

The Board of Education of the Township of the Borough of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on October 11, 2011 in the Verona High School Library at 8:00 p.m.

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

Also present was: Ms. Elizabeth Jewett, Acting Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, two members of the press and 8 citizens.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Quattrocchi 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.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Committee Reports

Athletics

- Coaching vacancies
- Internal sports scheduling notifications will begin for winter season
- Mr. Farishian wants to update the athletic manual
- Use of main gym a high school on election day, may interfere with an athletic event. Mr. Farishian may ask for an alternate site with the county board of elections.
- Substance abuse policy committee is being formed with community members, the police department, and Mr. Bellino and Mr. Elliott representing the Board.

Community Resources

- Meeting with Town Officials to discuss shared services is being planned.
- Genesis parent portal. Parents can view their child's attendance.

Buildings and Grounds- Did not meet

Education

- Data analysis will be presented at the next quarterly Board retreat meeting the end of November

Finance

- Discussed the upside/downside projection for the 2011-2012 school year. Committee has recommended using all of the \$275,171 in additional state aid.
- Lunches will be piloted to the elementary schools. The parents and students have expressed a large interest.
- Free and reduced lunch meals are not going to be paid by the town for budget reasons. Committee is discussing whether or not to apply for National Free and Reduced Lunch program to be reimbursed by the federal government.
- VAA and VEA negotiations will begin next month. Health Benefit plans will be addressed with both groups.

Acting Superintendent's Report

- October 7th – half-day PD session where staff worked on revising and aligning transfer goals and tasks, as well as beginning development of scope and sequence documents.

- Genesis - Parent Portal – The attendance tab and interim report tabs for HBW and VHS students were activated this week. The elementary teachers will be entering their grades into the new report card in Genesis for the first time this year.
- 24/7 Substance Abuse Policy Review – In the process of putting the ad hoc committee together. Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bellino will outline the key areas to be reviewed within the policy as well as the process and the make-up of the review committee.
- Our next BOE quarterly work session is scheduled for the end of November The focus of the meeting is to review student performance data analysis.

Board Discussion

- Mr. Quattrocchi announced Mr. Steve Forte as the Superintendent Candidate who will be appointed at the November 1, 2011 Board Meeting. Mr. Forte will begin working in Verona January 1, 2012.
- The Board will hold a meet and greet for Mr. Forte on Thursday October 14, at 7pm in the Verona High School Media Center.

Resolutions

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

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Approval of Minutes

#1 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the minutes of the following meetings:
Confidential & Regular Public Meeting **September 27, 2011**

Personnel

#2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following student teacher/observer:

Observations

Jerry DeYoung CCM HBW Bowes/PE 9/28/11

- #3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following **Substitute Teachers, Substitute Custodian, Substitute Secretary and Substitute Teacher Aide** for the 2011-2012 school year:

Substitute Teachers				
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	College	Degree
Andolino	Nicholas	K-12 County	Rhode Is.Col./Ill.State U	BS
Duarte	Daniela	K-12 County	Seton Hall/Montclair St.	BA
Gordon	Kathy	Tch Phys.Limited	Seton Hall University	Ed.D,MA
Iannucci	Jacqueline	K-12 County	Univ. of Connecticut	BA
Jeffay	Elisa	K-12 County	Plattsburgh State	BS, MA
Kloss	Woody	Std. Elem	St. Lawrence Univ.	BA
VanDyke	Allan	STD-ELEM,SAC	Kean/Wm. Paterson, MSU	BA

Substitute Custodian

Wade Stokes

Substitute Secretary

Karen Sandella

Substitute Teacher Aide

Paula Borgese-Basile

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve Elizabeth Smillie as a volunteer assistant in the Guidance Department at Verona High School for the 2011-2012 school year.

Special Education

- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Jennifer Errico** as home Instructor the for the 2011-2012 school year.

- # 6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve home instruction on the following student:

Student #	School	Grade	hours/wk	Duration	Beginning
091795	VHS	10	10 hrs/wk	4-6 wks	9/23/11

- #7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve submission of 2011-2012 IDEA Grant to the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. The district has been allocated \$488,398 to be used to provide services to student with disabilities. This allocation includes \$463,998 in the Basic Fund and \$24,400 in the Preschool Fund. The Basic Fund includes \$25,041 designated as Non-Public Funds.

Finance Resolutions

- #8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the use of \$275,171 of additional state aid for the 11-12 budget year and be it further resolved, to rescind resolution #26 from the September 27, 2011 Board Meeting.

Public comment- None

The Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**