

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on April 9, 2019 in the Verona High School Media Center at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Cheryl Nardino. 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: Mrs. Lisa Freschi, President, Mr. Glenn Elliott, Vice-President, Mr. Timothy Alworth, Mr. James Day, and Mrs. Pamela Priscoe. Also present were Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

No citizens were present. One member of the press was present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Presentation

Capstone Project - Josh Cogdill, Principal, Verona High School, Angela Salisbury, Business Education Teacher, Verona High School

Superintendent's Report

- Budget Update Presentation
- PILOT funding
- Referendum Update

Business Administrators Report

- Current year budget update
- Next year budget update

Committees

Education/Special Education

- ESL testing
- C.H.I.L.D. reading workshops
- 17 tuition paying students for preschool at Laning
- Legal updates
- ESS – VHS – 13 students, cap is 20/HBW 9students, cap is 10
Very positive feedback from parents and staff
- Buses passed inspection
- AP tests in May
- Curriculum revisions on-going
- Professional development
- NJSLA testing in April/May
- Professional Development/SGO/Evals on-going
- Orton Gillingham Update
- Kate Fagan presentation huge success
- Comprehensive Equity Plan being worked on

Athletics

- Posted field hockey coaching position
- Spring sports underway
- Banners put on the baseball and softball fences
- Field trips

Building and Grounds

- Referendum update

Community Resources

- Field hockey coaching position posted
- Future Ready Schools Certification being worked on
- Kate Fagan presentation was well attended
- Dr. Dionisio and Frank Mauriello attended Mental Health Summit
- Referendum discussion on plan to educate public

Discussion Items

- Board self-evaluation
- VFEE event was well attended and a great event

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. Day

Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meetings

March 26, 2019

PERSONNEL

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

2.1 New Hire

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Gary Masson	VHS	Bathroom Hall Aide	\$100/per diem	Education	SY 18-19

2.2 Without Pay

Name	Date/s	Reason
#103036	April 12, 2019	Personal Day without pay

2.3 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about
#105310	Maternity Leave of Absence	May 27, 2019	Oct. 28, 2019
#101142	Extension of Medical Leave	Jan. 7, 2019	May 7, 2019

2.4 Reallocation of Days

Employee #	Explanation
#100702	Reallocate 5 Personal Illness days to 5 Paternity days

EDUCATION

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the first reading of the following policy:

R2460.15 - 24560.15 Special Education - In-Service Training Needs for Professional and Paraprofessional Staff

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve a St. Peter's University student to distribute a voluntary on-line survey to our third, fourth and fifth grade teachers in Verona. (The Impact of High-Stakes Online Testing in Elementary Schools: An Exploration of Technology Skill Development and Program Needs for Students and Teachers)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

5.1 Student Home Instruction

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
#192970	VHS	12	10 hrs.wk./10-12 wks.	March 19, 2019
#210129	VHS	10	10 hrs.wk./4-6 wks.	April 4, 2019
#230597	HBW	8	10 hrs.wk./4-6 wks.	April 4, 2019

ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR

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

6.1 Field Trips

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
T. DeMaio	VHS	9-11 Extra Curricular/San Jose, Costa Rica	June 25 - July 3, 2019
H. McKelvey-McLaughlin	VHS	Fashion/Museum @ FIT/ New York, NY	April 25, 2019
C. Ma	VHS	Choir/Wicked, New York, NY	April 10, 2019
H. Kunkel, C. Pietrucha, M. Albano	HBW	Student Council/Phila., PA	June 12, 2019

6.2 Stipend Position

Name	School	Stipend	Position	Employment Date
Corisa Walker	District	\$4,000	District Grant Writer	SY 18-19

FINANCE

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve a capital reserve withdrawal for the H.B. Whitehorne exterior wall repair in the amount of \$64,200.

ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS
PERSONNEL

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

8.1 Retirement

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Stanley Bozeman	Head Custodian	Brookdale	Retirement	Aug. 13, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary