

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**January 7, 2020**

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on January 7, 2020 in the Verona High School Media Center at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ernest Turner. 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, Vice- President, Mr. James Day, Mr. Timothy Alworth, Mrs. Pamela Priscoe and Mrs. Sara Drappi. Also present was Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Mr. Ernest Turner, Acting Board Secretary. Ms. Nardino was absent.

There were 20 members of the public present. There were 2 members of the press present.

**Reporting of Election Results – Ernest Turner**

- On November 5, 2019 the School Board election was held to fill two seats of three year terms
- 4,102 votes were cast which was a 35.02% turnout
- Total votes cast were:
  - 1,668 for Mrs. Sara Drappi
  - 1,777 for Mr. James Day
  - 1,148 for Mr. Glenn Elliott
  - 1,324 for Mrs. Lynn Halsey
  - There were 43 write-in votes

**Swearing in of Board Members**

Mr. Turner called for a nomination for the position of Board President. Mr. Jim Day Nominated Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Mr. Timothy Alworth seconded.

Mr. Turner called for any other nominations. There were none. All Board Members were in favor.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Board President.

Mrs. Freschi called for a nomination for the position of Board Vice President. Mr. Timothy Alworth nominated Mr. Jim Day, Mrs. Pamela Priscoe seconded. Mr. Turner called for any other nominations. There were none. All Board Members were in favor.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items - None**

**Presentations - None**

**Superintendent Report**

1. Athletics
  - a. Boys Basketball is playing well with a record of 4-2 with the only loss coming by 3 points to Caldwell and a recent loss today against East Orange Campus.
  - b. Girls Basketball took 2nd place in the Holiday Tourney and is currently 2-3.
  - c. Swimming is a new program and our student athletes are working hard and getting ready for county championships on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
  - d. Ice hockey is currently 5-3 and playing well. They will play at the Prudential Center in Newark on February 3rd vs. Indian Hills High School.
  - e. Winter Track had a number of students medal at their meets this year including yesterday at Wayne Valley High School. They are competing at the Armory in Jersey City about 2 weeks ago.
  - f. Wrestling has mostly competed in tournaments with their home opener tonight. Ryan Huze placed 2nd and Dean Palmer 3rd at the Warren Hills Tourney.
2. Calendar revision approval is a minor change that reflects an adjustment for a Homework Free Weekend and correction on Presidents Day in the calendar in February 2021.
3. The referendum is in the design and planning stage through May 2020 with anticipation of going out to bid on several projects in February 2020. We recently held meetings with our architects and engineers on 12/19/19 with upcoming meeting on 1/10/20. Playground committees at each elementary school are meeting this week to select their equipment and submit their design ideas. We have a meeting with parent stakeholders and staff on 1/14/20 regarding stage rigging. The district anticipates window repairs to begin in late winter or early spring with replacements over the summer. We are currently meeting with fire inspection companies and phone and intercom companies for those safety improvements.

**Community Resources**

- Referendum update
- HBW Music Fundraising
- BOE approved and emailed in December 2019. Contact has been made with Verona Recreation, Executive Kids and Montclair YMCA to inform of calendar change in hope they will coordinate camps and child care available at parent expense.

**Discussion Items - None**

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1 - 8**

**Moved by: Mr. Timothy Alworth      Seconded by: Mr. Jim Day**

**Ayes: 5                                      Nays: 0**

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve Addendum Resolutions #1 - 2

**Moved by: Mr. Jim Day                      Seconded by: Mr. Timothy Alworth**

**Ayes: 5                                      Nays: 0**

**VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**RESOLUTIONS**  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**January 7, 2020**

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

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting    December 10, 2019

**BOARD RENEWAL RESOLUTIONS**

**#2      RESOLVED** 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:

Buildings and Grounds – James Day/Lisa Freschi  
Finance – Lisa Freschi/Timothy Alworth  
Education/Special Education – Sara Drappi/Timothy Alworth  
Community Resources – Pamela Priscoe/Sara Drappi  
Athletics & Co-Curricular – Pamela Priscoe/James Day

## **PERSONNEL**

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2019-2020 school year:

### **3.1 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>Sandra Alvarez</b>	District	Sub lunch aide	\$13.50/hr.	Education	SY 19-20
<b>Patty DeFrance</b>	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$14.95/hr.	Education	SY 19-20
<b>Andrea Santamaria</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 19-20
<b>Gavin Zerillo</b>	BRK	Paraprofessional	\$14.95/hr.	Education	SY 19-20
<b>Aivery Walden</b>	FNB	Paraprofessional	\$14.95/hr.	Education	SY 19-20

### **3.2 Without Pay**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date/s</b>	<b>No. of Days/Reason</b>
<b>#105382</b>	Dec. 12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day
<b>#105262</b>	Dec. 12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day
<b>#103161</b>	Dec. 12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day
<b>#103028</b>	Dec. 12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day
<b>#105348</b>	Dec. 12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day
<b>#105082</b>	Dec. 12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day
<b>#105344</b>	Dec. 12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day
<b>#105290</b>	Dec. 12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day
<b>#105300</b>	Dec. 12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day
<b>#105233</b>	Dec. 12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day
<b>#105099</b>	Dec. 12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day
<b>#100344</b>	Dec. 12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day
<b>#105294</b>	Dec. 12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day
<b>#103295</b>	Dec. 12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day

#105374	Dec.12, 2019	Half Unpaid Day
#105457	Dec. 12, 2019	Unpaid Day
#105398	Dec. 20, 2019	Unpaid Day
#105138	Dec. 20, 2019	Unpaid Day
#100532	Dec. 13 & 16, 2019	Unpaid Days

### 3.3 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective on or About
Ashley MacMoyle	HBW	Paraprofessional	Resignation	Dec. 31, 2019

### 3.4 Stipends

Name	School	Stipend	Position	Employment Date
Jason Atkins	VHS	\$50.00/hr. up to 24 hrs.	Fall/Spring play set construction	SY 19-20
Steven Munoz	VHS	\$50.00/hr./7 hrs.	Fall play set construction	SY 19-20

### 3.5 Reclassification of Days

Employee #	Explanation
#102904	2 Personal Illness Days to 2 Family Illness Days

## EDUCATION

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

HIB Case	HIB Case
VHS 204789	VHS 205323
VHS 205268	HBW-O 205418
VHS 205322	HBW-O 205445

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

**5.1 Attendance at Conference**

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Jennifer DaSilva	VHS	Florida Sunshine College Tour/Florida	Feb. 3-12, 2020	Registration \$300.00

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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

**6.1 Student Home Instruction**

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
#230615	VHS	9	10 hrs. wk./4-6 wks.	Dec. 13, 2019
#271649	FNB	4	10 hrs. wk./3 months	Dec. 19, 2019

**ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR**

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

**7.1 Clubs**

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
Alex Cali	Strategic Gaming	VHS	\$376.50	SY 19-20

**FINANCE**

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$1,357,540.26	Vendor Checks	January 3, 2020

**ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS**  
**January 7, 2020**

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

**PERSONNEL**

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

**1.1 Stipends**

NAME	CURRENT SALARY	DOCTORATE STIPEND	NEW SALARY
Charles Miller	\$148,091	\$3,000 (Prorated)	\$151,091

**EDUCATION**

#2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the revised 2020-2021 Verona Public School District calendar. (attached)

**Public Comment** - Christie DiBartolo - two bills being considered S2173 and A3118

- Bills will not allow religious exemptions for inoculations.
- May have to move out of New Jersey.
- Concerned about students that may be removed from school.
- Removes parental choice.
- Concerned that her children may not be able to go to school because of religious beliefs.
- Requests that BOE reach out to legislators to vote "No: on these bills.

Mrs. Freschi thanked her for her comments

# **RESOLVED** to adjourn meeting.

Moved by: **Mr. Jim Day**

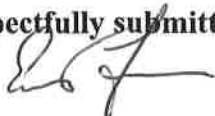
Seconded by: **Mr. Timothy Alworth**

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



**Mr. Ernest Turner**  
**Acting Board Secretary**