

PUBLIC MEETING

September 10, 2019

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on September 10, 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.

There were two members of the public present. There was one member of the press present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Presentations-None

Superintendent Report

- Athletics Update
- School District Opening Update
- Laning Ceilings Update
- Referendum Update

Committee Reports

Education/Special Education

- New curriculum being approved tonight
- Training on 3rd grade math curriculum. 1st grade will be next year.
- NJSLA analysis will be presented in the fall
- Professional development for World Language being presented by Rutgers
- Professional development day on September 27th
- SEPAC meeting in September. Flyer mailed out by C.H.I.L.D.
- ESS enrollment VHS 17 and HBW 9
- One out of district placement that was not budgeted for

Athletics/Co-Curricular

- Fall sports update
- JV field hockey game today. The team won 8-1. 30 girls participating. 100 in the youth program
- Reviewed resolutions

Building and Grounds

- Laning ceilings update
- Presentations for referendums discussed
- Snack shack on upper field is complete

Community Resources

- Referendum discussion
- Affordable Housing Task Force
- Verona Magazine is printed and out in the community. It is also posted to the web-site

Discussion Items- None

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-9**

Moved by: Mr. Elliot

Seconded by: Mr. Alworth

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting August 27, 2019

PERSONNEL

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations for the 2019-2020 school year:

2.1 New Hires

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Lynda Veech	District	Substitute teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 19-20
Michele Cerle	District	Substitute Secretary	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 19-20
Wendy Fasano	District	Substitute Nurse	\$175/per diem	Education	SY 19-20
Victoria Pinilis	District	Substitute Nurse	\$175/per diem	Education	SY 19-20
Catherine Kissane	District	Substitute Nurse	\$175/per diem	Education	SY 19-20

2.2 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective on or About
Miriam Quiles	VHS	Teacher Aide	resignation	Sept. 20, 2019
Darian Melchione	LAN	Paraprofessional	resignation	Sept. 4, 2019

EDUCATION

#3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the second reading of the following policy:

P 7523 School District Provided Technology Devices to Students

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

4.1 Mentors

Novice Teacher	Location	Mentor	Stipend	# of mentoring weeks
Taylor Ross	Catherine Orsini	FNB	\$550.00	30 weeks
Michelle Mustardo	Julia Zambrano	HBW	Waived	12 weeks
Kimberly Rothenberger	Melissa Hanulak	HBW	Waived	30 weeks
Abigail Whelan	Bethany McMinn	HBW	Waived	
Amanda DeCaito	Lori Martorana	LAN	Waived	10 weeks
Paul Salierno	Joan Weiss	FOR/LAN	Waived	30 weeks
Lina Abuhadba	Luisa Hirsch	FNB	\$294	16 weeks
Heather Rhodes	Maggie Manning	HBW	\$550	30 weeks

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4.2 Non-Resident Tuition Student

Student ID No.	School	Grade
233131	VHS	9
312254	FNB	1
220651	VHS	10

4.3 Stipends

Name	School	Stipend	Position	Employment Date	Notes
Jason Calo	VHS	\$10,106	Athletic Trainer	SY 19-20	
Charlie Miller	District	\$2,500	Affirmative Action Officer	SY 19-20	
Joan Petronico	District	\$3,609	School Nurse Facilitator	SY 19-20	
Jennifer Kleinknecht	HBW	\$2,625	Building Technology Coordinator	SY 19-20	Rescind
Jennifer Kleinknecht	Elementary	\$2,625	Building Technology Coordinator	SY 19-20	Approve

4.4 Student Observer

Name	School	School/Teacher/ Grade	Duration	Assignment
Andrea Santamaria	Cald. Univ.	FOR/Rhodes/LDT-C	45 hrs.	Student Observer
Felisha Camacho	Felician Univ.	LAN/Minervo-Buneo/ Spec. Ed.	1 hr. per week / Sept. - Dec. 2019	Student Observer

4.5 Extra Class

Name	Location	Course	6th Period amount	Term of Employment on or about
Harriette Warshaw	HBW	French	\$2,117	Sept. 3 - Sept. 30, 2019

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4.6 Tuition Students

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4.6 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Dana Garcia	District	Continuing Education/Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, W. Orange, NJ	Spet. 13, 2019	\$265.00
Gillian Betcher	LAN	Autism: Across the Spectrum Conference/ East Brunswick, NJ	Oct. 23, 2019	\$229.99

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached Academy Agreement between Laning Avenue SCA and Flex Academies, LLC for the 2019-2020 school year.

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approves Dr. Dionisio and Mr. Mauriello who have been recognized for their leadership and advocacy on mental health and accepted to represent the Verona Public Schools to present at the AASA 2020 National Conference on **Why Mental Health Education Belongs in Public Schools** in San Diego, CA from February 12-17, 2020 and that the Board rescind the hotel amount that was approved on August 27, 2019 and approve the amount below for Dr. Dionisio and Mr. Mauriello with the following costs per person as a result of hotel availability:

Dr. Rui Dionisio

Hotel: \$275 x 5 nights = \$1,375 RESCIND

Hotel: \$289 X 5 nights = \$1,445.00+Occupancy tax/fees \$183.88

Total \$1,628.88 APPROVE

Frank Mauriello

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Total \$1,628.88 APPROVE

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

7.1 Field Trip

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
Rich Wertz/Barbara Wertz/ Christopher Tamburro/ Alex Cali/Jonathan Thai	VHS	Computer Science/Philadelphia, PA	Nov. 21 - Nov. 24, 2019

7.2 Clubs

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
Albie Tello/Kara Crudele	No Drama Llama	HBW	Trial Basis	SY 19-20

7.3 Coaches

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment
Nicole Shanley	VHS	Fall Weight Room Strength/Conditioning	\$3,375	SY 19-20
Bob Maher	VHS	Fall Weight Room	\$1,338	SY 19-20

FINANCE

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$859,333.23	Vendor Checks	September 6, 2019

ADDENDUM
PERSONNEL

#9 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
Jennifer Gladsky	VHS	Sub teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	Sept . 11 - Oct. 15, 2019

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

#10 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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl A. Nardino, Board Secretary