

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on September 24, 2013 in the Board Office Conference Room 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. Joseph Bellino and Mr. Glenn Elliott. Mr. Michael Unis, Vice President and Ms. Dawn DuBois were 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. Elliott

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

The Board convened to a confidential session on September 24, 2013 in the Board Office Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

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

Forty citizens and two members of press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations

- Mr. Miller presented the VHS AP Program and recognized the AP Scholars

Committee Reports

Education

- Continue to review policies

Buildings and Grounds

- Architects will present at the 10-22-13 meeting to review referendum project

Superintendent's Report

- NJIT NSF- Grant approval for HS Pharmaceutical Engineering modules for VHS program begins with planning phase in Jan 2014
- VSEA 2013 update- Total enrollment 175 including 9 students for the High School Dual Enrollment Psychology class
 - 154 Verona Residents
 - Caldwell, WO, CG, Nutley students also attending

- AP Scores
- Dual enrollment- 2 parents contacted me to tell me how happy they are with the college classes
- Will go to each school to explain the planned referendum projects

Discussion-

- Split 2nd grade classes at FN Brown. Position is posted and interviewing candidates this week. Plan on appointing candidate at the October 8th board meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-19**

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Bellino

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting September 10, 2013

PERSONNEL

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

2.1 Substitutes

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment
Ballesteros, Elina	Spec. Svcs.	Sub Aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 13-14
Dimeck, Maureen	District	Sub Secretary	\$9.75/hr.	Education	SY 13-14
Gent, Allison	Spec. Svcs.	Sub Aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 13-14
Shapiro, Teresa	VHS	Sub Psychologist	\$240/per diem	Education	SY 13-14
Sulce, Bujar	District	Sub Custodian	\$18/hr.	Education	SY 13-14
Ringel, Alyssa	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 13-14
Sinisi, Mary	Spec. Svcs.	Sub Aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 13-14

Sinisi, Mary	Spec. Svcs.	Sub Bus Aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 13-14
Sinisi, Mary	Spec. Svcs.	Sub Secretary	\$9.75/hr.	Education	SY 13-14
Wynen, Paula	Spec. Svcs.	Sub Aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 13-14

2.2 New Staff

Name	Location	Assignment	Salary	Degree/ Step	Term of employment	Department Committee	Replacing/ Notes
Shapiro, Teresa	VHS	.6 FTE School Psychologist	\$55,626	PhD/Step 16	On or before 11/10/13	Education	Michael Shrem

2.3 Bus Drivers

Name	Term of Employment	Salary
William DeZenzo	SY 13-14	\$21/hr.
John McNamara	SY 13-14	\$21/hr.
Terrance Navarra	SY 13-14	\$21/hr.
Richard Zirk	SY 13-14	\$21/hr.

2.4 Stipends/Additional Work

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Notes
Besante, Lauren	Spec. Svcs.	Behaviorist	\$375 per case	as necessary for testing
Lustig, Dana	VHS	SAC	\$428.98	1 day of pay for additional work

2.5 Leave of Absence

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Extended leave request	Estimated Return Date
XXX-XX-8127	CST	Spec. Svcs.	Medical leave	9/30/2013	10/1/2013

EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached Monthly Statistical Reports for May and June, 2013.

- #5 **RESOVLED** that the Board approve the District Strategic Goals for the 2013-2014 school year.
- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve to submit amendment to the 2013 IDEA grant to allow for unexpended non-public funds to be dispersed.
- #7 **RESOVLED** that the Board approve the following student observers and extern:

Name	College	School/teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours	Assignment
Gent, Allison	Seton Hall	Speech/Lang.	1 day/wk. Oct.- Dec. 3 days/wk. Jan.- Jun.		Extern
McKeown, Courtney	JMU	LAN/Givas-PT/Breckinridge-OT	2 days/wk through 12/20/13		Observer
Miller, Caitlin	Cald. Coll.	BKD/Duffy/Res. Room	9/25-11/29/13	50 hrs.	Observer
Walkinshaw, Hanna	Cald. Coll.	VHS/Meyer & Quick/English	9/25-11/29/13	40 hrs.	Observer
Wertz, Barbara	Cald. Coll.	HBW/Corrado/Jordan/Health	9/25-12/15/13	20 hrs.	Observer
Wertz, Barbara	Cald. Coll.	HBW/Aldiero-Nurse & FOR/Sapienza/Spec.Ed.	9/25-12/15/13	30 hrs.	Observer

CO-CURRICLUM

- #8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the changing of the name of the Academically Speaking Club at H B Whitehorne to the Jeopardy Challenge Club.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- #9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached agreement between the YMCA of Montclair and the Verona Board of Education to provide extended school day program services in the District.

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following use of building applicants:

Organization/Group	Location	Purpose	Dates
SAT Kaplan Test Prep	VHS	SAT Prep classes	Sept. 25, 30 Oct. 2, 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	VHS parking lot	parking for walk	10/19/2013
Northern NJ Hauxia Chinese School	VHS	Chinese School	SY 13-14

FINANCE

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve the travel maximum per the amounts below:

General Fund \$10,000
IDEA \$ 8,000

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following 2013-2014 IDEA salaries charged to the grant:

Terry Frediani \$24,132
Maureen Dimeck \$22,857
Carol Oliver \$11,011

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed check lists for the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$5,711.59	Cafeteria	July 2013
\$26.72	VSEA	July and Sept. 2013

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

August, 2013 in the amount of \$56,713

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

August, 2013

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

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month:

August, 2013

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve Joseph Bellino, Steve Forte and Cheryl Nardino to attend the New Jersey School Board Workshop and Exposition, in Atlantic City, NJ on October 22-October 24, 2013.

Group Registration \$450.00

Cost per person:

Lodging \$100 per night

Meals and Incidentals \$66.00 per diem

Mileage \$78.11 round trip

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$2,257,249.76	Vendor Checks	September 20, 2013

ADDENDUM RESOLUTION

#19 RESOLVED that the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Dawn DuBois as Board of Education Member effective September 24, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

The Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**