

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on September 26, 2017 in the Verona High School Media Center at 5:59 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice-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. A motion was made to convene to confidential session. All were in favor.

The board reconvened to the regular session at 7 pm.

The following members of the Board were present: Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice President, Mrs. Michele Bernardino, Mr. James Day and Mr. Glenn Elliott were present. Mr. John Quattrocchi, President was absent.

Also present were Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Two citizens were present. No members of the press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Presentations

- Joe Trause, facilities update. Presentation posted on website.

Superintendent's Report

- HIB-Second Reading
 - a. VHS 53989
 - b. VHS 53974
- Back to School Night at Brookdale Wednesday and VHS Thursday
- Band Festival October 14th. 14 bands are competing
- Joint Meeting with Township confirmed for October 30th in VHS Learning Commons
- The week of October 2, 2017, begins the Week of Respect. The focus of Week of Respect is on the prevention of behaviors which contribute to harassment, intimidation, and bullying.
- Week of October 9, 2017, begins Violence Awareness Week. Violence Awareness Week addresses the prevention of school violence through conflict resolution, acceptance and tolerance.
- Our schools have planned a comprehensive and embedded approach to addressing the issues of respect and kindness in each of our schools over the next several weeks and throughout the year.
- Action Committee work continues and is supported throughout the year

Committees

Finance

- 16-17 Excess Surplus

Education/Special Education

- Special Education Parent Advisory committee meetings soon to be scheduled
- Sensory Room donations
- Professional development, out of district placements, may have to hire a nurse on a bus route. Potentially costing \$50k

- Change in student registration for AP Exams. The registration will be done online at an increase of \$3 per test.
- Code of Conduct committee had posters printed for the “Be Kind” campaign.
- Mrs. Lustig is working in all six buildings doing small group instruction. Parents can sign their children up for this instruction.
- A lot of excitement at the middle school around the stem program
- All education policies have been updated

Athletics/Co-Curricular

- Hired a swim coach. Swim team is fully funded by parents.
- All sports teams are off to a good start

Buildings and Grounds

- Upper field paving is completed
- Future referendum items were discussed
- Two custodial hires
- Track repairs

Discussion Items

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-20**

Moved by: Mr. Day

Seconded by: Mrs. Bernardino

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting September 12, 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.

2.1 Substitutes/Paraprofessionals

Paraprofessionals					
Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Courtney Lamkey	Laning	Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Erin McDonald	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$14.50/hr.	Education	SY 17-18
Jose Portillo	District	Sub Bus Driver	\$21/hr.	Athletics	SY 17-18
Kurt Collins	HBW	Part Time Custodian	\$18/hr.	B&G	Sept. 27, 2017 - Jun. 30, 2018
Salvador Saavedra	BRK	Part Time Custodian	\$18/hr.	B&G	Oct. 16, 2017 - Jun. 30, 2018

2.2 Leave of Absence

Name	Location	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or before
#50363852	District	Medical Leave of Absence	Aug. 24, 2017	Oct.17, 2017
Colleen Fernandez	HBW	Maternity Leave of Absence	Dec. 11, 2017	Sept. 1, 2018

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

3.1 Summer Work

Name	Days/Hours of Work	Rate	Total	Position
Linda Wangner	3 hours	\$56.54/hr.	\$169.62	Spec. Ed. Teacher

EDUCATION

#4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent's presentation of HIB report as follows:

HIB Case
VHS 53989
VHS 53974

#5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following non-resident tuition student:

Student ID No.	School	Grade
#302611	FNB	Kdg.

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following books for the 2017-2018 school year:

Between the World & Me (by Ta Nehisi Coates)
 ISBN: 0812993543

White Teeth (by Zadie Smith)
 ISBN: 0375703861

#7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following curriculum for the 2017-2018 school year:

New: SUPA Gender Studies Syllabus

#8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached revised following job description:

District Student Assistance Counselor

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

9.1 Student Observer

Name	School	School/Teacher/ Grade	Duration	Hours/ days	Assignment
Emily Menendez	Cald. Univ.	FNB/Orsini/Kdg. FNB/Hiscano/Grade 2	Sept. 27 - Dec.10, 2017	24 total hrs.	Student Observer
Anthony Joss	MSU	HBW/Halpern/Music HBW/Hamilton/Music	Sep. 27 - Dec. 15, 2017 Jan. 2 - May 31, 2018	5 days/ wk.	Student Teacher

SPECIAL EDUCATION

#10 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve to contract with **Patience Moore**, LLC to provide educational therapy services on a part-time basis for the 2017-2018 school year at the rate of \$65.00 per hour for 15 hours per week for an estimated total of \$35,100.

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

11.1 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Elise Edelstein	Laning VPP	Autism NJ Conference/ Atlantic City, NJ	Oct. 19-20, 2017	Registration - \$175.00

Amy Quinn	Laning VPP	Creative Interventions in Motor Control & Learning/ Paramus, NJ	Oct. 6, 2017	Registration- \$199.99
Andria Rosenberg	District	Creative Interventions in Motor Control & Learning/ Paramus, NJ	Oct. 6, 2017	Registration- \$199.99

11.2 Student Home Instruction

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
#181470	VHS	12	10 hrs./wk./6-8 wks.	Sept. 19, 2017
#240746	HBW	6	10 hrs./wk./6-8 wks.	Sept. 19, 2017

11.3 Home Instructor

Name
Matthew Rosa

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve to accept the attached settlement agreement dated September 11, 2017 for residential placement for Student #191496 covering the 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years.

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

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

13.1 Clubs

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
Pam Burke	Future Educators of America	VHS	\$898.00	SY 17-18
Nathan Scott	Project Love	VHS	Volunteer	SY 17-18
Sean Clancy	Regional and All State Chorus & Auditions	VHS	\$1,259.00	SY-17-18

13.2 Coaches

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Term of Employment
Jeremy Zak	VHS	Swim Coach	Step 1/\$5,500	SY 17-18
Ken Lillien	VHS	Varsity Hockey Coach	Step 3/\$10,547	SY 17-18
Steve Ruggiero	VHS	JV Hockey Coach	Step 3/\$6,697	SY 17-18
Max Thiele	VHS	Volunteer Assistant Hockey Coach	NA	SY 17-18

FINANCE

- #14 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed checklist(s) in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$1,947,295.66	Vendor Checks	September 22, 2017
\$ 79,880.09	Referendum Checks	September 22, 2017

- #15 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2017-2018 budget for:

August, 2017

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

August, 2017

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of July 31, 2017 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.

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

August, 2017

- #18 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Rui Dionisio, Cheryl Nardino, Michele Bernardino** and **James Day** to attend the New Jersey School Board Workshop and Exposition in Atlantic City, NJ on October 24 and 25, 2017.

Registration per person \$300.00
Lodging up to \$107.00 per night
Meals and Incidentals \$66.00 per diem
Mileage \$77.94 round trip

- #19** **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Joe Trause** to attend the New Jersey School Board Workshop and Exposition in Atlantic City, NJ on October 23, 24, and 25, 2017.

Registration per person \$300.00
Lodging - \$99.50 per night x 2 nights \$199.00

- #20** **RESOLVED** that the Board rescind Dr. **Rui Dionisio** to attend the Superintendent's Summit on November 8, 9 and 10, 2017 in Coronado, California due to a schedule conflict.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- F.N. Brown parent asked how projects are decided on that will be completed in each school

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary