

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on August 29, 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, Mrs. Michele Bernardino, and Mr. Glenn Elliott were present. Mr. James Day was absent.

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

One citizen was present. One member of the press was present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Presentations- None

Superintendent's Report

- Incredible amount of interior and exterior work completed this summer
- Baseball bleachers and right field wall were repaired and painted, lower field bathrooms ongoing, upper field paving an clean fill brought in, VHS Landscaping redone, VHS Fitness Center completed
- Punch list items left for the kitchen upgrades at HBW and VHS
- Fall season practices have been in full swing since August 10th
- New Teacher Orientation Academy was a success
- AP Results are positive and will be used for analysis, discussion, and academic improvement

Committees

Education/Special Education

- Personnel items
- Aides are scheduled and there are currently 9 vacancies that Delta T will fill
- Professional development review
- EPTPA

Athletics/Co-Curricular

- Fall season has begun
- Lower field bleachers complete
- Bathrooms at lower field almost complete
- Renovation of weight room complete

Buildings and Grounds

- Fairview Ave. sidewalk complete
- Waiting on track repairs
- For a list of in-house repairs go to website

- Bathrooms at lower field almost complete
- Renovation of weight room complete

Finance -None

Discussion Items

- Board needs to review 16-17 goals and set 17-18 goals
- Joint meeting with the Town Council is set for Oct. 10th
- Entering VEA and VAA negotiations for the new contracts that begin July 1, 2017

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-39**

Moved by: Mrs. Bernardino Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting July 25, 2017

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2017-2018 school year as per attached:

2.1 New Staff

| Name | Location | Assignment | Degree/ Step | Salary | Effective on or about | Department |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Stephanie Fego | FNB/BRK | MLOA Phys. Ed. | | \$235/per diem | Sept. 1, 2017 - Jan. 25, 2018 | Education |

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|------------------------------|-----|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Daria Selepouchin | VHS | LOA Guidance Counselor | | \$275/per diem | Sept. 1, 2017 - Jan. 1, 2018 | Education |
| Marjorie Linda Haftel | VHS | Environmental/ Biology | MA/ Step 4 | pro-rated \$57,398 | Oct. 14, 2017- Jun. 30, 2018 | Education |
| Caitlin Mishell | VHS | .60% English Teacher | MA/ Step 1 | \$32,666 | Sept. 1, 2017 - Jun. 30, 2018 | Education |
| Tricia Lewis | HBW | Sub teacher | | \$90/per diem | Sept. 5, 2017 - Sept. 8, 2017 | Education |
| Tricia Lewis | HBW | MLOA Grade 5 - Math | | \$235/per diem | Sept. 11, 2017 - Apr. 6, 2018 | Education |
| Eugene Leporati | VHS | LTS Science Teacher | \$235 per diem | Education | Sept. 5, 2017 - Oct. 14, 2017 | Education |

2.2 Leave of Absence

| Name | Position | Location | Reason | Begin Date on or before | Estimated Return Date on or before | Notes |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Alyssa Roshong | Physical Education Teacher | FNB/BRK | Maternity Leave of Absence | Sept. 1, 2017 | Jan. 29, 2018 | rescind |
| Alyssa Roshong | Physical Education Teacher | FNB/BRK | Maternity Leave of Absence | Sept. 1, 2017 | Jan. 25, 2018 | approve |

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|-----------|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| | | | Medical Leave of Absence | Sept. 1, 2017 | Dec. 31, 2017 | |
| #61795522 | | | | | | |

2.3 Resignations

| Name | Position | Reason | Effective |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Shaina Stolworthy | Paraprofessional | resignation | Jul. 25, 2017 |
| Emily Archangelo | Paraprofessional | resignation | Jul. 31, 2017 |
| Mohammed AIRonini | Paraprofessional | resignation | Aug. 13, 2017 |
| Lameese Zaitouin | Paraprofessional | resignation | Jul 24, 2017 |
| Deborah Burke | Paraprofessional | resignation | Aug. 2, 2017 |
| Natalie Migoya | Paraprofessional | resignation | Jul. 31, 2017 |
| George Sanford | Paraprofessional | resignation | Aug. 14, 2017 |
| Colleen Green | Guidance Counselor | resignation | Dec. 31, 2017 |
| Carl Cascone | Science teacher | resignation | Aug. 31, 2017 |

#3 TABLED RESOLVED at the Board approve Superintendent's Merit Goals for **Rui Dionisio** (2 qualitative and 3 quantitative goals) for the 2017-2018 school year.

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Casey Harris** for a 6th period class at Verona High School, at a pro-rated per diem rate of \$81.97 from September 1, 2017 to on or about October 15, 2017.

- #5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **George Watson** as the Mail Carrier for the 2017-2018 school year at a salary of \$18.00 per hour.
- #6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Jason Calo** as the Athletic Trainer for the 2017-2018 school year at a stipend of \$9,092.
- #7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Joan Petronico** as the Nurse Facilitator for the 2017-2018 school year at a stipend of \$3,362.
- #8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Charles Miller** as the Affirmative Action Officer for the 2017-2018 school year at a stipend of \$2,500.
- #9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Albert Palazzo** as the Transportation Coordinator for the 2017-2018 school year at a stipend of \$5,000.
- #10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following register keepers for the 2017-2018 school year:
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|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Brookdale | Diane DeNotaris | Nicole Stuto |
| F. N. Brown | Alina Dugan | Anthony Lanzo |
| Forest | Debra Lawrence | Jeffrey Monacelli |
| Laning | Beth Foley | Howard Freund |
| H. B. Whitehorne | Elaine Gizzi | David Galbierczyk |
| | Anna Finocchiaro | Yvette McNeal |
| Verona High School | Lisa Torchia | Thomas Lancaster |
- #11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Staff Assignment list for the 2017-2018 school year.
- #12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of substitute teachers, substitute school nurses, substitute secretaries, classroom/personal/instructional aides, substitute teacher aides, lunch aides, substitute lunch aides, part time custodians, substitute custodians and volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year.
- #13 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Gina Ballinger** and **Lisa Torchia** to issue working papers during the 2017-2018 school year.

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

14.1 Summer Work

| Name | Days/Hours of Work | Rate | Total | Position | Notes |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|------------------|---------|
| Dana Lustig | not to exceed 10 days | \$70.49/hr. | \$704.90 | School Counselor | Rescind |
| Dana Lustig | 5 days | \$516.68 | \$2,583.40 | School Counselor | Approve |

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following technology facilitators for the 2017-2018 school year:

| Name | Position | Location | Stipend | Notes |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Nicholas Klose | Technology Facilitator | BRK | \$138/day | 1 1/2 days/week |
| Jackie Giannuario | Technology Facilitator | FOR/LAN | \$138/day | 4 days/week |

#16 RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Joseph Trause**, Facilities Manager, as the coordinator for 2017-2018 school year 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

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Rui Dionisio** to attend the Superintendent's Summit on November 8, 9 and 10, 2017 in Coronado, California. Reimbursement will be paid by the District Administration Leadership Institute. Transportation will be reimbursed by the district not to exceed \$200.00.

#18 RESOLVED that the Board approve the settlement between the Verona Board of Education and employee #101866.

EDUCATION

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

P&R 2412
P&R 2417
P&R 2481
P 4283
P&R 5611
P&R 5612
P&R 5613
P9541

#20 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached tentative Agreement between the Verona Board of Education and the Verona Education Association beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018, including provisions for VHS Swim Coach positions set forth in appendix E.

#21 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached Affiliation Agreement for Clinical Experience and Clinical Practice between the Verona Board of Education and Caldwell University for the 2017-2018 school year.

#22 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached Academy Agreement between Brookdale Avenue SCA and Flex Academies, LLC for the 2017-2018 school year.

#23 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following curriculum for the 2017-2018 school year:

English

- ELA 5, 6, 7, 8 Revisions
- English I, II CP/H
- English III, IV CP
- AP Lit & Comp

Social Studies

- Modern World History CP/H
- US History I CP/H
- AP Psychology
- Constitutional Law

World Language

- Spanish IV
- Math
- Pre-calculus CP/H
 - AP Principles of Computer Science
 -
- Science
- NGSS Science 1-8
 - AP Biology, Chemistry, Physics C
 -
- TE&D
- TE&D 5-8
- 21st Century Life & Careers
- AP Micro-Economics
 - AP Macro-Economics
 - Business Law
- Health & Physical Education
- K-4, 5-8, 9-12
- Library/Media
- K-4

#24 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Verona Board of Education and the Verona Education Association beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018, for HBW extracurricular activities and for VHS extracurricular activities.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

#25 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of home instructors and Special Services aides for the 2017-2018 school year.

#26 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following tuition students received for the 2017-2018 school year:

| Student ID No. | School | Grade | | Student ID No. | School | Grade |
|----------------|--------|-------|--|----------------|--------|-------|
| 181749 | VHS | 12 | | 221752 | HBW | 8 |
| 191597 | VHS | 11 | | 222284 | HBW | 8 |
| 192009 | VHS | 11 | | 230607 | HBW | 6 |

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|--------|-----|----|--|--------|-----|---|
| 202283 | VHS | 10 | | 272555 | FNB | 3 |
| 211509 | VHS | 9 | | 272556 | FNB | 1 |
| 221751 | HBW | 8 | | 251082 | LAN | 5 |
| 221753 | HBW | 8 | | 271729 | LAN | 3 |
| 231542 | HBW | 7 | | | | |

#27 RESOLVED that the Board approve for an out-of-district placement for Student #200088 at Holmstead School for the 2017 – 2018 school year commencing September 6, 2017 at a tuition rate of \$296.13 per day for 180 days for a total of \$53,303.40.

#28 RESOLVED that the Board approve to contract with Caldwell Pediatric Therapy to provide occupational therapy services for student #301883 during the month of August 2017, in accordance with the IEP, in an amount not to exceed \$400.00.

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#29 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of Verona High School and H. B. Whitehorne Middle School co-curricular stipend positions for the 2017-2018 school year.

#30 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached contract between the Verona Board of Education and the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative for the 2017-2018 school year for athletics.

REFERENDUM

#31 RESOLVED that the Board approve Edge change order #8 for the VHS kitchen in the amount of \$7,430.

FINANCE

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

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Check Register Date</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| \$180,102.47 | Vendor Checks | August 10, 2017 |
| \$1,263,599.28 | Vendor Checks | August 24, 2017 |

#33 RESOLVED that the Board accept an increase in state aid for the 2017-2018 school year of \$87,078 and approve the increase in revenues and appropriations in that amount.

#34 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2017-2018 budget for:

July, 2017

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

July, 2017

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of July 31, 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.

#36 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month(s):

July, 2017

#37 RESOLVED that the Board award Municipal Leasing Consultants the lease financing for chromebooks, desktop computers and a bus at at their rate quote of 2.57%. Down payment of \$41,836.00 and three annual payments of \$55,597.99.

#38 RESOLVED that the Board approve the bid results for the 2017-2018 New Jersey cooperative bid. Bid Services were provided by Educational Data Services Inc., and the amounts are listed as follows:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>P.O. Total</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| General Classroom Supplies | \$32,463.79 |
| Office/Computer Supplies | \$736.16 |
| Audio Visual Supplies | \$1,014.25 |
| Fine Art Supplies | \$20,303.82 |
| Health and Trainer Supplies | \$3,393.41 |
| Physical Education Supplies | \$1,954.67 |
| Science Supplies | \$26,069.50 |
| Teaching Aids | \$7,329.84 |
| Technology Supplies | \$13,109.84 |
| Copy Duplicator Paper | \$17,185.45 |
| Library Supplies | \$1,743.76 |
| World Language Supplies | \$39.19 |
| Athletic Supplies | \$6,892.38 |

Total: \$132,236.60

#39 RESOLVED that the Board accept a keyboard donation at Brookdale Avenue School from the “Verona Kids Rock” organization valued at approximately \$800.00.

ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS

PERSONNEL

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

1.1 New Staff

| Name | Location | Assignment | Salary | Effective on or about | Department |
|-----------------|----------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Courtney Badaan | FNB | Technology Facilitator | \$138/per diem | Sept. 1, 2017 - Jun. 19, 2018 | Education |

1.2 Resignation

| Name | Position | Reason | Effective |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Eileen McGowan-Pecchi | Paraprofessional | resignation | Aug. 25, 2017 |

#41 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

41.2 Non-Resident Tuition Student

| Student ID No. | School | Grade |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 292584 | BRK | 1 |

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

#42 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: 4

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**