

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on September 9, 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, Mr. James Day and Mr. Steven Spardel. Also present were: Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Approximately thirteen citizens and one member of press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Committee Reports

Athletics/Co-curricular

- Discussed the field and tennis court project start and completion dates
- Discussed a black out period in the summer where there are no practices, camps or games
- Main gym floor has been resurfaced
- AED's purchased for HBW and FNB fields
- Bleachers on lower field have been delivered
- Girls soccer participation is 24 athletes. Will look to have JV games on different days than the Varsity.

Education/Special Education

- ESL enrollment
- Discussed Special Education litigation cases
- Curriculum documents are being updated
- Staff training in various areas will take place during the month of September
- HIB teams assigned at each school

Community Resources

- Discussed district website
- Review Friday Folder

Building and Grounds/ ADHOC Referendum

- ESIP program is in the third party verification stage
- Mr. McDevitt to present summer projects completed and referendum update at the September 23 board meeting
- Called county to weigh in on the field project. They will likely write a letter that the project does not encroach on county property
- Track plans will be submitted to the planning board for review
- District and Township will review plans and district will answer any questions
- Track repairs to start September 10 and work will be completed in one week

- Job description will be created for an administrative assistant to work over 2 years of the referendum project
- Field will bid in January
- Most of referendum work will be completed next summer
- Base bid for the field work will not have any remediation to the upper field. What is included, is a fenced in area with plantings
- FPA provided three alternates to be included in the bid. First alternate, rapid impact compaction estimated at \$600k. Second alternate, over-excavation and placement of geo-grid estimated at \$725k. Third alternate, rapid impact compaction, over-excavation and placement of geo-grid estimated at \$900k.

The committee recommends the third alternate if the money is available when the project is bid.

Superintendent's Report

- September 2 was a welcome back and convocation for the staff
- September 3 was a professional development day for the staff
- Students began the year on September 4. Mr. Dionisio visited all the schools Thursday and Friday
- Attended various meetings. VFEE, 5th Downers, SCA, VMAC etc.
- Attended HBW Honor Roll Recognition Assembly
- Mr. McDevitt will present the summer projects and referendum update at the September 23 Board Meeting

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-15. Table Resolution #14**

Moved by: Mr. Spardel

Seconded by: Mr. Bellino

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting **August 26, 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 Teacher Aide

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment
Lisa Loudon	Forest	Lunch Aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 14-15
Laurie Jones	Laning	Teacher Aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 14-15

2.3 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Diane Leshowitz	Spec. Svcs.	LDT-C Elem.	resignation	10/17/2014

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

Name	Location	Reason
XXX-XX-8797	VHS	1 Personal Business day without pay

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following stipend positions:

Name	Position	School	Stipend	Term of Employment
Shirley Bush	Nurse Facilitator	District	\$3,048 rescind \$3,200 approve	SY 14-15
Jason Calo	Athletic Trainer	District	\$8,245 rescind \$8,654 approve	SY 14-15
Rich Wertz	Technology	District	\$6,608 rescind \$7,007 approve	SY 14-15

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following salaries adjusted for the change to the administrators' health benefits.

Glenn Cesa	Principal - VHS	153,580
Yvette McNeal	Principal -HBW	144,562
Gary Farishian	Athletic Director/Supervisor of Health and PE, K-12	140,868
Anthony Lanzo	Principal – FNB	130,067
Rich Rampolla	Principal – BRK	130,522
Jeff Monacelli	Principal - FOR	120,980
Kim Ferlauto	Director of Guidance	106,753
Dave Galbierczyk	Assistant Principal - VHS	115,404
Howard Freund	Assistant Principal - HBW	109,688

Sumit Bangia	Supervisor of Humanities	100,998
Gina Venezia	Supervisor for Special Ed. K-12	116,919

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Sensory Garden Grant awarded to Laning Avenue School by N.J. Agricultural Society.

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following video adoptions for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Course	Rating	Location	Grade
Brown vs. Board of Ed	Careers in Education	Not rated	VHS	12
Lean on Me	Careers in Education	PG-13	VHS	12
Ron Clark Story	Careers in Education	Not rated	VHS	12
Spirited Away	Digital Design 2 - 2D Animation	PG	VHS	9-12
Teach	Careers in Education	Not rated	VHS	12

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following HIB Coordinator for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	School	Position
Kathleen Grant	VHS	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Dana Lustig	District	Anti-Bullying Coordinator

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following tuition students received:

Student ID No.	School	Grade
191804	HBW	8

FINANCE

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$16,075.61	Cafeteria Checks	June 17, 2014
\$10,235.55	Cafeteria Checks	June 30, 2014
\$ 147.50	Cafeteria Checks	July 1, 2014

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

July, 2014 \$46,624.23

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

July, 2014

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

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

July, 2014

#14 TABLED RESOLVED that the Board approve the food service management fee to Pomptonian in the amount of \$.0607 and Pomptonian guarantees a no cost operation for the Board for the 2014-2015 school year.

**ADDENDUM RESOLUTION
PERSONNEL**

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

Name	Location	Assignment	Salary	Degree/Step	Effective	Department	Replacing/ Notes
Rhodes, Catherine	Spec. Svcs.	Elem. LDT-C	\$57,541	MA/Step 6	on or about 10/17/14	Education	D. Leshowitz

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Laning Avenue School looks fantastic with all the upgrades to the school
- Updates to food policy at HBW because of the food allergies
- Parent is challenging the book “Kiterunner” as a summer read for freshmen. She would like the book dropped due to the sensitive nature of the topics in the book.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary