

PUBLIC MEETING

March 10, 2020

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 10, 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, Mr. Timothy Alworth, Mrs. Pamela Priscoe and Mrs. Sara Drappi, Mr. Jim Day was absent. Also present was Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Mr. Ernest Turner, Acting Board Secretary.

There were 3 members of the public present. There were 1 member of the press present.

RESOLUTIONS

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 7, 2020. 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 Herald News, Township of Verona and the VEA. Postings of this meeting setting forth the time location and agenda were posted in each of Verona's six schools, Board Office and Town Hall. This posting was also sent to the above newspapers all SCA presidents and SCA liaisons, the VBOE operates under a consent agenda format, any board member has the right to have an item pulled to be voted upon or cussed separately. Copies of tonight's agenda and resolutions have been made available to the public and press.

4. Roll Call Attendance

Mr. Alworth	<u> X </u>	Mr. Day	<u> Absent </u>
Mrs. Drappi	<u> X </u>	Mrs. Freschi	<u> X </u>
		Mrs. Priscoe	<u> X </u>

5. Public comments on Agenda Items – None

6. Presentations – Breakout EDU, Laning/Forest Students, Howard Freund, Jeffrey Monacelli,
Principals, Elissa Freda, Media Specialist

7. Superintendent Report - Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent of Schools

1. Referendum Update
2. COVID-19 Update

8. Committee Reports

- Athletics & Co-Curricular - James Day/Pamela Priscoe - Pamela Priscoe reported
- Education - Timothy Alworth/Sara Drappi - Timothy Alworth reported
- Facilities - James Day/Lisa Freschi - nothing to report
- Community Resources - Pamela Priscoe/Sara Drappi - no report

9. Discussion Items – None

10. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions

Motion by: Mr. Timothy Alworth

Seconded by: Mrs. Pamela Priscoe

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1- 11 and Addenda items #1-3.

Mr. Alworth	<u>X</u>	Mr. Day	<u>Absent</u>
Mrs. Drappi	<u>X</u>	Mrs. Freschi	<u>X</u>
Mrs. Priscoe	<u>X</u>		

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

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting February 25, 2020

PERSONNEL

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

2.1 New Hires

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about	Notes
Kevin Nugent	HBW	Part Time Custodian	\$18/per hr.	B&G	Mar. 16, 2020	
Khanthivan Sin	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 19-20	
Joanna Adolora	FNB	Perm. Lunch Aide	\$13.50/hr.	Education	SY 19-20	
Sandra Alvarez	FNB	Perm. Lunch Aide	\$13.50/hr.	Education	SY 19-20	
Natalie White	District	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 19-20	
Natalie White	District	Sub Teacher	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 19-20	
Roberta Schoenbaum	VHS	Long term substitute	\$100.00/per diem	Education	11 days Jan, 30 - Feb, 17, 2020	RESCIND after 10 consecutive days of subbing for same teacher
Roberta Schoenbaum	VHS	Long term substitute	\$125/per diem	Education	11 days Jan. 30 - Mar. 13, 2020	APPROVE after 10 consecutive days of subbing for same teacher

Gina Condorelli	VHS	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hr.	Education	SY 19-20	
Gina Condorelli	VHS	Leave replacement strength conditioning coach	prorated \$3,375	Athletics	Apr. 20 - Jun. 19, 2020	
Larissa Cocuzza	BRK	Lunch aide	\$13.50/hr.	Education	SY 19-20	

2.2 Retirement

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement	Notes
Diane Newman	Administrative Assistant - Guidance	VHS	Retirement	Jun. 26, 2020	RESCIND
Diane Newman	Administrative Assistant - Guidance	VHS	Retirement	Jun. 30, 2020	APPROVE

2.3 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective on or About
Sofio Simonishvill	FNB	Paraprofessional	Resignation	Feb. 28, 2020
Stefanie Lijoi	HBW	Science Teacher	Resignation	Jun. 30, 2020

2.4 Without Pay

Name	Date/s	No. of Days/Reason
#105158	Feb. 24, 25, 2020	2 Unpaid Days
#105416	Feb. 26, 27, 28, 2020	3 Unpaid Days
#103161	Mar. 2, 2020	Half Unpaid Day
#103218	Mar. 3, 2020	Half Unpaid Day
#105460	Mar. 3, 2020	Half Unpaid Day
#105397	Mar. 6, 2020	Half Unpaid Day
#105293	Mar. 6, 2020	Half Unpaid Day
#105233	Mar. 6, 2020	Half Unpaid Day
#105198	Mar. 6, 2020	Half Unpaid Day
#105302	Mar. 6, 2020	Half Unpaid Day

2.5 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about
#101774	Medical Leave of Absence	Jan. 15, 2020	Mar. 13, 2020

2.6 Staff Changes

Name	Current Location/ Position	New Location/Position	Salary	Effective Date on or about
Angela Toscano	Laning Ave./ Paraprofessional	HBW/Paraprofessional	\$14.95/hr.	Feb. 20, 2020

EDUCATION

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

3.1 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Brooke Raskin	District	Handle with Care Recertification/ Newton, NJ	May 29, 2020	\$450.00

SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

4.1 Student Home Instruction

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
#212826	VHS	10	10 hrs./4-8 wks.	Feb. 25, 2020
#282828	FOR	4	5 hrs./each 10 days of absence	Mar. 4, 2020

ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

5.1 Field Trips

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
Robert Maher	VHS	Model UN/Fordham Univ. Lincoln Center Campus/NY	Mar. 28-29, 2020
Christopher Tamburro	VHS	Euro Challenge/Deutsche Bank/ NY	Mar. 26, 2020

5.2 Clubs

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
Christina Sciacchitano	Italian	VHS	Trial Basis	SY 19-20

5.3 Coaches

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment	Notes
Al Palazzo	VHS	Track - 2nd Assistant	Step 2/\$5,452	19-20 SY	RESCIND
Al Palazzo	VHS	Track - 2nd Assistant	Step 3/\$6,670	19-20 SY	APPROVE

FINANCE

- #6 RESOLVED** that the Board accept a donation of \$1,785.85 from the Verona Juniors to be used towards bike racks for Verona High School and H. B. Whitehorne Middle School.
- #7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve a donation of \$500 from NJ Energy Corp. to be used for books for the Verona High School Learning Commons.
- #8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following addendum to the IDEA-B Grant funding under the category of "preschool". Reallocation of funds is as follows: Instructional Supplies \$8,457 and Instructional Equipment \$16,532 totaling \$24,989.

ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS

PERSONNEL

#1 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

1.1 Stipend

Name	School	Stipend	Position	Employment Date
Eltion Ballaj	District	\$5,000	District Edumet Coordinator	Mar. 1 - Jun. 30, 2020

EDUCATION

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

2.1 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost	Notes
Dana Lustig	District	Strategies for ADHD and Challenging Students/ West Orange, NJ	Mar. 31, 2020	Registration \$289.00	RESCIND
Dana Lustig	District	Strategies for ADHD and Challenging Students/ West Orange, NJ	Mar. 31, 2020	Registration \$279.00	APPROVE

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached revised 2019-2020 School Calendar

#11 Public Comments - Christie DeBartalo - Community Plan Improvement Chairperson
Identified need for Bike Racks - Would like to donate 2 racks for Verona High School and 1 rack for H. B. Whitehorne Middle School.

Denise Verzella - Students in 5th grade would like to see more diversity in the number of teachers.

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Motion by: Mrs. Pamela Priscoe

Second by: Mrs. Sara Drappi

All in Favor: AYE

All Opposed: X

This meeting is adjourned at (TIME) 8:10 P.M.

NOTE: The next scheduled Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020 beginning with a Confidential Session at 6:00 pm in the Board Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,



**Mr. Ernest Turner
Acting Board Secretary**