

**PUBLIC MEETING**

September 10, 2013

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on September 10, 2013 in the Board Office Conference Room at 6:29 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Quattrocchi. 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: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mr. Joseph Bellino, Vice President, Mr. Glenn Elliott and Mr. Michael Unis. Ms. Dawn DuBois was absent. Also present were: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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.

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on September 10, 2013 in the Board Office Conference Room at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular meeting reconvened to the regular session, in the Verona High School Media Center, at 8:00 p.m.

Six citizens and two members of press were present.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items-** None

**Presentations**

- Mr. Forte presented the District Strategic Goals for 2013-2014

**Committee Reports**

**Education**

- Resolution to approve FDU to support AP Calculus AB
- Need to review 29 policies
- AP and HSPA results will be presented at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting
- AP Scholar Awards will be presented at the September 24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- Reviewed Marzano teaching model and training for administrators
- Resolution to approve Sumit Bangia for a ½ day to meet with a new teacher

### **Special Education**

- Preschool enrollment for 5 classes
- New VHS psychologist to be hired September 24<sup>th</sup>
- 7 special education students have transfer in at VHS and HBW
- New IEP Program will be implemented this year
- Litigation cases and potential litigation cases

### **Athletics**

- Discussed freshman boys and girls basketball program for this winter
- Track repair has been delayed
- Fall captain's meeting at Yogi Berra Museum was a success and will be planned for each season
- Mr. Farishian is presenting at the state and national athletic directors' convention
- Possible cardiac screening for athletes being reviewed
- Press release that highlighted NJ football players in NFL. 81 players from 73 schools. Six schools with two or more players. Verona has two who are Anthony Fasano and Dan DePalma.

### **Finance**

- Procedures on purchase orders
- Bonding procedures and estimates. Received a proposal from a financial advisor.
- Ask EI/Mylan Associates to present at October 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting

### **Buildings and Grounds**

- Powerpoint on summer projects
- Rod grant submitted
- Local Government Energy Audit and Dome-Tech Energy Audit discussed
- Lower field is prepared for football games
- HBW bleachers will be repaired

### **Superintendent's Report**

- District Goals
- Network is back up and we are still fixing some printing issues this week
- Marzano training for leaders coop with Glen Ridge- savings \$10K
- Dual Enrollment classes will be a total of 16 credits in school year 13-14 and 3 credits from summer 2013, for a total of 19 credits possible. We are running an informational program September 17, 7PM at VHS.
- Star Ledger noted two Verona High School graduates playing in the NFL.

### **Discussion**

- EI Associates presentation date on the referendum possibly October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-12**

**Moved by: Mr. Bellino**

**Seconded by: Mr. Unis**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting August 27, 2013

**PERSONNEL**

**#1 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements:

**1.1 Substitutes and Aides**

| Name                   | Location    | Position       | Salary         | Committee | Term of Employment |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Langley-Rogers, Nicole | District    | Sub Bus Driver | \$21.00/hr.    | Education | SY 13-14           |
| Maida, Mary            | Spec. Svcs. | Aide           | \$12.25/hr.    | Education | SY 13-14           |
| Heimerle, Kristie      | District    | Sub Nurse      | \$105/per diem | Education | SY 13-14           |
| Wertz, Barbara         | District    | Sub Nurse      | \$105/per diem | Education | SY 13-14           |
| Blackham, Trent        | District    | Sub Teacher    | \$85/hr.       | Education | SY 13-14           |
| Saito, Amanda          | District    | Sub Teacher    | \$85/hr.       | Education | SY 13-14           |
| Linares, Colleen       | District    | Sub Teacher    | \$85/hr.       | Education | SY 13-14           |
| Staranka, Chris        | District    | Sub Teacher    | \$85/hr.       | Education | SY 13-14           |

**1.2 Student Teacher**

| Name                | School/teacher/Grade | Duration       | Hours     | Assignment   |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| Brucchieri, Marissa | FOR/Conklin/Gr. 2    | 10/21-12/12/13 | Full Time | Std. Teacher |

#2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approved the following:

2.1 **Leave of Absence**

| Name                | Position                   | Reason                       | Location | MLOA Begin Date | Estimated Return Date |
|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Clark/Tully, Regina | Speech/Language Specialist | Extension of Maternity Leave | Laning   | 9/1/2012        | 9/1/2014              |

#3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Professional Development:

| Name              | Event/Location                                    | Date        | Cost   |
|-------------------|---|-------------|--|
| Mutovic, Danielle | NCTM Annual East Coast Conf./ Baltimore, Maryland | 10/17-18/13 | \$260 - Registration<br>\$390.39 - Hotel<br>\$119.66 - Mileage<br>TOTAL \$770.05 |

#4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve a medical leave of absence for Child Study Team employee XXX-XX-2942, from 9-1-13 to 11-1-13.

**EDUCATION**

#5 **TABLED RESOLVED** that the Board approve the District Strategic Goals for the 2013-2014 school year.

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Sumit Bangia** for ½ additional day of salary at \$239.25 to meet with new VHS teacher.

#7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve AP Calculus AB as a dual enrollment course with FDU (3 credits); **Richard Wertz** will be the instructor.

**FINANCE**

#8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2013-2014 budget for:

**July, 2013**

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

**July, 2013**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of July 31, 2013 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.

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

**July, 2013**

#11 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed check list in the following amount:

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Check Register Date</u> |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| \$477,832.52  | Vendor Checks      | August 29, 2013            |

**ADDENDUM RESOLUTION**

#12 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan dated September 2013.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Class sizes at 25 in FN Brown second grade

The Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary