

The Board of Education of the Township of the Borough of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on September 14, 2010 in the Verona High School Library at 8:00 p.m.

The following members of the Board were present: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mr. Glenn Elliott, Vice President, Mr. Joseph Bellino, Mr. Steven Spardel and Mr. Michael Unis.

Also present was: Charles Sampson, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, 2 members of the press and 17 citizens.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Quattrocchi, President at 8:00 p.m. A statement was made that the meeting had been properly advertised in the designated newspapers and the agendas were posted at the appropriate locations.

Presentations-Mr. Rampolla thanked the Mattarazzo Family for the landscaping around Brookdale School He also commented on the positive training in Understanding By Design.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- Question on enrichment clusters

Superintendent's Report

- Theme for teacher welcome back was shared leadership
- Extremely smooth school opening. Thanks to staff and custodian and maintenance staff.
- New website is up and running. Parents will get id number and can log on to teachers' web page
- Back to school nights have started this week
- Changes to school procedures on fire drill. School will have one fire drill and second drill will have to conduct lock down. Mr. Bellino would like to put cameras in the Long Range Facility Plan for all schools.
- Administrative training with Strauss Esmay to review the online policy access
- VHS Experience scheduled for October 14. It is geared toward incoming freshmen. We lose 8-9% of students after eight grade to private and parochial schools.
- Genesis student information has been used for the start of the school year and has gone smoothly
- There will be a core framework for all facility meetings at each school. This will make sure that they are all aligned

Committee Reports

Athletics and Co-curricular

- Mr. Farishian will turn over to Alumni Association all game tapes
- Tennis courts have developed cracks
- Discussion on whether or not all clubs should be run and what is the criteria for the club
- Question on if there is money available to upgrade fields

Buildings and Grounds

- Long Range Facility Plan should be completed by the end of the month

Curriculum and Special Education

- Summer assignments
- Statistics on college attendance
- Tracking student performance
- Foreign language program standardization
- Race to the Top Money and reporting requirements

Finance

- Community Budget Review Committee

Community Resource

- Gov. Christie signed into legislation the establishment of choice schools. Boards do not have to participate if they do not agree to be a choice school.
- Interpretation of school nutrition policy. Mr. Elliott would like a report on school related allergies each month.
- Governor's proposal on pension reform came out this week. He wants to change the retirement age and the amount the employee contributes to the plan.
- The state is applying for \$268 million dollars in federal education funding. Wealthy districts are not likely to get any of this money.

Discussion

- Question on why back to school night is so early in September
- Discussion about forms on-line for parents to fill out

Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolution #1-5**

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Bellino

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approval of Minutes

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting **August 31, 2010**

Personnel Resolutions

#2 RESOLVED that the Board rescind and approve the following teacher steps/salaries:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>rescind</u>	<u>approve</u>
Andrea Granneman	MA/7 \$55,383	MA/6 \$55,383

Kathleen Smith

BA/9 \$53,792

- #3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following **After-School Enrichment Cluster Facilitators** at \$500 each for 8 hourly cluster sessions in the fall 2010, not to exceed \$500.

Catherine Orsini	Drawing
Tamara Gesario	Mathletics
Kevin Jennings	Crazy Lego Contraptions
Larry Siegel	Dinosaurs and Fossils
Louis Waibel	Aquariums

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following **After-School Enrichment Cluster Facilitators** parent volunteers for the fall 2010 session:

Virginia Citrano – Nature’s Pals
Marcie Wallace – Yoga for Kids

FINANCE RESOLUTIONS

- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve Schoolwires Inc. web hosting service from May 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 to be funded through ARRA.

Public comment

- Summer assignments
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The Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**