

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 24, 2012 in the Verona High School Media Center at 8:00 p.m.

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

Also present was: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, two members of the press and 25 citizens.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. 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

- Two students, Filip Babalievsky and Joanna Eliasof, spoke about DECA, Peer Leadership, the French program and history
- Liz Jewett and Dr. Sumit Bangi, presented the VHS proposed electives
- Nick Klose, Chairperson of the VFEE Grant Selection Committee, presented the Fall 2011 Grant Awards in the amount of \$5,498.12

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Committee Reports

Education

- VHS proposed electives

Community Resources

- 24/7 Policy
- Mr. Quattrocchi attended a Town Hall meeting regarding multipurpose turf field construction at Hilltop behind Centennial Field. Still in the planning phase. Council is taking comments.

Finance

- Discussed 2012-2013 budget

Discussion Items

- Legislation to move April school election to November
- First meeting of the 24/7 Ad Hoc meeting took place last week with 15 attendees

Superintendent's Report

- No name calling week Jan 23-27
- VHS- Athletics Department arranged for a Sports Psychologist to speak to parents and Students last night
- VHS Teacher Mr. Russo was published in the NJ Mathematics Teacher Journal
- Mr. Lynch will speak to music education students at Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University.

- Brookdale- Star lab all students had 2 lessons with Mr. Rampolla. All 4th graders will perform the Astro-Nova Dance. It is a science themed dance that is cross cultural.
- Forest Family Fun Night last Friday night. Chinese New Year Celebration yesterday. Year of the Dragon.
- Bullying and Harassment parent workshop- will be on February 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM in conjunction
- I am starting a district technology committee to complete the following tasks:
 - Role clarity
 - Project identification and task list
 - Inventory
 - Five year technology plan

Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board approve Resolutions #1-21, Addendum Resolutions #1-8

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Approval of Minutes

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting **January 11, 2012**

Personnel

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Summer Enrichment Academy (V-SEA) to be held, Monday, June 25, 2012 through Monday July 23, 2012 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following be appointed as Co-Directors of V-SEA with a stipend of \$7,802 each:

**Jeffrey Monacelli
Larry Siegel**

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following home instructors for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Andrea Grannemann
Corrie Rusignuolo
Kate Smith**

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following student interns:

Wendi Kaplan	MSU	VHS/Guidance	Internship	100 hours	1/25-5/1/2012
Stephanie Cadet	Caldwell College	HBW/Guidance/Peim	Internship	100 hours	1/24-5/31/2012

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following substitute teachers, substitute aide and substitute lunch aide:

Substitute Teachers				
Sub Last Name	First	College	Degree	Experience
Allan	Jennifer	Caldwell College	BA	-
Heiser	Colleen	TCNJ/Montclair State	60+ crs.	-
Koney	Amber	Wm. Paterson	BA	Substituting
Marciano	Karen	Hofstra Univ.	BBA	Std. Teacher
McDonough	James	St. Peter's College	BS	-
Nowen	Sara	Wm. Paterson	BFA	Std. Teacher
Passage	Kara	Bloomsburg College	BA	Substituting
Tansey	Kimberly	JMU/Montclair State	BS	-
Walsh	Meaghan	Boston College	BA	-

Substitute Aide

Joanne Marriott

Substitute Lunch Aide

Rosemarie Bennett

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the job description for Teacher's Assistant Elementary, L.S.S. Class. (attached)

Curriculum and Special Education

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve Holocaust and Genocide as a course for the 2012-2013 school year.

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Monthly Statistical Report for **December 2011** (attached)

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the first reading of the 2012-2013 District Calendar. (attached)

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following students for home instruction:

<u>Student#</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Hours/Week</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
022800	HBW	6	5/WK	2/3 WKS	1/12/12
091593	VHS	12	5/WK	5/6 WKS	1/12/12

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve request for county approval to waive the district from participation in the 2012 – 2013 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) due to the district's estimated low eligibility rate.

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve settlement agreement for OAL Agency reference No. 2:11-cv-06769-ES-CLW for student #080702.

Co-Curricular

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve the trip and travel reimbursement of **Joel Throne** and **Danielle Mutovic** for the Deca State Leadership Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ. February 28, 2012 to March 1, 2012 as follows:

Meals \$61/day X 2 adults	\$366.00
Hotel \$136/night x 2 nights	\$544.00
Transportation 210 miles x .31/mile	\$65.10
 Total Reimbursement	 \$975.10

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following teachers to attend a conference titled "Preparing for Assessment under the Common Core" hosted by Association of Math Teachers of New Jersey in Monroe Township, NJ on February 14, 2012 at a cost of \$150.00 per teacher.

**Andrea Grannemann
Larissa Smith
Mark Russo
Danielle Kelly**

Registration fee:	\$150	x 4	=	\$600.00
Mileage 90.6mi X.31	\$28.08	x 4	=	\$112.32

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve travel reimbursement to **Gary Farishian** for the Annual Athletic Directors Convention in Atlantic City, N.J., March 12-14, 2012 as follows:

Registration	\$350.00
Mileage 256 x .31	\$ 79.36

Finance Resolutions

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed check list(s) in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$744,163.31	Vendor Check	January 20, 2012

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve Joe Higgins, Network Technician to purchase a used Mac computer for \$700.

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

December, 2011

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

December, 2011

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of December 31, 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.

#20 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month(s):

December, 2011

#21 RESOLVED that the Board approve the execution of an agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council to renew membership for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2016 as per the attached membership agreement.

ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS

Co-curricular Resolutions

#1 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following After-school Enrichment Cluster Facilitators for the spring cycle at \$500 each:

Tamara Gesario	Mathletics
Kevin Jennings	Lego Robotics
Larry Siegel	Science
Louis Waibel	Aquariums
Joni Jasterzbski	Art

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following parent volunteer for after-school Enrichment Clusters for the spring cycle:

Marcie Wallace – Yoga for Kids

Personnel Resolutions

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following teachers as Musical Director and Choreographer for the Verona High School Musical for the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$1,000 each.

Melody Williams (pending criminal background check)
Fran Young

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Kara Jesselyn Passage** as Teacher's Assistant (Elementary L.S.S. Class) at Laning Avenue School to begin on January 25, 2012, BA/Step 2 at a hourly rate of \$18.00 for the 2011-2012 school year.

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Dawn Eberhard**, MA/Step 2, as maternity leave replacement for Jennifer Stier, LDT/C, Forest & Laning to begin on or about February 15, 2012 ending on June 30, 2012 at a rate of \$284.02 per diem.

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the resignation of **Samantha Frasso**, (Laning/Grade 3) on or before March 22, 2012.

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve the resignation of **Payal Sadarangani** (Laning/Preschool) on or before March 22, 2012.

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year.

Sub Last Name	First	College	Degree	Experience
• Petruzzello	• Alexandra	• Montclair State Univ.	• 60+ crs.	• -

Public comment

- Half day vs. full day kindergarten
- School calendar for 12-13
- VHS electives, AP and Honors
- Question on who is paying for the new Hilltop fields

The Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary