

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 28, 2017 in the Verona High School Media Center at 5:59 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 7 pm.

The following members of the Board were present: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice President, Mrs. Michele Bernardino and Mr. Glenn Elliott were present. Mr. James Day was absent.

Also present were Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Presentations

- Kelsey McKeen, Austin Camp, VHS Students, VHS Student Council presentation, North Star Academy, Newark
- Bob Merkler, Director of Athletics and Special Programs, Winter Sports Wrap-up
- Carol Thomas - P.R.I.D.E. Presentation

Superintendent's Report

- Ms. Julia Harth, HBW STEM teacher has been invited to participate in a workshop being held by the National Academy of Engineering in Washington, DC. to attend a workshop part of an 18-month project conducting extensive data gathering to better understand the current and anticipated future needs for engineering-literate PreK-12 educators.
- Thank you to VFEE and our teachers who applied and received innovative grants to be approved this evening for One District, One Book at the elementary level and Fashion Design at VHS.
- We accept the retirement of Nancy Beattie with regret. Mrs. Beattie has served the Verona Public School district for 39 years and has been an incredible teacher working with our students. Nancy is an amazing person who has made an impact on the lives of so many children over the years. We wish her the best of luck in the next chapter of her life.

Committees- None

Discussion Items

- Student enrollment and Board of Education's responsibility to protect students while in school

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-20**

Moved by: Mrs. Freschi

Seconded by: Mrs. Bernardino

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

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

Regular Public Meeting March 21, 2017

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2016-2017 school year as per attached.

2.1 Substitutes

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Alexis Kiel	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 16-17
Nina Sapienza	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 16-17

2.2 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about
Regina Tully	Extension of Maternity Leave	Sept. 1, 2017	May 1, 2018
Erin Coffey	Maternity Leave of Absence	June 5, 2017	Sept. 1, 2017

Alyssa Roshong	Maternity Leave of Absence	Sept. 1, 2017	Jan. 29, 2018
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2.3 Payroll Deduction

Name	Location	Date/s	Notes	Reason
#76309061	VHS	Apr. 7, 2017	1 day	Payroll Deduction
#61740130	LAN	Apr. 5-6-7, 2017	3 days	Payroll Deduction
#61713707	LAN	Mar. 27-28, 2017 May 31, Jun. 1-2, 2017	5 days	Payroll Deduction

2.4 Retirement with regret

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Nancy Beattie	ESL Teacher	FNB	retirement	Jun. 30, 2017

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached District Statistical Report for the month of February 2017.

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2nd reading of the following policies/regulations:

- P3322 Staff Member's Use of Personal Cellular Telephones/Other Communication Devices (Revised)
- P4322 Staff Member's Use of Personal Cellular Telephones/Other Communication Devices (Revised)
- P5615 Suspected Gang Activity (Revised)
- P8540 School Nutrition Programs (Revised)
- P8820 Opening Exercises/Ceremonies (Revised)

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

5.1 Movie/Book Adoption

Name	Course	Rating	Location	Grade
Castle in the Sky (1986)	Anime Club	PG	VHS	9-12

5.2 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Paula Staudinger	Laning	Handle with Care Certification/ Training	Aug. 21, 22, 23, 2017	\$1,250.00
Angela Salisbury	VHS	OSHA 10+	Jun. 6-7, 2017	\$228.00
Angela Salisbury	VHS	D&I Student Training Plans	May 22, 23,25, 2017	\$330.00
Julia Harth	HBW	National Academy of Engineering/ Washington, DC	Apr. 18-20, 2017	Total cost being paid for by National Academy of Engineering

5.3 Observer/Internship

Name	School	School/teacher/ Grade	Hours/ days	Assignment
Peter Foster	HBW	LAN/Freund/Principal	60 hrs.	Internship

5.4 Mentor

Novice Teacher	Location	Mentor	Stipend	Notes
Bridget Sullivan	HBW	Carol Lynn Moy		fee waived

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Gabrielle San Roman** to attend the National Association for Music Education Eastern Division Conference in Atlantic City, NJ on April 6 and 7, 2017.

Registration	\$130.00
Hotel - 1 night	\$ 78.57
Mileage 250 miles x .31	<u>\$ 77.50</u>
Total	\$309.07

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Marie Meyer** for \$114.00 in travel reimbursement for Girls Learn International trip to the United Nations.

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following VFEE grants for the 2016-2017 school year:

Name of Recipient	School	Name of Grant	Grant Number	Amount
Corisa Walker and Elissa Freda	Brookdale, Forest, F.N. Brown, Laning	Readers Becoming Writers: Bringing the Whangdoodle to Life with the Story Pirates	2017-05	\$8,000
Christina Sciacchitano	VHS	Fashion I and Fashion II	2017-06	\$934

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

9.1 Student Home Instruction

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
#181070	VHS	11	10 hrs./2 weeks	Mar. 7, 2017
#181570	VHS	11	10 hrs./2 weeks	Mar. 7, 2017
#190130	VHS	10	10 hrs./2 weeks	Mar. 7, 2017
#230003	Out of District Placement	5	10 hrs./6-8 weeks	Mar. 17, 2017

#250750	LAN	4	10 hrs./6-8 weeks	Mar. 17, 2017
#171270	VHS	12	10 hrs./2 weeks	Mar. 22, 2017

9.2 Home Instructor

Name
Karolina Siwek

- #10 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Dan Halpern** as a presenter for professional development on February 17, 2017 for a total of 2 hours at \$60 per hour totaling \$120.00.

- #11 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve to contract with the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission for Occupational and Physical Therapy services for the 2017 – 2018 school year as needed per attached contracts.

- #12 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve Garden State Audio L.L.C. to provide audio services for the 2017 VHS graduation at Caldwell University with an estimated cost of \$8,600.00.

- #13 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve to request county approval to waive the district from participation in the 2017-2018 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) due to the district’s estimated low eligibility rate.

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

HIB Case	HIB Case
VHS 41190	HBW OH 40755
VHS 40488	HBW OH 41227
VHS 40723	FNB 40767
VHS 40864	FNB 40666

ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

15.1 Field Trip

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
C. Garson/K. Velarde/ J. Calvo	VHS	Spanish/American Museum of Natural History, NY, NY	Apr. 25, 2017
Christine Sepcie	VHS	Fed Challenge/NY, NY	Mar. 13 and Apr. 20, 2017

FINANCE

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve the gas supplier East Coast Power & Gas at a rate of \$.0545 per therm effective January 2018.

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed checklist in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$58,301.38	Cafeteria checks	March 24, 2017
\$5,145,038.85	Vendor checks	March 28, 2017

#18 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2016-2017 budget for the month of February 2016.

#19 RESOLVED that the Report of the Secretary for February 2016 be approved and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of February 28, 2016 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.

#20 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of February 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**