

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on September 12, 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.**

**The following members of the Board were present: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice President, Mr. James Day and Mr. Glenn Elliott. Mrs. Michele Bernardino was absent. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.**

**There were no citizens present. One member of the press was present.**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items- None**

**Presentations- None**

**Superintendent's Report**

- Smooth opening and visited all schools last week
- Welcome back to all students and staff
- Staff Convocation Speech on the website
- Overview of HIB cases last three years is on the website under parent resources and then click the anti-bullying tab

**Committees**

**Community Resources**

- Discussions with town about field maintenance and landscaping
- Aides contract ratified and approved by board tonight
- Code of conduct and mental health committees to begin meeting in September/October
- Food Truck Event on October 8
- October 14<sup>th</sup> is the VHS Battle of the Bands. 15 bands competing
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention "Out of the Darkness Walk" is October 22<sup>th</sup> at Verona Park beginning at 2:30. Go to <https://afsp.donordrive.com> to register

**Discussion Items**

- Joint Board of Education and Town Council to be tentatively rescheduled for October 30, 2017

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-8**

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting August 29, 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 Substitutes**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Term of Employment on or about</b>
<b>Caitlin Mishell</b>	VHS	Sub teacher	\$90 per diem	Education	SY 17-18
<b>Chrissy Sciacchitano</b>	VHS	Sub teacher	\$90 per diem	Education	SY 17-18
<b>Besnik Turka</b>	District	Bus Driver	\$21/hr.	Athletics	SY 17-18
<b>Raquel DeSantis</b>	Forest	Lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
<b>Raquel DeSantis</b>	District	Secretary	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 17-18

**2.2 Resignation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Effective</b>
<b>Besnik Turka</b>	District	Custodian/Bus Driver	resignation	Sept. 5, 2017
<b>Nina Petruzzella</b>	HBW	Paraprofessional	resignation	Sept. 5, 2017

### **2.3 Mentors**

<b>Novice Teacher</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Mentor</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
<b>Anthony Chierici</b>	FNB	Megan Pellegrino	\$256.62
<b>Bridget Sullivan</b>	HBW	Carol Lynn Moy	fee waived
<b>Crystal Cruz</b>	LAN	Grace Minervo-Buneo	fee waived
<b>Matthew Rosa</b>	VHS	Linda Barone	\$73.32
<b>Caitlin Mishell</b>	VHS	Taylor DeMaio	\$550
<b>Stephanie Heard</b>	DISTRICT	Luisa Hirsch	\$274.96
<b>Patricia Lewis</b>	HBW	Heather Kunkel	\$550

### **2.4 Marriage**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Kimberly Andela</b>	VHS	Spec. Ed. English	Marriage	Oct. 16,17, 18, 19, 20, 2017	5 days with pay with the cost of a substitute to be deducted

**2.5 Leave of Absence**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Begin Date on or before</b>	<b>Estimated Return Date on or before</b>
<b>Jaime Carlucci</b>	Paraprofessional	HBW	Maternity Leave of Absence	Sept. 15, 2017	Jan. 2, 2018

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

**EDUCATION**

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

**4.1 Attendance at Conference**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Event/Location</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>AnneMarie Ruggiero</b>	Laning	Framing Your Thoughts/On-line Course	\$319.00

**#5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Agreement between the Verona Board of Education and the Verona Education Association - Paraprofessionals - Part D and Schedule N.

**#6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Verona Board of Education And the Verona Education Association July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2018 regarding Orton-Gillingham.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Paula Staudinger** to be paid at a daily rate of \$248.76 for 3 days totaling \$746.28 to attend Handle with Care Certification/Training on August 21, 22, 23, 2017 and \$248.76 per day for 3 days totaling \$746.28 to provide Handle with Care training for paraprofessionals on August 28, 29, 30, 2017.

**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>
\$328,030.28	Vendor Checks	September 8, 2017

**PUBLIC COMMENT**- None

The meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary