

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on May 31, 2016 in the Verona High School Media Center at 6:29 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 8pm.**

**The following members of the Board were present: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice President, Mrs. Michele Bernardino and Mr. Michael Unis were present. Mr. James Day was absent. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.**

**Approximately seventy five citizens were present. Two members of the press were present.**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items-None**

**Presentations-**

- Josh Cogdill, VHS Principal, Students of the Month
- Charlie Miller, Director of Curriculum- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Update

**Superintendent's Report**

- Update on music room addition
- Update on field work and sewer line on Sampson Drive
- Tennis courts work will be started in a couple of weeks
- Lead water testing update shared with public
- Athletic director hiring update

**Committees**

**Finance**

- Reviewed resolutions
- Year-end projection for next meeting

**Education/Special Education**

- Plan for aides, hiring process, testing requirements, change in some job descriptions
- Setting aside the RFP (request for proposal) for outsourcing aides

**Community Resources**

- Communication processes
- Preparing a e-magazine/pamphlet that encompasses everything the district does
- Change in 16-17 calendar
- Joint meeting with town council
- Traffic safety on Fairview Ave.
- Sustainable NJ
- Streamlining website
- Verona Police cannot be present at school functions outside of Verona

**Discussion Items**

- Sample letters from Glen Ridge and Montclair sent to VBOE regarding charter school applications in those two towns
- Mrs. Bernardino recognized the Sellitto Family donation on resolution #16.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-27**

**Moved by: Mrs. Freschi**

**Seconded by: Mrs. Bernardino**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting May 10, 2016

**PERSONNEL**

**#2 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2015-2016 school year:

**2.1 Substitutes**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Term of Employment on or about</b>
<b>John Cunningham</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 15-16
<b>Kathleen Lynch</b>	District	Sub teacher aide	\$14.40/hr.	Education	SY 15-16
<b>Ana Ruiz</b>	District	Sub teacher aide	\$14.40/hr.	Education	SY 15-16
<b>Brianna Velez</b>	District	Sub teacher aide	\$14.40/hr.	Education	SY 15-16

**2.2 Personal Illness Without Pay**

Name	Location	Date	Reason	Notes
61811519	VHS	5/13/2016	Personal Illness	without pay
42817403	VHS	5/23/2016	Personal Illness	without pay

**2.3 New Staff**

Name	Location	Assignment	Degree/Step	Salary	Effective on or about	Department	Replacing
Christine Garson	VHS	Spanish	BA/Step 9	\$57,581	9/1/2016-6/30/2017	Education	M. Bubay
Xhafer Ballaj	HBW	Night Custodian	Step 1	\$38,616 night differential \$2,680	6/1/16-6/30/16	Education	D. Turner
John Cunningham	HBW	Spec. Ed. 5th Grade Math	MA+45/Step 3	\$60,907	9/1/16-6/30/17	Education	New position
Albert Palazzo	HBW	Spec. Ed. 6th Grade Math	MA/Step 5	\$58,353	9/1/16-6/30/17	Education	J. Barnes
Martine Kasmin	HBW	Spec. Ed. 5th Grade Language Arts	MA/Step 4	\$57,464	9/1/16 - 6/30/17	Education	New position
Christie Marohn	LAN	Admin. Asst.	Step 11	\$41,397 plus Stipend \$1,025 for BA Degree	9/1/16 - 6/30/17	Education	D. Buro

**2.4 Staff Changes**

Name	Current Location/Position	New Location/Position	Effective Date
Maria Perri	MLOA	FNB/.77% Kindergarten	9/1/2016
Dana Casale	Brookdale 80% / FNB 20%/Resource	FNB 100% / Resource	9/1/2016
Kristina Ellenbogen	Brookdale/3rd Grade	Forest/3rd Grade	9/1/2016
Joan Weiss	Forest/3rd Grade	Forest/1st Grade	9/1/2016
Jean Sapienza	Forest/LLD-2	FNB/LLD-2	9/1/2016
Jody Sewell	HBW 5th grade house Spec. Ed	HBW/LLD/new position	9/1/2016

<b>Lauren Brown</b>	Laning/4th Grade	Laning/3rd Grade	9/1/2016
<b>Claire Ma</b>	VHS 40% Vocal Music	VHS 100%	9/1/2016
<b>Ryan Wiemken</b>	VHS 60% Instructional Music	VHS 70%	9/1/2016
<b>Melissa Wallerstein</b>	VHS 40% Social Studies	VHS 60%	9/1/2016
<b>Alice Kobylarz</b>	VHS/80% English	VHS/100% English	9/1/2016

**2.5 Mentor**

Novice Teacher	Location	Mentor	Stipend	Notes
<b>Joseph Russo</b>	HBW	Nadia Domenick	\$550.00	4/13/16-12/5/16

**2.6 Resignation**

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
<b>Lindsay Benshoof</b>	HBW	Spec. Ed. LSS teacher	resignation	6/30/2016

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the revised salaries for the attached list of tenured and non-tenured staff for the 2016-2017 school year.

**#4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Pam Burke** to attend the AP Economics Summer Institute at Rutgers University from June 27, 2016 - June 30, 2016.

Registration	\$ 1,025.00
Mileage - 296 miles x .31	\$ 91.76
	\$ 1,116.76

**EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the VFEE donation in the amount of \$5,408 to Claire Ma for Apple computers in the vocal music program.

**#6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Statistical Report for the month of April 2016.

**#7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the revised 2016-2017 district school calendar. (attached)

**#8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following student home instruction:

<b>Student #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Hrs./Week/Duration</b>	<b>Beginning on or about</b>
210161	HBW	7	10 hrs./week/8-10 weeks	4/15/2016
172178	VHS	11	5 hrs./week/6 weeks	5/9/2016
201765	HBW	8	10 hrs./week/4-6 weeks	5/12/2016

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of Special Education Summer School staff for the 2015-2016 school year.

**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following book adoptions for the 2015-2016 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Four Perfect Pebbles	English	HBW	8th Grade
Prisoner B3847	English	HBW	8th Grade
Brown Girl Dreaming	English	HBW	8th Grade
Stella	English	HBW	8th Grade
The Other Side of the Sky	English	HBW	8th Grade
The Breadwinner	English	HBW	8th Grade

**#11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following for the 2016-2017 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>School/teacher/ Grade</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Hours/ days</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
<b>Emily Kokkinakis</b>	Kean Univ.	VHS/Shapiro/Psychologist	9/16-6/17	16 hrs./week	Intern

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to accept the attached settlement agreement for residential placement for Student #191496, dated May 31, 2016 as follows:

Settlement Term 5/13/16 – 6/30/16, \$12,115

Settlement Term 7/1/16 – 6/30/17, \$90,000

**CO-CURRICULAR**

**#13 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the second reading of the following Policy and Regulation:

P5756 Transgender Students  
R1510 Rights of Persons with Handicaps or Disabilities/  
Non-Discrimination (M)

**#14 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached job description for the Transportation Coordinator.

**#15 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Band Staff for the 2016-2017 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Term of Employment</b>
<b>Erik Lynch</b>	VHS	Band Director	\$13,149	16-17 school year
<b>Ryan Wiemken</b>	VHS	Assistant Band Director	\$6,431	16-17 school year
<b>Jessie Burbank</b>	VHS	Marching Band Instructor (Caption Head)	\$3,251	16-17 school year
<b>Karen Salomon</b>	VHS	Color Guard Advisor	\$2,291	16-17 school year
<b>Karen Salomon</b>	VHS	Winter Color Guard and Percussion Rehearsals	\$500	16-17 school year
<b>Rob Giglio</b>	VHS	Marching Instructor	\$2,000	16-17 school year
<b>Julian Johnson</b>	VHS	Marching Instructor	\$2,000	16-17 school year
<b>Mario Corea</b>	VHS	Marching/Brass Instructor	\$2,000	16-17 school year
<b>Dan Granada</b>	VHS	Drum Line Instructor and Percussion Writer	\$4,000	16-17 school year
<b>Dan Granada</b>	VHS	Winter Color Guard and Percussion Rehearsals	\$500	16-17 school year
<b>Julie Boyle</b>	VHS	Pit Instructor	\$2,000	16-17 school year
<b>Ken Sadowsky</b>	VHS	Drill Writer/.5 Marching Instructor	\$3,000	16-17 school year
<b>Sal Adomo</b>	VHS	Visual Designer	\$1,000	16-17 school year

<b>Rich Guillen</b>	VHS	Music Arranger	\$2,250	16-17 school year
<b>Nick Charles</b>	VHS	Color Guard Instructor	Volunteer	6/15/16-12/1/16

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

**#16 RESOLVED** that the Board accept the donation of a new sign from the Sellitto Family for the Thomas J. Sellitto Athletic Field, valued at \$5,400.00

**REFERENDUM**

**#17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Landtek Group change order #01-1 in the amount of \$2,796 for an additional bond for the Township of Verona.

**#18 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Edge Property Maintenance change order #13 in the amount of \$79,000.80 for additional soil removal for the music room addition.

**#19 RESOLVED** that the Board approve and escrow check to the Township of Verona in the amount of \$9,124 for inspection services.

**FINANCE**

**#20 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed check list(s) in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$ 3,947,827.48	Vendor checks	May 31, 2016
\$ 61,157.09	Cafeteria checks	May 05, 2016-May 25, 2016

**#21 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2015-2016 budget for:

April, 2016

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

April, 2016

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

- #23 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month(s):  
April, 2016
- #24 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the financing bid from US Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. per the attached award recommendation letter. The amount financed is \$160,000 for the purchase of science kits, chromebooks, desktop computers and mobile computer carts. Term of the financing is three years.
- #25 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the advertisement and sale of old electronic musical instruments.
- #26 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the advertisement and sale of a 1997 Ford 350 pickup and 1998 Jeep Cherokee.
- #27 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the contract with Agera Energy as a third party supplier at a supply rate of \$.0968/kWh. Contract is effective May 2016 for a 24 month term.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Outsourcing of aides
- Aides turnover rate

**The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary**