

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on July 29, 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.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items-None**

**Presentations- None**

**Superintendent Report**

- Facilities Update
- Personnel hiring
- Employee resignations

**Business Administrator Report**

- Receiving supplies
- 18-19 audit in process

**Committee Reports**

**Education/Special Education**

- AP and NJSLA testing results have been received by the district. Results will be released in September
- 8/26 is the new staff orientation
- Change in 19-20 school calendar for additional homework free weekends
- Update next meeting on the 20-21 calendar
- Discussion on new hires
- Personnel
- Mediation settlement
- Unbudgeted placement moved into Verona

**Athletics/Co-Curricular**

- Personnel
- Board policy on HIB district assessment

**Building and Grounds**

- Planting around VHS field and tennis courts
- Preparing referendum video and information for distribution to public in the fall
- Renovation bathrooms, painting classrooms and fixing FNB field drainage
- VHS snack shack being built on VHS field. Donation made by parents

**Community Resources**

- District distinctions at state and national level
- Verona Magazine coming out in September
- Charlene Peterson from NJSBA attending August meeting for board self-evaluations and ethics training
- Pilot agreement discussed
- Invited town to August meeting
- Professional services

**Finance**

- Services that town provides to the district
- 18-19 year end  
 Surplus for tax relief in 20-21 budget. Surplus is from two second proposals that budget was not fully spent. Remaining dollars to Maintenance Reserve for district building repairs
- Update on board professionals hired

**Discussion Items**- None

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-31**

**Moved by: Mr. Elliot                      Seconded by: Mr. Day**

**Ayes:                      5                      Nays: 0**

**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 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>Patricia DeFrance</b>	FOR	Lunch aide	\$13.50/hr.	Education	SY 19-20
<b>Amanda DeCaito</b>	LAN	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	Sept. 3, 2019 - Oct. 4, 2019
<b>Amanda DeCaito</b>	LAN	MLOA - Spec Ed. LSS	\$235 per diem	Education	Oct. 7, 2019 - Feb. 20, 2020

<b>Theresa Campbell</b>	LAN	Paraprofessional	\$14.95/hr.	Education	Jun. 19, 2019 - Jun. 19, 2020
<b>Darian Melchione</b>	LAN	Paraprofessional	\$14.95/hr.	Education	Sept, 3, 2019 - Jun. 19, 2020
<b>Dana Wynne</b>	BRK	Paraprofessional	\$14.95/hr.	Education	Sept. 3, 2019 - Jun. 19, 2020
<b>Abigail Whelan</b>	HBW	Spec. Ed. Grade 5	MA/Step 1/ \$56, 114	Education	Sept. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020
<b>Gehan Klele</b>	LAN	Paraprofessional	\$14.95/hr.	Education	Sept. 3, 2019 - Jun. 19, 2020
<b>Kerrin Goosman</b>	HBW	MLOA - Phys. Ed.	\$235 per diem	Education	Sept. 3 - Nov. 22, 2019

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Jennifer Gadaleta** as Director of Counseling at a salary of \$100,000 effective September 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

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

**4.1 Resignations**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Effective</b>
<b>Angie Abdelrehim</b>	HBW	Special Education Teacher	Resignation	Jun. 30, 2019
<b>Nicolas Dillman</b>	VHS	School Guidance Counselor	Resignation	Aug. 28, 2019
<b>Emily Podolak</b>	HBW	French Teacher	Resignation	Sept. 1, 2019
<b>Cheryl Mizia</b>	FOR	Paraprofessional	Resignation	Aug. 1, 2019
<b>Kelly Ehrich</b>	FNB	Paraprofessional	Resignation	Aug. 1, 2019
<b>Yolanda Ismael</b>	HBW	Paraprofessional	Resignation	Jul. 15, 2019

**EDUCATION**

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

HIB Case
VHS 202386
VHS 202079
FOR 202347

**#6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached District Statistical Report for June 2019.

**#7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached curriculum writing for the 2019-2020 school year at \$45 per hour.

**#8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached contract with Caldwell University for the 2020 Verona High School and H. B. Whitehorne Graduations at a cost of \$3,000.00

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached revised 2019-2020 Verona Public Schools Calendar.

**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the first reading of the following regulation:  
R 5701 VHS Academic Integrity

**#11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year:

Health K-4 Update (Health)  
English IV CP  
Introduction to Character Animation

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following for the 2019-2020 school year:

**12.1 Student Observers/Student Teaching**

Name	School	School/Teacher/ Grade	Duration	Assignment
<b>Nicole Kapushy</b>	Cald. Univ.	BRK/Albretsen/4th Grade	75 hrs./Sept. 9 - Dec. 16, 2019	Student Observer
<b>Faith Fennelly</b>	Cald. Univ.	FNB/Hiscano/2nd Grade	40 hrs./Sept. 9 - Dec. 16, 2019	Student Observer

<b>Jennifer DalCorso</b>	Cald. Univ.	Elem./Lustig	Sept. 9-Dec. 1, 2019 and Jan. 15 - May 20, 2020	Internship
<b>KarenTully</b>	Cald. Univ.	FNB/Lanzo	300 hrs./Aug. 26, 2019 - May 14, 2020	Admin. Internship

### 12.2 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
<b>Heather Anderson</b>	FNB/FOR	Coaching Co-Op/ Oakland, NJ	Jul. 30 - Aug. 1, 2019	Registration \$500.00

### 12.3 Professional Development

Presenter	School	Date	Hrs./Stipend	Total
<b>Megan Pellegrino</b>	FNB	Nov. 27-28, Jun. 5-6, 2019	4 hrs. @ \$60.00 /hr.	\$240.00
<b>Ray Bowes</b>	HBW	June 6, 2019	2 hr. @ \$60.00	\$120.00
<b>Nicole Shanely</b>	VHS	June 6, 2019	2 hr. @ \$60.00	\$120.00

### 12.4 Summer Hours

Name	Days/Hours of Work	Rate	Total	Position
<b>Harriette Warshaw</b>	2 additional days	\$529.22/per diem	\$1,058.44	HBW School Guidance Counselor

### 12.5 Staff Changes

Name	Current Location/ Position	Current Salary	New Location/ Position	New Salary	Effective Date on or about
<b>Corrie Majestic</b>	HBW/6th Grade Teacher	MA+30/ Step 8 \$65,751	Laning/1st Grade Teacher	MA+30/ Step 8 \$65,751	Sept. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020
<b>Julia Albretsen</b>	Brookdale/4th Grade Teacher	BA/Step 4 \$51,547	HBW/6th Grade English Teacher	BA/Step 4 \$51,547	Sept. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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

**13.1 2019 Summer School Staff**

NAME	# OF HRS.	HRLY. RATE	DAILY	20 DAYS	Location	Notes
Kathleen Amora	4.5	\$14.95	\$67.28	\$1,345.50	FNB	Rescind
Kathleen Amora	4.5	\$15.25	\$68.63	\$1,372.50	FNB	Approve
Luisa Hirsch	3.5	\$15.25	\$53.38	\$10,650	LAN	

Name	Position	Stipend
Ashley MacMoyle	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem
Barbara Wertz	Sub Nurse	\$38/per hour

**13.2 Attendance at IEP meetings**

Name	Rate
Corrie Majestic	\$45.76/hr.
Megan Shaw	\$41.18/hr.
Alana Fazio	\$35.16/hr.
Grace Minervo-Buneo	\$65.04/hr.
Tina Stokes	\$38.98/hr.
Brooke Raskin	\$41.86/hr.
Linda Wangner	\$63.60/hr.
AnneMarie Ruggiero	\$48.75/hr.

**#14 RESOLVED** that the Board approve contracts from the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for students #302730, #291813, & #262007 for the 2019-2020 school year. These students will receive Level 1 services at the rate of \$1,900 each for a total of \$5,700. This amount will be deducted from the school district's state aide.

**#15 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to accept the settlement agreement dated July 23, 2019 covering the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years for student #191010.

**ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR**

**#16 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Allergy Action Plan for the 2019-2020 school year.

**#17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights District and School Grade Report 2017-2018.

**#18 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Board of Education of School District No. 5370, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as provided for in Chapter 172 Laws 1979 (N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3, et seq.) hereby enrolls Verona High School as a member of the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association to participate in the approved interschool athletic program sponsored by the NJSIAA.

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

**19.1 Stipends**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Employment Date</b>
<b>Erik Lynch</b>	VHS	\$1,400	Summer Marching Band	SY 18-19
<b>Susan Conlon</b>	HBW	\$1,338	5C Team Coordinator	SY 19-20

**19.2 Coaches**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Term of Employment</b>
<b>Michael Passero</b>	VHS	Volunteer Coach	Volunteer	SY 19-20
<b>Samantha Battista</b>	VHS	Head Girls Basketball Coach	\$10,785	SY 19-20
<b>Al Palazzo</b>	VHS	Freshmen Girls Basketball Coach	\$5,107	SY 19-20
<b>Brian Wenzel</b>	VHS	Assistant Football	\$8,280	SY 19-20
<b>Jacqueline Iannucci</b>	VHS	Head Swim	\$5,923	2019-2020

**#20 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached H. B. Whitehorne and Verona High School Co-Curricular for the 2019-2020 school year.

**#21 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Clubs for the 2019-2020 school year on a trial basis.

<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Term of Employment</b>
<b>Rebecca Hadjiloucas/ Maggie Manning</b>	National History Day	HBW	Volunteer	SY 19-20
<b>Julianne Curro</b>	Safe	HBW	Volunteer	SY 19-20
<b>Paul Moschella</b>	Safe	HBW	Volunteer	SY 19-20
<b>Bridget Sullivan</b>	Science	HBW	Volunteer	SY 19-20
<b>Amy Heckel</b>	Science	HBW	Volunteer	SY 19-20
<b>Mirja Paula</b>	Spanish	HBW	Volunteer	SY 19-20
<b>Christopher Haines</b>	Tabletop Game Design	HBW	Volunteer	SY 19-20
<b>Casey Harris</b>	Gardening	VHS	Volunteer	SY 19-20
<b>Casey Harris</b>	Music Production	VHS	Volunteer	SY 19-20
<b>Taylor DeMaio</b>	Wellness	VHS	Volunteer	SY 19-20

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

**#22 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following organizations for use of school buildings for the 2019-2020 school year:

<b>Organization/Group</b>
Girl Scouts
Boy Scouts
C.H.I.L.D.
Lacrosse Parents' Association
VFEE
Verona Junior Woman's Club
SCA's
Verona Eagles
Verona Baseball/Softball



Over 50 Men's Basketball
Kaplan Test Prep
Verona Recreation
Team Zoey
VMPA

**#23 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following organizations to use the Verona Public School facilities as additional insured for the 2019-2020 school year:

<b>Organization/Group</b>
C.H.I.L.D.
VFEE
District SCA's
VMPA
Lacrosse Parents' Association
Fifth Downers

**FINANCE**

**#24 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed checklist in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$30,607.08	Cafeteria Checks	July 29, 2019
\$37,528.02	Vendor Checks	June 27, 2019
\$79,404.83	Vendor Checks	July 8, 2019
\$2,470,456.20	Vendor Checks	July 11, 2019
\$882,803.12	Vendor Checks	July 15, 2019
\$545,994.48	Vendor Checks	July 24, 2019

**#25 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2018-2019 budget for:

June 2019

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

June 2019

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of June 30, 2019 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.

**#27 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month:

June 2019

**#28 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following tuition reimbursement for the 2018-2019 school year:

Name	Reimbursement
Nancy Hiscano	\$1,248.00

**#29 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Dr. Robert M. Palacios** as the school physician for the 2019-2020 school year at a salary of \$4,000.

**#30 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Part Time and Substitute Salaries for the 2019-2020 school year.

**ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS**  
**PERSONNEL**

**#31 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**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Term of Employment on or about</b>
<b>Quinn Stoeber</b>	VHS	School Counselor	MA Step 1/ \$56,114	Education	Sept. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020
<b>Lakendra McFadden</b>	District	.75 HIB School Safety Specialist	MA Step 1/ \$42,086 pro- rated	Education	Sept. 1, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020

**Public Comment- None**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino, Board Secretary**