lunch aides, supplies, and textbooks. The taxes, if raised, will be used exclusively for this purpose. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED In addition to the regular advertised budget, the board of education will seek approval from the district's legal voters to raise an additional \$550,000 for the expansion of our in district Mental Health Programming. The additional levy will provide for three mental health clinicians and will increase the Child Study Team staffing. The program will be instituted from January to June. The taxes, if raised, will be used exclusively for this purpose. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

**#19 RESOLVED** that the Board accept a donation to Brookdale Avenue School for technology upgrades and makerspace enhancements with a value of \$25,000.00.

**ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS**  
**PERSONNEL**

**#20 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2018-2019 school year:

**20.1 New Hire**

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Effective Date
Nicolas Dillman	VHS	Guidance Counselor	MA/Step 12/ \$70,870	Education	SY 18-19

**ATHLETICS**

**#21 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2017-2018 school year:

**21.1 Coach**

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Term of Employment
Christian Alfano	VHS	Volunteer Baseball Coach	NA	SY 17-18

**PUBLIC COMMENT- None**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino  
 Board Secretary