

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**June 21, 2022**

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on June 21, 2022 at 7:07 p.m.**

**The meeting was called to order by Jorge Cruz, Board Secretary.**

**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: Mrs. Lisa Freschi, President, Mrs. Pamela Priscoe, Vice President, Mr. Christopher Wacha, Mr. Jim Day, and Mrs. Sara Drappi. Also present was Dr. Lydia Furnari, Interim Superintendent and Mr. Jorge Cruz, School Business Administrator.**

**There were 7 members of the public present. There were 0 members of the press present.**



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1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of Meeting Notice
4. Roll Call Attendance
5. Presentations - Dr. Lydia Furnari, Interim Superintendent of Schools - Recognition of the  
2022 Retirees  
Laura Palmerezzi Director of Athletics and Special Programs - Spring  
Sports Update  
Dr. Frank Mauriello - Mental Health
6. Superintendent Report - Dr. Lydia E. Furnari, Interim Superintendent of Schools
7. School Business Administrator Report - Jorge Cruz
8. Committee Reports -
  - Community Resources
  - Facilities
  - Finance
9. Public Comments on Agenda Action Items
10. Discussion Items
11. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions
12. Public Comments

Live streaming link: <https://youtu.be/1vRN4Oueb6M>

The next scheduled Public Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 19, 2022** beginning with a Confidential Session at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm Public Session in the Verona High School Learning Commons.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Reading of Meeting Notice**

This meeting is being conducted in compliance with the open meeting session that the Verona Board of Education passed a resolution at its annual reorganization meeting held on January 5, 2021. The meeting set forth the schedule of its regular meetings which resolution was within 7 days of passage. The schedule was sent to the Verona Cedar Grove Times, the Star Ledger, the Township of Verona and the VEA. Postings of this meeting setting forth the time location and agenda were posted at the Verona Board of Education Office and on the Verona Public Schools district website. The Verona Board of Education operates under a consent agenda format, any board member has the right to have an item pulled to be voted upon or discussed separately. Copies of tonight's agenda and resolutions have been made available to the public and press.

**4. Roll Call Attendance**

Mr. Wacha   X  

Mr. Day   X  

Mrs. Drappi   X  

Mrs. Priscoe   X  

Mrs. Freschi   X  

**5. Presentations -**

- Dr. Lydia Furnari - Interim Superintendent - Recognition of the 2022 Retirees
- Laura Palmerezzi Director of Athletics and Special Programs - Spring Sports Update
- Dr. Frank Mauriello - Mental Health Presentation

**6. Superintendent Report -** Dr. Lydia E. Furnari, Interim Superintendent of Schools -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sYLOXFdKnffXjt21RYDUsx5GuTAWd1Oz/view?usp=sharing>

## **7. School Business Administrator Report - Jorge Cruz, School Business Administrator**

Good evening everyone. I would like to open this evening by promoting our first Verona Wellness Day for all staff participating in our AmeriHealth insurance plan. The event will take place on Friday, Sep 23, 2022 from 8 AM-1 PM at the Learning Commons, where our staff will have the option to register in advance and participate in:

- Biometric Screening
- Cholesterol & Blood pressure Screening
- Nutrition Consultation / (Free Flu Shot pending)

We are really excited about this event as we promote the importance of wellness and self-care.

As I close out the school year, I would like to thank the central office staff and business team for the heavy lift, zeal, and dedication this year to increasing efficiencies for our school district.

Additionally, I would like to thank our leadership. This is my last Board meeting with Dr. Furnari and it's bittersweet as we transition. Reflecting back ten months ago, I remember our interim superintendent interviews, Dr. Furnari stated, "If the board decides to hire me, you're not getting an interim Supt; on day-one, you'll be getting a Superintendent." And we did. From November 9th to present... she's been all-in and it's been an honor to lead the district beside you.

Lastly, I want to thank the Board. In case the public is not aware, these amazingly talented individuals are all volunteers and are passionate about Verona and our school community. This year was challenging and they all proven to be relentless in ensuring that we have the best talent and leadership to move Verona forward & upward in our next chapter. For that, I thank you and I'm honored to be part of this great organization. Thank you!

## **8. Committee Reports**

- Community Resources - Mrs. Freschi provided a community resources update on curriculum, superintendent transition and Mrs. DiGusuppi 100 day plan.
- Facilities - Mrs. Drappi provided a facilities committee update on facilities assessment, stormwater management and Mr. Day provided status of the retaining wall at Forest.
- Finance - Mrs. Cruz provided an update on finance surrounding the Standard Operating Procedures, and Bank RFP.

## **9. Public Comments on Agenda Action Items**

### **10. Discussion Items - Mr. Day thanked Dr. Mauriello for his work and dedication.**

Mrs. Freschi also thanked Dr. Mauriello for all his years of service to Verona.

Mrs. Drappi thanked all our teachers, staff, and students for a challenging year.

Mrs. Priscoe also thanked Dr. Mauriello for his service and all staff for their hard work this year.

Mr. Wacha requested Reso# 21.7 be pulled for future consideration after reviewing the DEI report from Grand River Solutions.

Mrs. Freschi asked to pull Reso#21.7 related to the DEI (5 stipends).

Mrs. Freschi also also requested to omit resolution #3 since it was completed in January.

**11. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions**

**12. Public Comments**

Please note that the public participation portion of the meeting affords an opportunity for the public to share thoughts and comments about school related topics. By law, administrators and Board of Education members are not permitted to publicly discuss personnel matters, student discipline, or other issues requiring confidentiality. While we may not respond to comments during the meeting, all input that is shared with the Board of Education is taken very seriously, and helps inform future deliberations and work by the Board and its committees. Answers appear in many forms including, but not limited to: email, Superintendent/ Committee reports, Board statements, FAQs on website, or after public comment is closed. We appreciate and thank all members of the public for your input.

**Motion by:** Mrs. Drappi

**Seconded by:** Mr. Day

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1 - 50. (Omit #3 & Pull 21.7 - 5 DEI Stipend)**

Mr. Wacha X

Mr. Day X

Mrs. Drappi X

Mrs. Priscoe X

Mrs. Freschi X

**VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**RESOLUTIONS**  
**June 21, 2022**

**BOARD RENEWAL RESOLUTIONS**

**#1 RESOLVED** that the Board has read and discussed the Code of Ethics for School Board members in accordance with NJSA 18A-12-24.1. Specifically,

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the Board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their Duties.  
  
I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

**#2 RESOLVED** that Lisa Freschi be appointed delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association for one year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the policy authorizing the duties of the delegate to the New Jersey Schools Boards Association be approved as follows:

- a. Represent the Board at meetings of the New Jersey School Boards Association.
- b. Study and report to the Board all proposed State and Federal Legislation of interest and relevance.
- c. At the direction of the Board, prepare a proposed resolution for submission to the State School Boards Association.

This policy shall not prohibit or discourage other Board Members from active participation in Legislative affairs.

**OMIT #3** that the Verona Board of Education approve the establishment of the following Board of Education Committees. Appointments to the Committees will be made by the Board President:

**Facilities**-James Day/Sara Drappi  
**Finance**-Christopher Wacha/Jim Day  
**Education**-Christopher Wacha/Sara Drappi  
**Community Resources**-Lisa Freschi/Pamela Priscoe  
**Athletics & Co-Curricular**-Lisa Freschi/Pamela Priscoe

**#4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Michael Gross, Esq. of the firm of Kenney, Gross & Kovats as Board Attorney for the 2022-2023 school year at a \$400 per month retainer. Additional time for Special Education will be billed at \$140 per hour and all other legal work will be billed at \$150 per hour.

**#5 RESOLVED** that the official newspapers for the Board of Education be the The Star Ledger for the school year 2022-2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary be permitted to use his/her discretion with regard to any and all publications required by law.

**#6 RESOLVED** that the following be and the same are hereby designated as depositories of The Board of Education:

### **INVESTORS BANK**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that until further notice from the Board of Education, any funds of the Board deposited in said depositories may be subject to withdrawal at any time, or from time to time, upon checks or instruments or orders for payment of moneys when signed on behalf of the Board of Education by the following officers: President or Vice President, Secretary/Business Administrator or Superintendent of Schools and Treasurer of School Moneys.

**#7 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt all existing policies, curriculum and textbooks for the 2022-2023 school year which have been in

effect during the present school year, subject to revision and constant review by the Board.

- #8 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the facsimile signatures for the President, Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies to facilitate debt payments.
- #9 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 school year appointment of Jorge Cruz as School Business Administrator as follows:
- a. Purchasing Agent, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:-3a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.
  - b. the Designated Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)
  - c. Custodian of Record
- #10 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 school year appointment of Nicholas Naturile, responsible for the following:
- a. District's Right-to-Know Coordinator
  - b. District's Indoor Air Quality Coordinator
  - c. District's Pest Management Coordinator
  - d. Asbestos Management Officer
  - e. AHERA Coordinator
- #11 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Matthew Laracy as Treasurer of School Monies for the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$6,400.
- #12 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Dr. Vincent K. McInerney as the school physician for football games for 2022-2023 at a cost of \$300 per game.
- #13 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Dr. Robert M. Palacios as the school physician for the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$8,000.
- #14 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education establish Petty Cash Funds as listed below for the 2022-2023 school year. No single expenditure to exceed \$25.

Verona High School	\$200
H. B. Whitehorne Middle School	100
Board/Superintendent's Office	100
Brookdale Avenue School	25
F. N. Brown School	25
Forest Avenue School	25



Laning Avenue School	25
Special Services	100
Preschool Intervention Program	50

**#15 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the participation in the Public Employer Insurance Trust, and Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors as the Trust Brokers for the 2022-2023 health and dental plan.

**#16 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Tax Shelter Annuity Companies as listed below:

MetLife	Equitable
Valic	Prudential
Vanguard	Lincoln Investment
MetLife (Copeland)	

**#17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached 2022-2023 Tax Payment Schedule for Monies due the school district and need to meet the obligations of this Board

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary notify the Municipal Collector of this Tax Payment Schedule in order for The Tax Collector to Plan accordingly.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of Verona is hereby requested to Place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Monies these amounts, Accordance with statutes relating thereto.

**#18 RESOLVED** that the form of Cafeteria Plan including a Premium Expense

Account Health Care Reimbursement Plan and a Dependent Care Assistance Program established on July 1, 2005, and effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, presented to this meeting is hereby approved and adopted and that the proper officers of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the Plan.

**Further resolved,** that the Administrator shall be instructed to take Such actions that are Deemed necessary and proper in order to implement the Plan, and to set up adequate accounting and administrative procedures to provide benefits under the Plan.

**Further resolved,** that the proper officers of the Board shall act as soon as possible to notify the employees of the Board of the adoption of the Cafeteria Plan by delivering to each employee a copy of the summary description of the Plan in the form of the Summary Plan Description presented to this meeting, which form

is hereby approved.

**#19 RESOLVED** that the Premium Expense Account (voluntary waiver of medical insurance), should an employee elect to waive the applicable insurance coverage, the employee choosing to do so must provide written representation of alternate insurance coverage. If an employee chooses to waive the coverage, he or she will receive a payment the lesser of 25% of the cost of the plan or \$5,000, whichever is less. Employees who are not employed during the full year (September 1 – August 31) and choose the waiver shall have their payments prorated accordingly. This applies to new hires after September 1 and any employment termination that is effective prior to August 31. Employees who choose the waiver and are on unpaid leave of absence without medical benefits shall have their payments prorated as well. The employee retains the ability to opt back into the former plan at the next enrollment period or within thirty (30) days if any of the following occur:

- (a) termination of spouse's employment;
- (b) divorce;
- (c) death of spouse; or
- (d) termination of the other plan coverage.

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

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting June 7, 2022

## **PERSONNEL**

**#21 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following pending pre-employment paperwork based on the recommendations of the Interim Superintendent:

### **21.1 New Hires**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Term of Employment on or about</b>
<b>Natalie White</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$110/per diem	Education	SY 22-23
<b>Maria Erazo</b>	LAN	Registered Behavioral Technician	\$40,455.00	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023
<b>Lesley</b>	FOR	Kindergarten Teacher	MA/Step 9/	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 -

<b>Gross-Tasman</b>			\$69,775		Jun. 30, 2023
<b>Steven Cannon</b>	VHS	Spanish Teacher	BA/Step 4/ \$55,600	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023
<b>Ashley MacMoyle</b>	LAN	Preschool Teacher	MA/Step 3/ \$60,230	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023
<b>Olivia Kinloch</b>	FNB/BRK	Art Teacher	MA/Step 3/ \$60,230	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023
<b>William McCullough</b>	VHS	TED/Robotics Teacher	MA/Step 13/ \$84,307	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2022

## 21.2 Extra Pay

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Pay rate</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Christina Gess</b>	Jun. 10, 2022	Registered Behavioral Technician	\$32.50/per hr. not to exceed 4 hours	H. B. Whitehorne 8th Grade Dance

## 21.3 Without Pay

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date/s</b>	<b>No. of Days/Reason</b>
<b>#105689</b>	Jun. 9 & Jun. 13, 2022	2 Unpaid PB days
<b>#102166</b>	Jun. 13-17, 2022	5 Unpaid PI days
<b>#105598</b>	Jun. 16, 2022	1 Unpaid PI day
<b>#105493</b>	Jun. 15, 2022	1/2 Unpaid PB day

## 21.4 Leave of Absence

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>Estimated Return Date on or about</b>
<b>#100559</b>	Leave of Absence Without pay	Sept. 1, 2022	Sept. 1, 2023

## 21.5 Resignation

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Effective on or About</b>
<b>Dr. Frank Mauriello</b>	District	Director of Special Services	Resignation	Aug. 16, 2022

## 21.6 Staff Changes

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Location/ Position/Salary</b>	<b>New Location/ Position/Salary</b>	<b>Effective Date on or about</b>
<b>Zachary Wroblewski</b>	VHS/Instrumental Music/ MA/Step 2 .60% \$34,754	VHS/Instrumental Music/ MA/Step 3 100% \$60,230	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023
<b>Bethany McMinn</b>	HBW/Spec. Ed./ MA/Step 8/\$62,023	HBW/Grade 7 ELA/ MA/Step 6/\$63,186	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023

### **21.7 Stipends**

<b>Robert Maher</b>	VHS	\$737.00	Social Studies Honor Society Advisor	Education	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 23, 2022
<b>Karolina Siwek</b>	HBW	\$602.00	Math Team Co-Advisor	Co-Curricular	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 23, 2022
<b>Yvonne Rodzen</b>	HBW	\$602.00	Academically Speaking Advisor	Co-Curricular	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 23, 2022
<b>Danielle Catalano</b>	HBW	\$602.00	Academically Speaking Advisor	Co-Curricular	Sept. 1, 2021 - Jun. 23, 2022
<b>TABLED Charlie Miller</b>	District	\$7,500.00	District Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator	Education	Jul. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023
<b>TABLED Howard Freund</b>	District	\$3,000.00	District Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Facilitator	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2022
<b>TABLED Julia Peter</b>	District	\$3,000.00	District Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Facilitator	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2022
<b>TABLED Glen Stevenson</b>	District	\$3,000.00	District Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Facilitator	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2022
<b>TABLED Dave Galbierczyk</b>	District	\$3,000.00	District Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Facilitator	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2022
<b>Norma Palmer</b>	District	\$4,319.00	Nurse Facilitator	Education	Jul. 1, 2022 -

					Jun. 30, 2023
<b>Charlie Miller</b>	District	\$3,000.00	Affirmative Action Officer	Education	Jul. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023
<b>Jason Calo</b>	District	\$11,938.00	Athletic Trainer	Education	Jul. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023
<b>Elisa Freda</b>	LAN	\$1,020.00	Conflict Resolution Coordinator	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023
<b>Corisa Walker</b>	BRK	\$1,020.00	Conflict Resolution Coordinator	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023
<b>Tatiana Fella</b>	FOR	\$1,020.00	Conflict Resolution Coordinator	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023
<b>Luisa Hirsch</b>	FNB	\$510.00	Conflict Resolution Coordinator	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023
<b>Louis Waibel</b>	FNB	\$510.00	Conflict Resolution Coordinator	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023
<b>Corisa Walker</b>	District	\$1,561.00	One District, One Book Coordinator	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023

**#22 RESOLVED** that the Board approve that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the following salaries for staff members for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Position	Salary
<b>Donna Cook</b>	Payroll	\$62,359.90
<b>Jacqueline Santiago</b>	Accounts Payable	\$69,177.50
<b>Emerida Radek</b>	Admin. Asst. Athletics	\$52,975.51
<b>Cheryl Sluberski</b>	Admin. Asst. to Superintendent and Business Administrator	\$70,105.72
<b>Jalisa Figueroa</b>	H. R. Specialist	\$53,690

**#23 RESOLVED** that the Board approve that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the attached 2022-2023 contract for Dr. Charles Miller, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at a salary of \$161,428.28.

**#24 RESOLVED** that the Board approve that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the attached 2022-2023 contract for Frank Mauriello, Director of Special Education at a salary of \$155,371.63 (Prorated for Employment July 1 - August 16, 2022).

**#25 RESOLVED** that the Board approve that the Board approve based on the

recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the attached 2022-2023 contract for Eltion Ballaj, Chief Technology Officer at a salary of \$109,023.74 with a District Genesis Coordinator stipend of \$5,000 for a total salary of \$114,023.74.

- #26 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the attached 2022-2023 contract for Nicholas Naturile, Director of Facilities at a salary of \$118,737.50.
- #27 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **Debra Lawrence** for 3 days of compensation time for the summer elementary school registrations.

#### **EDUCATION**

- #28 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent's presentation of HIB first reading report as follows:

<b>1st Readings</b>
HBO232912
HBW232794
FBS233126
FBS232954

- #29 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent's presentation of HIB second reading report as follows:

<b>2nd Readings</b>
VHS232346

- #30 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the attached revised 2022-2023 District School calendar.
- #31 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the following:

#### **31.1 Attendance at Conference**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Event/Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Elise Edelstein</b>	District	Autism N.J. Conference	Oct. 20-21, 2022	\$200.00

<b>Lisa Hagel</b>	BRK	Sound Wall/On-Line	Aug. 1, 2022	\$285.00
<b>Erin Coffey</b>	BRK	Sound Wall/On-Line	Jul. 11, 2021	\$285.00
<b>Victoria Cirigliano</b>	BRK	Sound Wall/On-Line	Jul. 22, 2022	\$285.00
<b>Vanessa Reisinger</b>	VHS	AP Summer Institute for AP Environmental Science/Virtual	Jul. 25-28, 2022	\$900.00

### **31.2 Student Observer**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>School/Teacher/ Grade</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
<b>Jacquelyn Maltino</b>	Wm. Paterson Univ.	FNB/Stranka/1st Grade	20 hrs. until Jun. 23, 2022	Student Observer

### **31.3 VSEA**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
<b>Judy Berkowitz</b>	Sub Teacher	\$50/per diem
<b>Suzanne Livelli</b>	Sub Teacher	\$50/per diem
<b>Carol Lynn Moy</b>	Sub Teacher	\$50/per diem
<b>Mary Anne Halbert</b>	Sub Teacher	\$50/per diem

- #32 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2022-2023 school year.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

- #33 RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to contract with Sage Thrive, Inc./Thrive Alliance Group to provide school based mental-wellness training, coaching and certification to the Verona School District for the 2022 – 2023 school year at the cost of \$12,000 to be funded with ESSER funds.
- #34 RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to contract with The Stepping Stones Group to provide paraprofessional services for the 2022 – 2023 school year on an as-needed basis.
- #35 RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to enter into a contract for the 2022 – 2023 school year for student transportation with the parents of Student #281275, who is in an out-of-district placement.

- #36 RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to enter into a contract for the 2022 – 2023 school year for student transportation with the parents of Student #230003, who is in an out-of-district placement.
- #37 RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to enter into a contract for the 2022 – 2023 school year for student transportation with the parents of Student #210011, who is in an out-of-district placement.
- #38 RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to enter into a contract for the 2022 – 2023 school year for student transportation with the parents of Student #192179, who is in an out-of-district placement.
- #39 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent:

**39.1 Special Services ESY Program**

Name	Position	Amount	Dates
Luisa Hirsch	Paraprofessional	\$16.25/per hr.	Jun. 26 - Jun. 30, 2022
		\$16.74/per hr.	Jul. 1 - Jul. 26, 2022
Karen Ibold	Paraprofessional	\$16.25/per hr.	Jun. 26 - Jun. 30, 2022
		\$16.74/per hr.	Jul. 1 - Jul. 26, 2022

- #40 RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to contract The Stepping Stones Group as a vendor for professional services during ESY and the 2022-2023 school year. (Paraprofessional, OT, PT)
- #41 RESOLVED** that the Board authorize the submission of the 2022 – 2023 IDEA Grant application and accept the grant award of the funds upon subsequent approval of the 2022 – 2023 IDEA application in the following manner:

IDEA BASIC:

Public	\$505,436
Non-Public	\$13,371

IDEA PRESCHOOL:

Public	\$27,439
Non-Public	\$0.00



**FINANCE**

- #42 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed checklist(s) in the following amounts based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$119,546.82	General	June 16, 2022

- #43 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following tuition reimbursements for the 2021-2022 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reimbursement</b>
Kathleen Amora	\$4,823.63
Alyssa Boldurian	\$4,870.26
Ryan Brown	\$336.75
Anthony Chierici	\$8,250.00
Crystal Cruz	\$6,493.68
Heather Darata	\$844.50
Spencer D'Alessio	\$2,812.50
Joelle Dere	\$8,670.00
Claire Dufy	\$1,930.92
Christine Garson	\$3,348.75
Christopher Haines	\$4,218.75
Casey Harris	\$300.54
Amy Heckel	\$300.54
Nancy Hiscano	\$90.00
Steven Munoz	\$4,068.00
Bridget Sullivan	\$2,115.00
Erica Tavaglione	\$3,246.84
Brian Wenzel	\$3,330.00
Nicole Stuto	\$2,160.00

- #44 RESOLVED** that the Board approve 2021-2022 sick day payments for the staff listed below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Yvette McNeal</b>	\$1462.50*
<b>Lisa Torchia</b>	\$2,308.15
<b>Elaine Gizzi</b>	\$10,650.50
<b>Kenneth Carment</b>	\$17,607.91

<b>Maureen O'Neill</b>	\$4,286.57
<b>Robert Cashill</b>	\$8,869.90
<b>Joan Jasterzbski</b>	\$1,945.44
<b>Linda Wangner</b>	\$9,331.53

\*(VAA Contract) \$5,850 disbursed over four years (7/22; 7/23; 7/24; 7/25)

**#45 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the firm of Nisivoccia and Company to perform the 2022-2023 annual school audit as per the engagement letter for a fee of \$35,000 and \$3,000 for Single Audit related to Federal IDEA and ESSER grants.

**#46 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the appropriation of funds from General Fund to Capital Reserve and/or Maintenance Reserve in an amount up to the maximum amount allowable.

**#47 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following companies for voluntary benefits for the 2022-2023 school year:

Prudential  
Aflac  
New York Life  
Colonial Life

**#48 RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC. as Bond Counsel for the 2022-2023 school year.

**#49 RESOLVED** that the Board approve that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, Brightly Software, Inc. as the Building & Grounds maintenance and work order management system for the next three years (2022-2025).

**#50 RESOLVED** that the Board authorize the submission of the BPU NJ Clean Energy 2022 School and Small Business Non Compliant Plumbing Fixture and Appliance Program Grant application which will cover 75% of the cost to replace Non Compliant Plumbing Fixtures and Appliances that fail to meet water efficiency standards, with water-conserving plumbing fixtures and appliances based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools.

## 12. Public comments

Please note that the public participation portion of the meeting affords an opportunity for the public to share thoughts and comments about school related topics. By law, administrators and Board of Education members are not permitted to publicly discuss

personnel matters, student discipline, or other issues requiring confidentiality. While we may not respond to comments during the meeting, all input that is shared with the Board of Education is taken very seriously, and helps inform future deliberations and work by the Board and its committees. Answers appear in many forms including, but not limited to: email, Superintendent/ Committee reports, Board statements, FAQs on website, or after public comment is closed. We appreciate and thank all members of the public for your input.

### **CONFIDENTIAL SESSION IF NECESSARY**

### **RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN**

- #51      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.

#### **Motion to adjourn the meeting:**

**Motion by:**     Mrs. Priscoe    

**Second by:**     Mr. Day    

**All in Favor:**     AYE    

**All Opposed:**     None    

**This meeting is adjourned at (TIME)     8:21     P.M.**

**VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS**  
**June 21, 2022**

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

**Motion by:** Mrs. Drappi

**Seconded by:** Mrs. Priscoe

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Addenda Resolution #1 - 12.**

Mr. Wacha   X  

Mr. Day   X  

Mrs. Drappi   X  

Mrs. Priscoe   X  

Mrs. Freschi   X  

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

**PERSONNEL**

**#1     RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following pending pre-employment paperwork based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent:

**1.1     New Hire**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Term of Employment on or about</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Judy Berkowitz</b>	FNB	LTS Admin. Asst.	\$230/per diem	Education	Apr. 19 - Jun. 30, 2022	RESCIND
<b>Judy Berkowitz</b>	FNB	LTS Admin. Asst.	\$230/per diem	Education	Apr. 19 - Jun. 23, 2022	APPROVE
<b>Luisa Hirsch</b>	FNB	LTS Admin. Asst.	\$230/per diem	Education	Jun. 24, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2022	
<b>Catherine Hodic</b>	FNB	Admin. Asst. to Principal	Step 3/\$42,494 Degree \$1,160	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2022	

<b>Tricia Davis</b>	FNB	MLOA Resource Teacher	\$250/per diem	Education	Sept. 6, 2022 - Jun. 22, 2023	RESCIND
<b>Tricia Davis</b>	FOR/LAN	Resource Teacher	MA/Step 1/ \$59,087	Education	Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2022	

### 1.2 Without Pay

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date/s</b>	<b>No. of Days/Reason</b>
<b>#102166</b>	Jun. 20, 2022	1 Unpaid PI day

### 1.3 Stipends

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Employment Date</b>
<b>Frank Mauriello</b>	District	\$7,500.00*	District Mental Health Coordinator	Education	Jul. 1, 2022 - Aug. 16, 2022
<b>Frank Mauriello</b>	District	\$5,000.00*	District Residency Officer	Education	July 1, 2022 - Aug. 16, 2022
<b>Charlie Miller</b>	District	\$2,000.00	Title IX	Education	SY 22-23

\*Prorated (July 1 - August 16, 2022)

- #2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to intermittently hire staff between Board meetings from June 22, 2022 through September 12, 2022. All intermittent hires will be confirmed at the following Board of Education meeting.

### EDUCATION

- #3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent's presentation of HIB second reading report as follows:

<b>1st Readings</b>
HWO233447

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, authorizes the submission of the ESEA application for Fiscal Year 2023, and accepts the grant award of these funds on the subsequent approval of the FY 2023 ESEA Application.

Title I A - \$92,588.00

Title II A - \$30,486.00

- Verona Public Schools - \$28,197.00

- Our Lady of the Lake - \$2,289.00
- Title IV A - \$10,000
- Verona Public Schools - \$9,249.00
  - Our Lady of the Lake - \$751.00

- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the attached Verona Public Schools Organizational Chart.
- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Standard Operating Procedures Guide for the Verona Board of Education.
- #7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the following:

**7.1 Student Summer Technology Help**

Name	Days/Hours of Work	Rate	Position
Sophia Nunez	20/hrs. /week	\$14.00/per hr.	Student Summer Technology help

**7.2 SPLASH Program**

Name	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment on or About	Notes
Anthony Chierici	Sub teacher	\$100/per diem	Jun. 28 - Jul. 26, 2022	
Cara LaMedica	Sub teacher	\$100/per diem	Jun. 28 - Jul. 26, 2022	Pending approved fingerprints

**ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR**

- #8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the attached Fall Coaches for the 2022-2023 school year.

- #9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the following:

**9.1 Co-Curricular**

<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Term of Employment</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Dara Keepers</b>	LAN	Kind Club	\$182.94	SY 21-22	Funded by VFEE
<b>Pamela Solomon</b>	LAN	Kind Club	\$182.04	SY 21-22	Funded by VFEE
<b>Jaime Ricci</b>	LAN	Mural Club	\$385.00	SY 21-22	Funded by VFEE
<b>Brian Samples</b>	LAN	Music Appreciate Club	\$182.94	SY 21-22	Funded by VFEE
<b>Pamela Solomon</b>	LAN	Kind Club	\$182.04	SY 21-22	Funded by VFEE

**FACILITIES**

- #10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the use of Verona High School for filming of a motion picture with A24 Movie Filming with an approximate being date July 12, 2022 at a charge of \$10,000 for the use of our facilities and \$1,820 for custodial overtime.

- #11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the proposal from Alpha Facilities Solutions, Inc. under Sourcewell Contract# 0204-ALP, totaling \$49,897.78 for the following:

- Facility Condition Assessment & Equipment Inventory - \$23,856.85
- Barcode Tagging Services - \$4,536.16
- Preventive Maintenance Schedule Creation - \$3,864.14
- Facility Utilization Study - \$17,640.63

**FINANCE**

- #12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed checklist(s) in the following amounts based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent:

<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Check Register Date</u></b>
\$ 1,215.00	VSEA	June 21, 2022
\$95,809.70	Referendum	June 21, 2022
\$ 3,631.40	HBW	June 21, 2022
\$13,115.47	VHS	June 21, 2022
\$132,319.20	General/Athletics	June 21, 2022

\$45,747.23

Food Service

June 21, 2022