

PUBLIC MEETING

January 10, 2012

The Board of Education of the Township of the Borough of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on January 10, 2012 in the Verona High School Media Center at 8:00 p.m.

The following members of the Board were present: Mr. Joseph Bellino, Vice President, Ms. Dawn DuBois, Mr. Glenn Elliott and Mr. Michael Unis. Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, was absent.

Also present was: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, two members of the press and 10 citizens.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bellino 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

- HBW Jazz Band Performance

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Discussion

- Mr. Bellino discussed the legislation that was passed by the senate and the house to move the school election to November.
- 2012-2013 district school calendar discussed.
- 24/7 Ad Hoc Committee meetings will be January

Committee Reports

Education- None

Buildings and Grounds

- Identified items in the budget that need to be repaired in the district. The list is approximately \$152,000 to be finance with capital reserve money.
- Discussed the idea of a referendum in the future.
- Meeting with town on the pilot money end of January
- FN Brown gym lights are being replaced. There is a rebate on the lights.
- District wide repairs were discussed
- Laning bathroom renovations are completed. The Board would like to see more bathroom renovations in the district.

Athletics

- Winter athletic event accomplishments
- JV Lacrosse recommendation will be approved at the end of the month
- Discussed 24/7 policy. Meeting dates were discussed.
- Parent forms for electronic submission for steroid and concussions. Medical forms still have to be submitted in paper form.
- Gym usage on election days
- Athletic manual

- Meeting with town to discuss town field usage by the schools and recreation.
- Home schooled students will be participating in high school athletic programs
- Sports psychologist speaker will be presenting at VHS in the near future.
- Student accident insurance was discussed.

Finance

- Discussed the buildings and grounds list noted above. Mr. Bellino would like to see the 13 items put in priority order first. Mr. Bellino would like to spend \$62,000.
- District school and facility budgets are due to the Board Office on Friday, January 13.
- Discussion on the formation of the budget review committee.

Superintendent's Report

- Announced school accomplishments.
- Writer's workshops are continuing throughout the district.
- VHS Band is once again invited to Rutgers on February 16.

Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-22, #10 and #13 Tabled**

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Approval of Minutes

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting **December 13, 2011**

Personnel Resolutions

#2 RESOLVED that the Superintendent recommends that the Verona Board of Education accept the request for a leave of absence for maternity leave without pay for **Meredith Bielen**, through June 30, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the terms of the Side Bar Agreement and individual agreement pertaining to this leave of absence shall be accepted by the Board and authorize the Board President to execute those documents.

#3 RESOLVED that the Superintendent recommends that the Verona Board of Education accept the request for a leave of absence for maternity leave without pay for **Dana Ahmuty**, through June 30, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the terms of the Side Bar Agreement and individual agreement pertaining to this leave of absence shall be accepted by the Board and authorize the Board President to execute those documents.

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve maternity leave of absence for **Helene McKelvey-McLaughlin** (VHS) to begin on or about March 8, 2012 returning September 1, 2013.

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following student observers and student teachers:

Observer

Mersch, Jessica	Cald	1/30-5/4/12	Observation	60 hours	FOR/Weiss/Kdg
Bandyk, Alexandria	SHU	1/16-4/27/12	Student Teacher	full time	HBW/Foster/Social Studies
Rittenhouse, Caitlyn	SHU	1/23-3/30/12	Observation	72 hours	FOR/Castaldo/Gr 3

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Rhonda Holland** as the after school instructor for the Astro Nova dance program at Brookdale Avenue School, funded by the Brookdale Avenue SCA.

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Lynn Pezzino** as an afternoon aide for the LSS class at Laning Avenue School at a rate of \$12.25 per hour not to exceed 19.5 hours per week for the 2011-2012 school year pending criminal background check.

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Substitute Teachers. Lunch Aides and Substitute Aide for the 2011-2012 school year.

Substitute Teachers					
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	College	Degree	Experience
Conley	Fay	STD-Speech Cor.	Univ. Oregon/Montclair St	BA	Teacher
Cowan	Jean	STD-Elem/PK-3	Caldwell Col/Hunter Col.	BA	Substituting
Dunkirk	Sharon	STD.Nursery/Elem	Seton Hall Univ.	BS	Substituting
Gibbs	Lisa	STD.Elem/Eng.	Slippery Rock Univ/Walden	BS/MS	Teacher
Manikad	Marites	K-12 County	Rutgers Univ.	BA	Substituting
Mathisen	Robert	CE-Math	NJIT	BS	-
Radek	Emerida	K-12 County	Montclair State Univ.	BA	Substituting
Rebisz	Justyna	K-12 County	Montclair State Univ.	60+ cr.	-
Riggins	Marissa	K-12 County	Bloomsburg Univ.	62 cr.	-

Lunch Aides

Romy Kamuca
 Maria Schwartz

Substitute Aide

Catherine Bachant

Curriculum and Special Education

- #9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education & Law Enforcement – 2011 update, as signed and agreed to on December 27, 2011, by Steven Forte, Superintendent of Schools and Douglas Huber, Chief- Verona Police Department.
- #10 **TABLED RESOLVED** that the Board approve the first reading of the 2012-2013 District Calendar. (attached)
- #11 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve revisions in Verona Public Schools enrollment form. (attached)
- #12 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve a change in out of district placement for Student #100801 from Millburn Regional Day School to Horizon School in Livingston for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year at a rate of \$333.71 per day.
- #13 **TABLED RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following student for home instruction:

<u>Student #</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Hours/Week</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
#020895	VHS	11	10	2-3 wks	1/6/12

- #14 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following books for outside reading for 11th grade US History II Honors for the 2011-2012 school year.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
<i>The Help</i>	<u>Kathryn Stockett</u>
<i>Sarah's Key</i>	<u>Tatiana de Rosnay</u>
<i>The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference</i>	Malcolm Gladwell
<i>Letters from Hiroshima</i> (translator)	<u>Toyofumi Ogura, Kisaburo Murakami</u>
<i>Soldier X</i>	Don L. Wulffson
<i>Book Thief</i>	<u>Markus Zusak</u>
<i>Steve Jobs</i>	<u>Walter Isaacson</u>
<i>Ship of Ghosts: The Story of the USS Houston, FDR's Legendary Lost Cruiser, and the Epic Saga of Her Survivors</i>	James D. Hornfischer
<i>Columbine</i>	Dave Cullen
<i>X</i>	Jessica Gunderson
<i>Hellhound on His Trail: The Stalking of Martin</i>	

*Luther King, Jr. and the International Hunt
for His Assassin*
*Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival,
Resilience, and Redemption*
Seabiscuit: An American Legend
The Things They Carried
Flyboys: A True Story of Courage
The Given Day by Dennis Lehane
Mudbound
The Paris Wife

Hampton Sides

Laura Hillenbrand
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Tim O'Brien
James Bradley

Hilary Jordan
Paula McLain

Co-curricular Resolutions

- #15 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel as weight room volunteers for the winter season for the 2011-2012 school year.

Lou Racioppe
Ray Bowes
Joe Carollo
Chris DeMond
Dan Corrado

Finance Resolutions

- #16 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the enclosed check list in the following amount:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$527,158.72	Vendor Check	January 6, 2012

- #17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2011-2012 budget for:

November, 2011

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

November, 2011

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of November 30, 2011 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.

#19 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month:

November, 2011

#20 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Form and Use Agreement with MKA for The Verona-MKA Track as per the attached agreement.

#21 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Joint Transportation Contract Agreement with the Bloomfield Board of Education for the 2011-2012 School year as follows:

<u>Route #</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Cost per bus</u>
VA-1	54	Athletic Events	\$200.00

Addendum Resolutions

Co-curricular Resolutions

#22 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Model U.N. Trip to Boston, Mass. Thursday, January 26, 2012 to Sunday January 29, 2012. The agenda and budget are attached.

Public comment

- Questions on VHS dual enrollment with Seton Hall University and Fairleigh Dickenson University
- Questions on special ed case law
- Buildings and grounds repairs
- School calendar

The Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**