

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on September 23, 2014 in the Verona High School Media Center at 6:59 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. Michael Unis, Vice President, Mr. Joseph Bellino and Mr. Steven Spardel. Mr. James Day was absent. Also present were: Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.**

**Approximately fifty citizens and two members of press were present.**

**Presentations**

- AP Scholar presentation by Mr. Charlie Miller
- Referendum update and summer projects update by Mr. Paul McDevitt

**Public Comment on Agenda Items- None**

**Superintendent's Report**

- DEAC meeting was held on 9/18 to discuss lesson plan requirements for informal visits, formal observations, assessments, AchieveNJ requirements, SGO's, and ScIP's.
- I had the opportunity to attend all the Back to School Nights except for HBW. It has been rescheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>
- The event at each school was very successful where attendance was high and feedback was positive.
- Reminder that tomorrow, Wednesday, 9/24 is an early dismissal for students and staff development day for staff. Parents should check dismissal times on the school website for their children.
  - We finalized planning with Administrative team and DEAC for September 24<sup>th</sup> professional development day on dyslexia, student growth objectives (SGO), Depth of Knowledge (DOK) and Assessments, and Science HAZCom training.
  - Reminder that school is closed on Thursday 9/25 for the holiday Rosh Hashanah.
- HIB Self-Assessments have been completed. The school report cards are included that must be submitted to the NJDOE by the end of the month. Our school safety teams engaged in a thorough self-assessment with the documentation of evidence that satisfies requirements through the DOE based on a comprehensive rubric as an assessment instrument.
  - We have met the requirements or exceeded the requirements in every category (8).
  - This data allows our school safety teams, our district anti-bullying coordinator, and the superintendent to reflect on the data and evidence and establish new goals and action plans to improve on our school culture and practices.
  - We are currently working on that process and seeking ways for continuous improvement.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance**

- Reviewed A+ Technology and Security contract
- Free lunch for students. District is not part of the national free lunch program.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-28, Table Resolution #13 and #16**

**Moved by: Mr. Bellino**

**Seconded by: Mr. Unis**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting September 9, 2014

## **PERSONNEL**

**#2 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2014-2015 school year:

### **2.1 Substitutes, Lunch Aide**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Term of Employment</b>
<b>Cerle, Michele</b>	Spec. Svcs.	Sub teacher aide	\$13.00/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Ritacco, Angelo</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Fraze, Lauren</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Richardella, Bridget</b>	Pomptonian	Lunch Aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Maltino, Jacquelyn</b>	Spec. Svcs.	Sub teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Lotrecchiano, Melissa</b>	Spec. Svcs.	Sub teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Stelzle, Thea</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Verderame, Andera</b>	Spec. Svcs.	Sub teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
<b>Zenn, Nicole</b>	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 14-15

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of volunteers for the 2014-2015 school year.

**#4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Kimberly Ferlauto** for 1 additional day of work on July 23, 2014 during the summer of 2014 at a rate of \$505.09 per diem.

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

Name	Location	Reason	Date
XXX-XX-0248	VHS	1 day Personal Business without pay	5/6/2015

### **EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to accept a grant from the N.J. Agriculture Society awarded to Diane Conboy, M.S., CCC-SLD, and Maryann Bifulco, preschool teacher, to develop a Learning-Through-Gardening program at Laning Avenue Elementary School. The N.J. Agriculture Society will provide soil, plants and garden hoses to enable teachers to plant a sensory garden at Laning and teach lessons in all academic areas related to it.

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

#### **7.1 Attendance at Conference**

Name	Event/Location	Date	Cost	Acct.
<b>Barone, Linda</b>	Transition/Job Placement Coordinator Training	10/8 & 10/10/14	\$343.40	IDEA
<b>Barone, Linda</b>	Transition/Job Placement Coordinator Training	10/15-16/14	\$248.40	IDEA

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

#### **8.1 Student Observers**

Name	School	School/Teacher/Grade	Duration	Hours	Assignment
<b>Miller, Alexa</b>	Felician Col.	LAN/FOR/Petronico/Nurse	9/24/14-12/30/14	60 hours	Observer
<b>Donaghue, Patricia</b>	Cald. Col.	FNB/Collins/1st grade	9/24/14-12/19/14	30 hours	Observer
<b>Smith,</b>	Rutgers	FNB/Staranka/Kdg.	9/24/14-	4 hours	Observer

Rachel			10/25/14		
Zenn, Nicole	Seton Hall	FOR/Tully/Speech/Lang.	10/14- 6/15	1-2 days/wk.	Intern

## 8.2 Home Instructor

Name
Melissa Lotrecchiano

#9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following student home instruction:

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning
70998	VHS	11	10 hrs./wk./4-6 weeks	9/10/2014

#10 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached HIB Self- Assessments.

#11 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the Verona Board of Education and Verona Education Association dated August 28, 2014.

#12 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve to contract with Monique Coleman to provide Vision Therapy for student #111802 at P.G. Chambers School for the 2014-2015 school year for an approximate total of \$13,500.

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

#13 **TABLED RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Capital Contribution and Use Agreement with Montclair Kimberley Academy.

#14 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve West Chester Environmental as the district's environmental consultant.

#15 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Building Use:

Organization/Group	Location	Purpose	Date
Verona Jr. Woman's Club	HBW	Halloween fundraiser	10/25/2014

### Referendum Technology

- #16 TABLED RESOLVED** that the Board approve A+ Technology and Security to provide networking and security upgrades as per the attached contract, in the amount of \$803,512.74, subject to NJSDA approval;

and Further be it resolved that the Board directs that its Business Administrator, staff, and Board Attorney are authorized to and shall take any necessary actions to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

### ATHLETICS

- #17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Step</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
<b>Arlett-Doherty, Heather</b>	VHS	JV Cheerleading	3	rescind - \$2,501 approve - \$2,718
<b>Maher, Robert</b>	VHS	Fall Weight Room	3	rescind - \$1,274 approve - \$1,246

### FINANCE

- #18 RESOLVED** that the Board approve a donation of \$2,675 to H. B. Whitehorne Middle School from Blue Planet and Bill Hoogterp.

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

<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Check Register Date</u></b>
\$1,961,951.93	Vendor Checks	Sept. 19, 2014
\$49,936.27	VSEA Checks	July - Sept. 2014
\$62,479.09	Vendor checks	Sept. 23, 2014

- #20 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2014-2015 budget for:

**August, 2014 in the amount of \$124,438**

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

**August, 2014**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of **August 31, 2014** 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.

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

**August, 2014**

- #23 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the travel maximum per the amounts below:

General Fund	\$7,500
IDEA	\$4,000

- #24 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following 2014-2015 IDEA salaries charged to the grant:

<b>Terry Frediani</b>	\$26,695
<b>Carol Oliver</b>	\$11,990
<b>Maureen Dimeck</b>	\$ 2,000

- #25 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the food service management fee to Pomptonian in the amount of \$.0607 price per meal equivalent and Pomptonian guarantees a no cost operation for the Board for the 2014-2015 school year.

- #26 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Phoenix Advisors to conduct continuing disclosure survey and serve as the continuing disclosure agent for bond offerings, as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The cost for the service \$650 for three outstanding bond issues, plus \$100 for each additional bond issue.

- #27 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Rui Dionisio, Joseph Bellino** and **Michael Unis** to attend the New Jersey School Board Workshop and Exposition, in Atlantic City, NJ on October 28-October 30, 2014.

Cost per person: \$200.00  
Lodging - \$97.00 per night  
Meals and Incidentals - \$66.00 per diem  
Mileage - \$78.11 round trip

**ADDENDUM**  
**REFERENDUM TECHNOLOGY**

- #28 RESOLVED** that the Board approve A+ Technology and Security to provide networking and security upgrades as per the attached contract, subject to further attorney review, approval of the contract and subject to NJSDA approval in the amount of \$803,512.74;

and Further be it resolved that the Board directs that its Business Administrator, staff, and Board Attorney are authorized to and shall take any necessary actions to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

and Further be it resolved that, N.J.S.A. 53:34-6.2 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. permit the Board to utilize nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreements without public bidding; and

and Further be it resolved that, PEPPM and WSCA have publicly advertised for and received bids for the products to be purchased through authorized reseller A+ Technology and Security.

**PUBLIC COMMENT- None**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino**  
**Board Secretary**