

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on May 23, 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, Mr. James Day and Mr. Glenn Elliott were present. Mrs. Michele Bernardino was absent.

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

Approximately twenty five citizens were present. One member of the press was present.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items-None**

**Presentations**

- Joshua Cogdill, Principal, VHS, Students of the Month
- District Principals, Climate Survey Action Plan

**Superintendent's Report**

- Joint meeting with Township Council will be scheduled for October 2017
- Strongman Competition raised \$2500. Thank you to Verona PBA for their support. The funds will be donated to the VHS Fitness Center renovations.
- Thank you to CHILD for their generous contribution of \$950 to be used for the LNG sensory room.
- Recognize with deep appreciation the generous additional contribution of \$27,050 from the Estate of Arthur Acquaviva.
- Retirement congratulations and well wishes to Karen Sabatino at FNB and Carol Clifford at HBW. We are appreciative of all of their contributions to our students and district.

**Committees**

**Finance**

- 16-17 Budget projection
- Audit to be performed early to late summer

**Discussion Items**

- Council would like to meet after the new council is sworn in. Meeting to be scheduled for the fall.
- VEA letter was circulated regarding the negotiations for the aides and technology personnel.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-23**

**Moved by: Mrs. Freschi**

**Seconded by: Mr. Elliott**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting May 9, 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.

**2.1 Substitute Teacher**

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment
Joanna Eliasof	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 16-17
Karen Sabatino	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 17-18

**2.2 Retirement with Regret**

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Karen Sabatino	3rd Grade Teacher	F. N. Brown	Retirement	June 30, 2017
Carol Clifford	Social Studies Teacher	H.B.W.	Retirement	Jan. 1, 2018

**2.3 Leave of Absence**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Begin Date on or before</b>	<b>Estimated Return Date on or before</b>
<b>#61790549</b>		VHS	Medical Leave of Absence	Jun. 5 - Jun. 16, 2017	Sept. 1, 2017
<b>Sara O'Connor</b>	5th Grade Teacher	HBW	Maternity Leave of Absence	Sept. 11, 2017	Apr. 6, 2018
<b>Christine Gasalberti</b>	5th Grade Teacher	HBW	Maternity Leave of Absence	Sept.15, 2017	Apr. 9, 2018
<b>Valerie Useche</b>	Spanish Teacher	HBW	Maternity Leave of Absence	Sept. 18, 2017	Sept. 1, 2018
<b>Gillian Betcher</b>	Speech/ Language Specialist	FNB/BRK	Maternity Leave of Absence	Sept. 7, 2017	Apr. 9, 2018
<b>Claire Ma</b>	Music Teacher	VHS	Maternity Leave of Absence	Oct. 10, 2017	Sept. 4, 2018

**2.4 Reallocation of Days**

Employee #	Dates	Explanation
#61726196	Apr. 16, 17, 24 May 4, 5, 2017	Reallocate 5 Unused PI days to Paternity Days
#61845251	May 2, 3, 4, 5, 2017	Reallocate 4 Unused PI days to Paternity Days

**2.5 Stipend**

Name	School	Stipend	Term of Employment	Total	Notes
Jonathan Thai	VHS	\$42.16/per hr.	Apr. 24,25,26,27,28, May 1, 2, 2017	\$295.05	Alternate Assessment for PARCC

**2.6 New Staff**

Name	Location	Assignment	Degree/Step	Salary	Effective on or about	Department
Melissa Ferrigno	HBW	Special Education LLD 7-8 Teacher	BA/Step 4	\$51,906	Sept. 1, 2017	Education

**2.7 Without Pay**

Name	Location	Date/s	Notes
#61720751	HBW	Half Day May 31, 2017 June 1-2, 2017	2.5 days Without pay

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

**3.1 Staff Changes**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Location/Position</b>	<b>New Location/Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
<b>Julia Albretsen</b>	Brookdale/77% Kdg. Teacher	Brookdale/100% 1st Grade Teacher	Sept. 1, 2017
<b>Michelle Staranka</b>	FNB/77% Kdg. Teacher	FNB/100% 1st Grade Teacher	Sept. 1, 2017
<b>Lauren Brown</b>	LAN/3rd Grade Teacher	LAN/4th Grade Teacher	Sept. 1, 2017
<b>Beth Foley</b>	HBW/Attendance Admin. Assist.	LAN/Admin. Assist.	Sept. 1, 2017

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#4 RESOVLED** that the Board approve request to accept the Amendment to Settlement Agreement (Agency Ref. #2015-22136/OAL Docket No.: EDS-01027-2015), F.M. & P.M. o/b/o/ M.M., dated April 10, 2017.

**#5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Special Services Summer School Staff for the 16-17 school year.

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

**6.1 Student Home Instruction**

<b>Student #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Hrs./Week/Duration</b>	<b>Beginning on or about</b>
<b>#251104</b>	Brookdale	4	15 hours total	May 1, 2017
<b>#190157</b>	VHS	10	6 hours per week/ 5 weeks	May 11, 2017

**EDUCATION**

**#7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached District Statistical Report for the month of April 2017.

**#8 RESOVLED** that the Board approve **Jessica Schram** to be paid at a daily rate of \$313.73 for 5 days totaling \$1,568.65 to attend Fordham University for AP Summer Seminar on July 24 - 29, 2017.

Registration	\$ 899.00
Mileage/Parking/Tolls	<u>\$ 179.25</u>
Total	\$1,078.25

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the second reading of the following policies and regulations:

- P 5530 Substance Abuse (M)
- R 5530 Substance Abuse (M)
- P 5600 Student Discipline/Code Of Conduct (M)
- R 5600 Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (M)
- P 8505 Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards For Meals and Other Foods (M)
- R 5306 Health Services to Non-Public Schools (M)
- R 5308 Student Health Records (M)

**9.2 Home Instructors**

<b>Name</b>
<b>Julia Albretsen</b>

**9.3 Student Observer**

Name	School	School/teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours/ days	Assignment
<b>Maria Bongo</b>	Seton Hall	FNB/BRK/Betcher/ Speech	May 24-Jun. 9, 2017	25 hours	Student Observer
<b>Renee DeLora</b>	Ramapo Coll.	VHS/Wallerstein/ Social Studies	Sept. 11-Dec. 3, 2017		Student Teacher

**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following V-SEA staff for the 2016-2017 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Melissa Slavin	Teacher	\$2,663
Jennifer Kleinknecht	Teacher	\$2,663
Carol Lynn Moy	Teacher	\$2,663
Kaleigh Cella	Teacher	\$2,663
Anne Marie Ruggiero	Teacher	\$2,663
Stefanie Lijoi	Teacher	\$2,663
Corrie Majestic	Teacher	\$2,663
Tamara Gesario	Teacher	\$2,663
Suzanne Livelli	Teacher	\$2,663
Mark Rossi	Teacher	\$2,663
Elissa Freda	Teacher	\$2,663

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

HIB Case	HIB Case
VHS 42199	VHS 41791
VHS 41809	VHS 41770

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board approved the advertisement to seek RFP's for the district's architect of record.

**ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR**

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

**13.1 Band Staff**

<b>Band Staff</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Staff Member</b>
Band Director	\$13,346	Erik Lynch
Assistant Band Director	\$6,592	Ryan Wiemken
Marching Band Instructor	\$3,333	Jesse Burbank
Color Guard Advisor	\$2,348	Karen Salomon
Color Guard Instructor	\$2,000	TBD
Marching Instructor	\$2,000	Andrew Denburg
Marching Instructor	\$2,000	TBD



Marching/Brass Instructor	\$2,000	Mario Correa
Drum Line Instructor and Percussion Writer	\$4,000	Dan Granda
Pit Instructor	\$2,000	Julie Boyle
Drill Writer	\$2,500	Brian Murphy
Visual Designer	\$1,000	Sal Adomo
Music Arranger	\$2,250	Rich Guillen
Volunteer		Nick Charles

**13.2 Field Trip**

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
J. Calvo/C. Garson/ K. Velarde	VHS	Spanish/NY NY	Jun. 2, 2017

**13.3 Coaches**

Name	Location	Position	Salary/Stipend	Term of Employment
<b>Taylor DeMaio</b>	VHS	JV Girls Soccer Coach	Step 1/\$5,163	SY 17-18
<b>Brandon Adler</b>	VHS	Freshmen Boys Soccer Coach	\$2,550	SY 17-18

**FINANCE**

- #14 **RESOLVED** that the Board accept the following generous donation of \$950.00 from Verona C.H.I.L.D. for a sensory room at Laning Avenue School.
- #15 **RESOLVED** that the Board accept the following generous donation of \$500.00 from an anonymous donor to “Children Having Individual Learning Differences.
- #16 **RESOLVED** that the Board accept the following generous donation of \$27,050.00 from the Estate of Arthur Acquaviva, former Verona High School Library Media Specialist.
- #17 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed checklist in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$2,698,035.80	Vendor Checks	May 19, 2017

- #18 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of April 2017.
- #19 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2016-2017 budget for April 2017.
- #20 **RESOLVED** that the Report of the Secretary for the period(s) as follows be approved:  

April 2017

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of April 30, 2017 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.

**#21 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following tuition reimbursement in doctoral studies at St. Peter’s University for Organizational Behavior and Leadership for the Spring 2017 semester:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reimbursement</b>
<b>Charlie Miller</b>	\$2,729.70
<b>Frank Mauriello</b>	\$2,729.70
<b>Joshua Cogdill</b>	\$2,729.70

**ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS**  
**PERSONNEL**

**#22 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendation pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2017-2018 school year.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Degree/ Step</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective on or about</b>	<b>Department</b>
<b>Rebecca Hadjiloucas</b>	HBW	Social Studies Grade 8	MA/Step 2	\$54,443	Sept. 1, 2017	Education

**EDUCATION**

**#23 RESOLVED** that the Board approve and ratify the Technology Personnel (E) Contract Agreement with the Verona Education Association for the term July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary**