

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on May 14, 2019 in the Verona High School Media Center at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lisa Freschi. 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. James Day, Mr. Timothy Alworth and Mrs. Pamela Priscoe. Also present were Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Two citizens were present. No members of the press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Presentation

- Mrs. Andrea Jordan, Mrs. Marisa Albano, HBW teachers, PBSIS
- Mr. Robert Merkler, Athletic Director, Winter Sports Wrap-Up

Superintendent Report

- School Calendar - May 24, 2019
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- NJSLA Testing Update
- Observations & Walkthroughs
- PILOT
- Referendum Update
- Resignations

Business Administrator Report

- 18-19 budget
- 19-20 budget
- RFP's
- Referendum planning

Committees

Education

- Curriculum review
- NJSLA testing (was PARCC testing) is ongoing
- Teachers working on their SGO's
- Observations and walk throughs still being conducted
- Next professional development day is June 6th
- Comprehensive Equity Plan is complete and will be approved tonight
- School will be closed on Friday May 24th. Give back day for one snow day left

Special Education

- Interviewing personal
- June 20th last child meeting
- 17 pre-school students
- Mediation cases reviewed
- ESS program is going very well. 15 students VHS students and 9 at HBW

Athletics

- Reviewed winter wrap up
- Spring sports update
- Still looking for field hockey coach
- Purchasing signs for VHS to direct visiting teams and visitors to the athletics

Buildings and Grounds

- Referendum update
- Bathroom renovation
- Shade tree commission additional planting

Community Resources

- RFP's reviewed
- Discussing referendum communication

Discussion Items- None

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-14**

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Day

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meetings

April 23, 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 Hires

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Sarah Conboy	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 18-19
Sarah Conboy	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 18-19
Cecelia Hekman	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 18-19
Cecelia Hekman	District	Sub Secretary	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 18-19
Sara Arooj	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 18-19
Sara Arooj	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 18-19
Michelle DiLuccio	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 18-19
Marisa Zysk	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 18-19
Maria Bongo	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 18-19
Joseph Higgins	District	Maintenance/ Custodial	Step 13/ \$72,188 Stipend \$10,290	Education	Jul. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020

2.2 Without Pay

Name	Date/s	Reason
#101904	Apr. 22-23, 2019	Without Pay
#105181	May 7, 2019	Unpaid Sick Day

2.3 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Maria Mayo	VHS	School Media Specialist	Resignation	Jun. 30, 2019

Danielle Mutovic	VHS	Math Teacher	Resignation	Jun. 30, 2019
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2.4 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about
#100724	Maternity Leave	Sept. 3, 2019	Sept. 1, 2020
#105251	Maternity Leave	Sept. 3, 2019	Jan. 21, 2020
#105247	Maternity Leave	Sept. 3, 2019	Jan. 2, 2020
#105277	Medical Leave	May 9, 2019	Sept. 3, 2019

2.5 Marriage

Name	Location	Reason	Dates	Notes
#100920	HBW	Marriage	May 24, 2019	Rescind
#100920	HBW	Marriage	May 22, 2019	Approve

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence for **employee #100559** for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years with a return date of September 1, 2021 whereas the employee will not accrue sick, personal, or family illness days and will not be eligible for health benefits during this leave of absence. The employee # is currently on Step 10 and would be placed on Step 11 upon a return from the leave of absence.

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached non-tenured staff renewals for the 2019-2020 school year.

EDUCATION

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

HIB Case

VHS 199876
VHS 199853

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

6.1 Stipend

Name	School	Stipend	Position	Employment Date
Corisa Walker	District	\$1,000.00	One District-One Book Coordinator	SY 18-19
Michelle DellaFortuna	VHS	\$3,078.80	SAT Prep Instructor	SY 18-19
Marie Meyer	VHS	\$2,935.60	SAT Prep Instructor	SY 18-19
Jonathan Thai	VHS	\$2,362.80	SAT Prep Instructor	SY 18-19

6.2 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Regina Tully	FOR/BRK	NJSHA Convention/ Long Branch, NJ	May 2, 2019	Registration \$275.00 Mileage \$32.40
Marie Meyer	VHS	Smithsonian American Art Museum Summer Program/NY,NY	July 8-12, 2019	Registration \$200.00
Cheryl Nardino	Board Office	NJASBO Annual Conference/Atlantic City, NJ	June 4-7, 2019	Registration \$275.00 Mileage \$77.00 Hotel \$87/night Meals \$66.00 per diem

6.3 Video Adoption

Name	Course	Location	Grade
The Martian (PG-13)	Science		

		HBW	8
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- #7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the revised 2018-2019 school calendar to reflect Friday May 24, 2019 as a school closing due to the result of an unused snow day. (see attached)
- #8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Affirmative Action team to conduct a Needs Assessment and Develop and Comprehensive Equity Plan for the 2019-2020, 2020-21 and 2021-2022 school years.
- #9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following V-SEA staff for the 2019 summer program.

Name	Position	Stipend
Melissa Hanulak	Teacher	\$2,743
Jennifer Kleinknecht	Teacher	\$2,743
Carol Lynn Moy	Teacher	\$2,743
Anne Marie Ruggiero	Teacher	\$2,743
Stefanie Lijoi	Teacher	\$2,743
Tamara Gesario	Teacher	\$2,743
Suzanne Livelli	Teacher	\$2,743
Mark Rossi	Teacher	\$2,743
Elissa Freda	Teacher	\$2,743
Jamie Ricci	Teacher	\$2,743
Amy Heckel	Teacher	\$2,743
Albert Palazzo	Teacher	\$2,743

SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

10.1 Student Home Instruction

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
#210109	VHS	10	10 hrs./4-6 weeks	Apr. 24, 2019
#230597	HBW	8	10 hrs./4-6 weeks	Apr. 26, 2019

ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR

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

11.1 Coaches

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment
Christina Fabiano	VHS	Asst. Lacrosse/Girls	\$4,000	SY 18-19
Jack Weber	VHS	Asst. Lacrosse/Boys	\$4,000	SY 18-19

11.2 Field Trips

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
M. Meyer	VHS	AP English Language / Art Museum in New Windsor, NY	May 24, 2019
C. Garson/J. Calvo	VHS	Spanish Club / Spanish Museum in NYC, NY	June 7, 2019
J. Schram	VHS	Holocaust & Genocide / NYC, NY	May 29, 2019

#12 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the construction of a storage/snack shed on the upper field of Verona High School to be paid for by the Fifth Downers with an estimated value between \$6,000 - \$6,500.

PERSONNEL

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

13.1 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Chris Cunningham	HBW	Special Education	Resignation	Jun. 30, 2019

		Teacher		
Gabrielle San Roman	FOR/LAN	Music Teacher	Resignation	Jun. 30, 2019

13.2 Retirement

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Anthony Saltalamacchia	Art Teacher	HBW	Retirement	Jun. 30, 2019

#14 RESOLVED that that the Board approve **Dr. Rui Dionisio** for the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government Public Leadership program for a cost not to exceed \$6,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino, Board Secretary