

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

**June 22, 2021**

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey,**

**convened in regular session on June 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

**The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ernest Turner. 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, Vice President, Mr. Timothy Alworth, Mrs. Pamela Priscoe and Mrs. Sara Drappi, Mr. Day was absent. Also present was Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Mr. Ernest Turner, Acting Board Secretary.**

**There were 63 members of the public present for the recognition of the sports teams & athletes. There were 0 members of the press present.**

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items - None**

**Presentation - Robert Merkler - Athletics and Special Programs - Sectional Championship winners Spring Sports**

**Superintendent Report - Good evening everyone. I have a few updates this evening for the Superintendent's Report.**

I would like to provide an update on the HBW Principal position. Nearly 60 candidates applied for the position. 16 candidates were interviewed in the first round. The candidate pool was narrowed down to 5 candidates for round 2. Today, 3 candidates interviewed with a committee of teachers and administrators. Over the next two weeks, final rounds with candidates and reference checks will take place with a recommendation to the Board of Education in early July.

As a follow up to Mr. Merkler's Sports Recognition this evening, we have a number of wonderful updates for Athletics:

- Baseball finished with a 15-8 record and advanced to the sectional semifinals.
- Girls Lacrosse finished with a 9-7 record this year and advanced to the quarter finals of both the county and state tournaments.
- Boys Lacrosse finished 12-5 and also advanced to the quarterfinals of their county and state tournaments.
- Boys Tennis advanced to the quarterfinals of the ECT for the first time since 2015 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the State sectionals.
- Our golf team won 7 of their last 9 matches and placed 3rd overall in the conference.

- Our Girls Spring Track & Field team placed 2nd at the SEC Championships and we also won the Essex County Small Schools Relay championship.
- Our Boys Track & Field Team finished 4-1 and placed 2nd in the Colonial Division.
- Softball played to an 18-8 record, made it to the Essex County semifinals and then won the North 2 Group 2 Sectional Championship, their 2nd in the last 2 seasons.
- Congratulations to all of our students and coaches for an outstanding season, especially under the circumstances with the pandemic. It has been remarkable to watch such success and progress. A special thank you to our nurses and Mr. Calo for keeping our student athletes healthy and to Mr. Merkler for his outstanding leadership this year with athletics and managing the public health conditions.

Last week, all four elementary schools held beautiful Fourth Grade Farewell ceremonies under clear, blue skies on Sellitto Field. Thank you to our principals, staff and parents for making these events possible and memorable for our students and families. It was so nice to see so many smiling faces.

HBW has been very busy with a number of 8th Grade Celebrations & Events

- Thursday, June 10 was the Beach Party Bonanza on the HBW field. Students asked to bring a beach towel or beach chair. Students played beach and carnival games and enjoyed an ice cream truck. This was a great opportunity for the class to connect as a single group for the first time since before the pandemic.
- Monday, June 21 was the 8th Grade Pool Party with a grab-and-go lunch and dessert provided.
- Today, June 22 was the rehearsal for the Awards and Recognition Ceremony this Thursday. HBW will hold rehearsal again tomorrow with a bagel breakfast hosted by the HBW SCA. Games and other activities are planned for the class after rehearsal.
- On Thursday, June 24 HBW will host the Awards and Recognition Promotion Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. at VHS Sellitto Field.
- A lot of wonderful events are happening and we are appreciative and grateful of the staff, administration and parents for their support.

Verona High School has also been very busy the past several months with honor society inductions. Most recently since our last Board meeting, VHS honored our students with the Art Honor Society, English Honor Society, History Honor Society, Computer Honor Society and Math Honor Society. Congratulations to all of our students who were recognized for their academic achievements.

The wrestling dinner was held on June 12th and VHS held a Softball Clap Out on June 17th to celebrate the team before their game at Ivy Hill against Robbinsville High School. The Senior Banquet was held on June 9th which was a huge success. Lastly, Senior Awards were held last Tuesday on June 15th. The VHS Graduation will be held this Friday at 6:30 pm on Sellitto Field. Thank you to the administration, teachers and parents who helped make all of these high school events possible. It truly is remarkable to see how far we have come this year and now being on the other side of this pandemic. I'm proud of everyone for working together and it's wonderful to see so much returning to normal.

Lastly, I would like to publicly thank Mr. Turner who has served as the Verona Board Secretary and has guided our Business Office for the past 18 months. I am grateful for his leadership, collaboration, insight, and camaraderie. He has made tremendous contributions during a challenging time with the pandemic and a referendum. Thank you Mr. Turner for your service and leadership to the District. While you will no longer be serving as Board Secretary once Mr. Ceruz joins the Board, we will still have the great fortune to work with you as you support the transition of our new school business administrator. Thank you for everything.

We wish everyone a restful summer after this last week of school. That concludes the Superintendent's Report for this academic year.

### **Committees** - Finance

**Discussion Items** - Dr. Dionisio shared with the Board and the public that a letter was emailed to the community on the safe school reopening plan for the 2021-22 school year. In that letter, the District provided an update on the plan that will be submitted to the Department of Education by June 24, 2021. The public received a survey link in the letter that allows parents, staff, and community members to submit suggestions and public comments to be considered for the safe reopening plan. Dr. Dionisio opened up public comments to the members of the audience. No public comments were provided.

Also, Board Member Priscoe delivered a statement thanking administrators/faculty/staff for efforts over the past year and addressed the need for more civility from the public in regard to social media postings.



CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 pm

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA – 7:00 pm

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CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:30 pm

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VERONA HIGH SCHOOL LEARNING COMMONS

June 22, 2021

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of Meeting Notice
4. Roll Call Attendance
5. Presentations - Robert Merkler - Athletics and Special Programs - Sectional  
Championship winners Spring Sports
6. Superintendent Report - Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent of Schools
7. Committee Reports
8. Public Comments on Agenda Action Items to be Approved
9. Discussion Items
10. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions
11. Public Comments

NOTE: The next scheduled Public Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 27, 2021** beginning with a Confidential Session at 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm Public Session in the Verona High School Auditorium.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Reading of Meeting Notice**

This meeting is being conducted in compliance with the open meeting session that the Verona Board of Education passed a resolution at its annual reorganization meeting held on January 5, 2021. The meeting set forth the schedule of its regular meetings which resolution was within 7 days of passage. The schedule was sent to the Verona Cedar Grove Times, the Star Ledger, the Township of Verona and the VEA. Postings of this meeting setting forth the time location and agenda were posted at the Verona Board of Education Office and on the Verona Public Schools district website. The Verona Board of Education operates under a consent agenda format, any board member has the right to have an item pulled to be voted upon or discussed separately. Copies of tonight's agenda and resolutions have been made available to the public and press.

**4. Roll Call Attendance**

Mr. Alworth      X  

Mr. Day          Absent  

Mrs. Drappi      X  

Mrs. Freschi     X  

Mrs. Priscoe     X  

- 5. Presentations - None**
- 6. Superintendent Report - Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent of Schools**
- 7. Committee Reports**

- Finance - Mrs. Drappi and Mrs. Freschi reported

**8. Public Comments on Agenda Action Items to be Approved**

- 9. Discussion Items** -Dr. Dionisio shared with the Board and the public that a letter was emailed to the community on the safe school reopening plan for the 2021-22 school year. In that letter, the District provided an update on the plan that will be submitted to the Department of Education by June 24, 2021. The public received a survey link in the letter that allows parents, staff, and community members to submit suggestions and public comments to be considered for the safe reopening plan. Dr. Dionisio opened up public comments to the members of the audience. No public comments were provided.

Mrs. Priscoe congratulated the graduates. Also, thanked all district staff during a very difficult year. Commented on the positive and negative comments during the pandemic. Mrs. Freschi spoke about Board goals.

Mrs. Drappie also commented on Board goals.

Mr. Alworth commented on Student activities.

Mrs. Freschi, Wednesday, June 30th - Board Retreat

**10. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions**

**11. Public Comments -**

**Motion by:** Mr. Alworth

**Seconded by:** Mrs. Drappi

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1 - 38.**

Mr. Alworth   X  

Mr. Day   Absent  

Mrs. Drappi   X  

Mrs. Freschi   X  

Mrs. Priscoe   X  

**VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**RESOLUTIONS**  
**June 22, 2021**

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

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting June 8, 2021

**BOARD RENEWAL RESOLUTIONS**

**#1 RESOLVED** that the Board has read and discussed the Code of Ethics for School Board members in accordance with NJSA 18A-12-24.1. Specifically,

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.

- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
  - e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the Board.
  - f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
  - g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
  - h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
  - i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their Duties.
- I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

**#2 RESOLVED** that Lisa Freschi be appointed delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association for one year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the policy authorizing the duties of the delegate to the New Jersey Schools Boards Association be approved as follows:

- a. Represent the Board at meetings of the New Jersey School Boards Association.
- b. Study and report to the Board all proposed State and Federal Legislation of interest and relevance.
- c. At the direction of the Board, prepare a proposed resolution for submission to the State School Boards Association.

This policy shall not prohibit or discourage other Board Members from active participation in Legislative affairs.

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Verona Board of Education approve the establishment of the following Board of Education Committees. Appointments to the Committees will be made by the Board President:

**Facilities**-James Day/Pamela Priscoe  
**Finance**-Lisa Freschi/Sara Drappi  
**Education**-Timothy Alworth/Sara Drappi  
**Community Resources**-Jim Day/Lisa Freschi  
**Athletics & Co-Curricular**-Timothy Alworth/Pamela Priscoe

#4     **RESOLVED** that the Board approve Michael Gross, Esq. of the firm of Kenney, Gross & Kovats as Board Attorney for the 2021-2022 school year at a \$400 per month retainer. Additional time for Special Education will be billed at \$145 per hour and all other legal work will be billed at \$155 per hour.

#5     **RESOLVED** that the official newspapers for the Board of Education be the The Star Ledger for the school year 2021-2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary be permitted to use his/her discretion with regard to any and all publications required by law.

#6     **RESOLVED** that the following be and the same are hereby designated as depositories of The Board of Education:

**INVESTORS BANK  
NJ/ARM**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that until further notice from the Board of Education, any funds of the Board deposited in said depositories may be subject to withdrawal at any time, or from time to time, upon checks or instruments or orders for payment of moneys when signed on behalf of the Board of Education by the following officers: President or Vice President, Secretary/Business Administrator or Superintendent of Schools and Treasurer of School Moneys.

#7     **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt all existing policies, curriculum and textbooks for the 2021-2022 school year which have been in effect during the present school year, subject to revision and constant review by the Board.

#8     **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the facsimile signatures for the President, Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies to facilitate debt payments.

#9     **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 school year appointment of Jorge Cruz as School Business Administrator as follows:

- a. Purchasing Agent, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:-3a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.
- b. the Designated Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)
- c. Custodian of Record



**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 school year appointment of Joseph Higgins, responsible for the following:

- a. District's Right-to-Know Coordinator
- b. District's Indoor Air Quality Coordinator
- c. District's Pest Management Coordinator
- d. Asbestos Management Officer
- e. AHERA Coordinator

**#11 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Matthew Laracy as Treasurer of School Monies for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$6,200.

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Dr. Vincent K. McNerney as the school physician for football games for 2021-2022 at a cost of \$300 per game.

**#13 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Dr. Robert M. Palacios as the school physician for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$6,000.

**#14 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education establish Petty Cash Funds as listed below for the 2021-2022 school year. No single expenditure to exceed \$25.

Verona High School	\$200
H. B. Whitehorne Middle School	100
Board/Superintendent's Office	100
Brookdale Avenue School	25
F. N. Brown School	25
Forest Avenue School	25
Laning Avenue School	25
Special Services	100
Pre-School Intervention Program	50

**#15 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the participation in the Public Employer Insurance Trust, and Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors as the Trust Brokers for the 2021-2022 health and dental plan.

**#16 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Tax Shelter Annuity Companies as listed below:

MetLife	Equitable
Valic	Prudential
Vanguard	Lincoln Investment

**#17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached 2021-2022 Tax Payment Schedule for Monies due the school district and need to meet the obligations of this Board

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary notify the Municipal Collector of this Tax Payment Schedule in order for The Tax Collector to Plan accordingly.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of Verona is hereby requested to Place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Monies these amounts, Accordance with statutes relating thereto.

**#18 RESOLVED** that the form of Cafeteria Plan including a Premium Expense Account Health Care Reimbursement Plan and a Dependent Care Assistance Program established on July 1, 2005, and effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, presented to this meeting is hereby approved and adopted and that the proper officers of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the Plan.

**Further resolved,** that the Administrator shall be instructed to take Such actions that are Deemed necessary and proper in order to implement the Plan, and to set up adequate accounting and administrative procedures to provide benefits under the Plan.

**Further resolved,** that the proper officers of the Board shall act as soon as possible to notify the employees of the Board of the adoption of the Cafeteria Plan by delivering to each employee a copy of the summary description of the Plan in the form of the Summary Plan Description presented to this meeting, which form is hereby approved.

**#19 RESOLVED** that the Premium Expense Account (voluntary waiver of medical insurance), should an employee elect to waive the applicable insurance coverage, the employee choosing to do so must provide written representation of alternate insurance coverage. If an employee chooses to waive the coverage, he or she will receive a payment the lesser of 25% of the cost of the plan or \$5,000, whichever is less. Employees who are not employed during the full year (September 1 – August 31) and choose the waiver shall have their payments prorated accordingly. This applies to new hires after September 1 and any employment termination that is effective prior to August 31. Employees who choose the waiver and are on unpaid leave of absence without medical benefits shall have their payments prorated as well. The employee retains the ability to opt back into the former plan at the next enrollment period or within thirty (30) days if any of the following occur:

- (a) termination of spouse's employment;
- (b) divorce;
- (c) death of spouse; or
- (d) termination of the other plan coverage.

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

**#20** Confidential & Regular Public Meeting June 8, 2021

**PERSONNEL**

**#21 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following pending pre-employment paperwork:

**21.1 New Hires**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Term of Employment on or about</b>
<b>Joseph Pedalino</b>	District	Substitute Teacher	\$100/per diem	Education	SY 21-22

**21.2 Staff Changes**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Location/Position/Salary</b>	<b>New Location/Position/Salary</b>	<b>Effective Date on or about</b>
<b>Maria Perri</b>	LOA	FNB/Kindergarten	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022
<b>Melissa Pesce</b>	FNB/Grade 1	FNB/Grade 2	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022
<b>Gina Mainella</b>	FNB/Grade 3	FNB/Grade 4	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022
<b>Corrie Majestic</b>	LAN/Grade 2	LAN/Grade 3	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022
<b>Catherine King</b>	FNB/BRK/.70% School Social Worker/\$42,828	FNB/BRK/100% School Social Worker/\$61,183	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022

**21.3 Without Pay**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date/s</b>	<b>No. of Days/Reason</b>
<b>#105482</b>	Jun. 16, 2021	1 day without pay/Personal Business
<b>#105089</b>	Jun 18, 2021	1 day without pay/Personal Business

## 21.4 Summer Hours

<b>Name</b>	<b>Days/Hours of Work</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>Jason Calo</b>	not to exceed 25 days	\$453.85/per diem	Athletic Trainer
<b>Dina Rizzuto-Francis</b>	not to exceed 20 days	\$414.91/per diem	School Nurse
<b>Jennifer Mejia</b>	not to exceed 10 days	\$228.95/per diem	VHS Admin. Asst.

## 21.5 Extra Class

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Term of Employment on or about</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Jason Atkins</b>	VHS	STEM	\$18,227.00	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022	
<b>Angela Salisbury</b>	VHS	Financial Literacy	\$8,911.30	Sept. 1, 2021 - Feb. 2, 2022	
<b>Matt Swajkowski</b>	VHS	Chemistry Special	\$12,474.00	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022	
<b>Matthew Rosa</b>	VHS	US I ICI	\$11,646.00	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022	
<b>Alyssa Bouldurian</b>	VHS	Modern World History ICI	\$11,650.00	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022	
<b>Jody Sewell</b>	HBW	Math Grade 6	\$19,231.00	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022	
<b>Melissa Tempesta</b>	HBW	Math Grade 8	\$12,083.00	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022	
<b>Albert Palazzo</b>	HBW	Math 8 ICI	\$12,474.00	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022	
<b>Samantha Melillo</b>	HBW	Language Arts 7 ICI	\$11,333.00	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022	
<b>Jacqueline Dilkes</b>	HBW	Math 7 ICI	\$13,554.00	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022	
<b>Meredith Bielen</b>	HBW	Language Arts 6 ICI	\$15,013.00	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022	
<b>Melissa Hanulak</b>	HBW	Math 6 ICI	\$13,160.00	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 30, 2022	

- #22 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following salaries for staff members for the 2021-2022 school year:

<b>Donna Cook</b>	Payroll	\$60,397
<b>Anna Marie Marzullo</b>	Accounts Payable	\$57,250
<b>Emerida Radek</b>	Receptionist/Clerk	\$42,649
<b>Cheryl Sluberski</b>	Central Office Admin. Asst.	\$62,899

- #23 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached 2021-2022 contract for Dr. Charles Miller, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at a salary of \$156,347.
- #24 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached 2021-2022 contract for Frank Mauriello, Director of Special Education at a salary of \$150,481.
- #25 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached 2021-2022 contract for Eltion Ballaj, Manager Information Technology at a salary of \$105,592 with a District Edumet Coordinator stipe of \$5,000 for a total salary of \$110,592.
- #26 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Summit Management Solutions, LLC to provide professional business management services effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 at a cost of \$125 per hour on an as needed basis at the direction of the Superintendent of Schools.

## **EDUCATION**

- #27 RESOLVED** that the Board approves the Superintendent's presentation of HIB report as follows:

<b>HIB Case</b>
BRK 221454
BRK221406
BRK221427

- #28 RESOLVED** that the Board approved the attached District Statistical Report for the month of May 2021.
- #29 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

### **29.1 Video Adoption**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Freakonomics	VHS	Business	10-12

The Founder	VHS	Introduction to Entrepreneurship	9-12
Identity Theft	VHS	Introduction to Financial Literacy	9-12

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

- #30 RESOLVED** that the Board authorize the submission of the 2021 – 2022 IDEA Grant application and accept the grant award of the funds upon subsequent approval of the 2021 – 2022 IDEA application in the following manner:

**IDEA BASIC:**

Public	\$491,587
Non-Public	\$15,511

**IDEA PRESCHOOL:**

Public	\$25,322
Non-Public	\$0.00

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

### **31.1 Student Home Instruction**

<b>Student #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Hrs./Week/Duration</b>	<b>Beginning on or about</b>
#240409	VHS	9	10 hrs. total	Jun. 14, 2021

### **31.2 Home Instructor**

<b>Name</b>
Amanda Hyland

## **ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR**

- #32 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Fall Coaches for the 2021-2022 school year.

- #33 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year pending pre-employment paperwork:

### **33.1 Coaches**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Step</b>
<b>Brian Dorflauer</b>	VHS	Varsity Girls Head Basketball	\$8,829	1

<b>Jackie Selby</b>	VHS	Softball - Volunteer	-	
<b>Megan Yeates</b>	VHS	Softball - Volunteer	-	
<b>Elijah Robinson</b>	VHS	Football - Volunteer	-	

### 33.2 Band

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
<b>Mike Thompson</b>	VHS	Color Guard Designer	\$2,000
<b>Wesley Ostrander</b>	VHS	Marching Percussion	\$2,000
<b>Rich Gullien</b>	VHS	Music Arranger	\$2,500
<b>Marty Griffin</b>	VHS	Percussion Designer	\$2,000
<b>TBD</b>	VHS	Pit Instructor	\$2,500
<b>Brian Murphy</b>	VHS	Drill Writer	\$3,500
<b>Zack Wroblewski</b>	VHS	Woodwind Caption Head	\$3,500
<b>Erik Lynch</b>	VHS	Marching Band Director	\$13,954
<b>Erik Lynch</b>	VHS	Summer Marching Band	\$1,400
<b>Liz Rosa</b>	VHS	Asst. Marching Band Director	\$6,979
<b>Brittany Woods</b>	VHS	Marching Instruction	\$3,529
<b>Brenda Lizaragga</b>	VHS	Color Guard Advisor	\$2,486

## FINANCE

**#34 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed checklist(s) in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$648,378.31	Referendum Checks	June 18, 2021
\$2,887,785.90	Vendor Checks	June 18, 2021

**#35 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following tuition reimbursements for the 2020-2021 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reimbursement</b>
Julia Albretsen	\$9,456.75
Kathleen Amora	\$4,728.38
Alyssa Boldurian	\$3,152.25
Anthony Chierici	\$6,305.00
Crystal Cruz	\$4,728.38
Heather Darata	\$289.58

Joelle Dere	\$2,805.00
Christine Garson	\$7,880.63
Christopher Haines	\$9,843.75
Dan Halpern	\$5,501.25
Amy Heckel	\$438.00
Nancy Hiscano	\$120.00
Steven Munoz	\$909.00
Jenny Qin	\$352.50
Lyunn Schussel	\$664.50
Bridget Sullivan	\$468.75
Total	\$57,643.22
Frank Mauriello	\$8,033.00
Josh Cogdill	\$7,342.00
Charlie Miller	\$6,651.00
Steven Schels	\$4,434.00
Total	\$26,460.00

**#36 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the appropriation of funds from General Fund to Capital Reserve and/or Maintenance Reserve in an amount up to the maximum amount allowable.

**#37 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following companies for voluntary benefits for the 2021-2022 school year:

Prudential  
Aflac  
New York Life  
Colonial Life

**#38 RESOLVED** that the Board approve McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC. as Bond Counsel.

**#11 Public comments**



**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION IF NECESSARY**

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN**

- #39 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.

**Motion by:** Mrs. Drappi

**Seconded by:** Mr. Alworth

Mr. Alworth X Mr. Day Absent

Mrs. Drappi X Mrs. Freschi X

Mrs. Priscoe X

**All in Favor:** AYE

**All Opposed:** None

**This meeting is adjourned at (TIME) 8:01 P.M.**

**VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS**  
**June 22, 2021**

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

**Motion by:** Mrs. Drappi

**Seconded by:** Mrs. Priscoe

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Addenda Resolutions #1 - 8.**

Mr. Alworth   X  

Mr. Day   Absent  

Mrs. Drappi   X  

Mrs. Freschi       

Mrs. Priscoe   X  

**PERSONNEL**

**#1     RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following pending pre-employment paperwork:

**1.1     Resignations**

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective on or About
AnnaMarie Marzullo	Board Office	Accounts Payable	Resignation	Jul. 22, 2021

**1.2     Extra Class**

Name	Location	Course	Stipend	Dates	Notes
Christine Garson	VHS	Spanish III	\$7,493.42	Nov. 2, 2020 to Apr. 30, 2021	RESCIND
Jennifer Pateiro	VHS	Spanish III	\$6,505.84	Nov. 2, 2020 to Apr. 30, 2021	RESCIND
Christine Garson	VHS	Spanish III	\$8,088.74	Nov. 2, 2020 to Apr. 30, 2021	APPROVE
Jennifer Pateiro	VHS	Spanish III	\$6,921.11	Nov. 2, 2020 to Apr. 30, 2021	APPROVE

### 1.3 Without Pay

Name	Date/s	No. of Days/Reason
#105463	Jun. 25, 2021	1 day without pay/ Personal Business

### 1.4 Summer Hours

Name	Days/Hours of Work	Days/Rate	Position	Notes
Emerida Radek	District	Not to exceed 20 days/ \$207.03/per diem	Admin Asst.	RESCIND
Emerida Radek	District	Not to exceed 20 days/ \$218.77/per diem	Admin. Asst.	APPROVE

### 1.5 Student Summer Help

Student Name	Days/Hours of Work	Rate	Position
Henry Wertz	Up to 20 hrs./week	\$12/per hour	Summer technology help
Sophia Nunez	Up to 20 hrs./week	\$12/per hour	Summer technology help

## EDUCATION

- #2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached New Jersey Department of Education Statement of Assurance District Professional Development Plan and District Mentoring Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.
- #3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached revised 2021-2022 District School Calendar.
- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

### 4.1 VSEA

Name	Position	Stipend	Dates
Stefanie Lijoi	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	6/27-7/27/21
Mary Anne Halbert	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	6/27-7/27/21
Suzanne Livelli	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	6/27-7/27/21
Robert Brawley	Paraprofessional	\$15.40/hr.	6/27-7/27/21

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following pending pre-employment paperwork:

**5.1 Special Services Summer School**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Nicole Langan	Paraprofessional	\$1,113.00
Steve Gemma	Paraprofessional	\$1,113.00

**REFERENDUM**

**#6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve an extension for Construction Management Services for AECOM Architects in the amount of \$16,000.00.

**FINANCE**

**#7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Food Service Management Company addendum for the 2021-2022 school year with Pomptonian Food Services.

**#8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to allow Pomptonian Food Services to hire cafeteria staff on an “Emergent Hiring Basis” while clearance from the Essex County Superintendent’s Office is pending. This motion will enable adequate staffing for the food service operation in the new school year.