

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on June 17, 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.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

- Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent, VPS Retiree Recognition
- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Update, Mr. Charles Miller, Director of Curriculum, Mr. Glen Stevenson, Supervisor STEM, Mr. Steven Schels, Supervisor Humanities, Mrs. Gina Venezia - Supervisor Special Education

Superintendent Report

- Retirement Recognition
 - a. Stanley Bozeman
 - b. Mary Ann Force
- VFEE Grants Recognition
- Successful Professional Development Day June 6th
- VHS Graduation & 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony 6/20/19

Business Administrator Report

- 18-19 budget year end will be presented in July
- Green Team update

Committees

Education/Special Education

- Reviewed curriculum presentation
- Reviewed new curriculum for 19-20
- C.H.I.L.D. meeting dates
- Preschool open house
- Mediation update
- Unbudgeted out of district placement 7/1/19

Athletics

- Hired field hockey coach
- Spring sports wrap-up

Discussion Items- Update on discussions with town council regarding pilot money

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-13**

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 May 28, 2019

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2019-2020 school year:

2.1 New Hire

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Gehan Klele	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 18-19
Wendy Alfieri	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 18-19
Spencer D'Alessio	District	Maintenance	Step 9/ \$59,885	B&G	Jul. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020
Desaret Resuli	VHS	VHS Night Custodian	Step 3/\$43,122 VHS Custodian \$885 Night Differential \$2,827	B&G	Jul. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020

Alverto Rodriguez	BRK	Head Custodian	Step 5/\$45,622 Head Custodian \$4,337	B&G	Jul. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020
Kimberly Rothenberger	HBW	MLOA Spec. Ed. LLD 7-8	\$235/per diem	Education	Sept. 2, 2019 - Jan. 21, 2020
Alyssa Boldurian	VHS	Spec. Ed. English	MA/Step 4/ \$57,039	Education	Sept. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020
Elnor Zeqiri	District	Network Technician	\$70,000	Education	Jul. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020
Jonathan Salcedo	District	Network Technician	\$65,000	Education	Jul. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020
Taylor Ross	FNB	LOA - 2nd Grade Teacher	\$235 per diem	Education	Sept. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020
Adriana Contreras	VHS	MLOA - Spanish Teacher	\$235 per diem	Education	Sept. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020
Diane Bartell	FOR	Kindergarten Teacher	MA/Step 4/\$57,039	Education	Sept. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020

3.2 Retirement

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Mary Ann Force	4th Grade Teacher	F N Brown	Retirement	Jun. 30, 2019

3.3 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective	Notes
Jahn Maka	VHS	Special Education Teacher	Resignation	Jun. 30, 2019	
Michelle Ferrara	FOR	Paraprofessional	Resignation	Jun. 20, 2019	Rescind

3.4 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about	Notes
#103117	Maternity	Sept. 9, 2019	Mar. 30, 2020	
#100555	Maternity	Oct. 17, 2019	Sept. 1, 2020	
#103274	Maternity	Oct. 7, 2019	Feb. 18, 2020	Rescind
#103274	Maternity	Oct. 7, 2019	Feb. 24, 2020	Approve

3.5 Reallocation of Days

Employee #	Explanation
#102459	Reallocate 5 Personal Illness days to 5 Paternity days
#100920	Reallocate 5 Personal Illness days to 5 Family Illness days

#4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Charles Miller** to serve as the maternity leave replacement principal at Brookdale Avenue School effective September 15, 2019 to December 15, 2019 at a rate of \$100 per diem.

EDUCATION

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

HIB Case
BRK 201296
HBW-CH 201225
VHS 201123

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

6.1 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost	Acct.
Rebecca Russo	HBW	Google Apps Workshop/Wayne Twp. Learning Center	Jun. 18, 2019	\$209.00	
Richard Wertz	VHS	AP CS Principles/CS50 for AP Professional Development Workshop/ Cambridge, MA	Jun. 28 - 30, 2019	Registration \$1,000.00	Rescind

Alex Cali	VHS	AP CS Principles/CS50 for AP Professional Development Workshop/ Cambridge, MA	Jun. 28 - 30, 2019	Registration \$1,000.00 Hotel \$546.00 Mileage \$266.80 Meal \$177.50 Total \$1,990.30	Rescind
------------------	-----	---	--------------------	--	---------

6.2 VFEE Grants

Grant Recipients	School	Name of Grant	Grant #	Amount of Grant
Christine Sciacchitano, Robert Merkler	VHS	Design Club Printer	2019-09	\$4,980
Maggie Manning	HBW	Flexible Seating in a Middle School Classroom	2019-10	\$3,498
Amy Heckel, Bridget Sullivan	HBW	Explore It! 4-H Science Club	2019-11	\$2,300

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve a Ed.D. Centenary University student who is researching the impact of transformational leadership on school culture/climate as it relates to staff inspiration/motivation.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

8.1 Student Home Instruction

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
#222305	VHS	9	10 hrs./3 wks.	Jun. 6, 2019

8.2 Special Special Summer School

Name	Position	Stipend
Cecelia Heckman	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.
Gehan Klele	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.
Wendy Alfieri	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.

ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Verona High School Football team to begin their heat acclimatization practice on Monday, August 12, 2019, as approved by the NJSIAA Executive Committee, to enhance exercise heat tolerance and the ability to exercise safely and effectively in warm conditions.

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year:

10.1 Stipends

Name	School	Stipend	Position	Employment Date	Notes
Jonathan Thai	VHS	10 hr./\$43.43 hr.= \$434.30	PARCC Portfolio	PARCC Portfolio	
Julia Zambrano	HBW	\$1,468	Maker Club	SY 18-19	Rescind
Julia Zambrano	HBW	\$734	Maker Club	SY 18-19	Approve
Bridget Sullivan	HBW	\$734	Maker Club	SY 18-19	

FINANCE

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed checklist in the following amount:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$56,225.29	Cafeteria Checks	June 11, 2019
\$416,234.90	Vendor Checks	June 14, 2019

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve US Bancorp Government Leasing and Financing for the lease finance of chromebooks and computers.
Lease terms:

\$288,700 finance amount
3.1299% interest rate
\$99,939.97 payment for each of 3 years beginning 7-1-19

ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS
PERSONNEL

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2019-2020 school year:

1.1 New Hires

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Melissa Pesce	FNB	2nd Grade Teacher	BA/Step 1/ \$50,847	Education	Sept. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

#14 RESOLVED that the Board meet in private session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss the topics of negotiations and personnel or potential litigation which private discussion is being held pursuant to Section 7b and 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act. The matters under discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as final decisions are made and voted upon.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino, Board Secretary