

The Board of Education of the Township of the Borough of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on November 1, 2011 in the Laning Media Center 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, one member of the press and 15 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- None

Acting Superintendent’s Report

- School closings
- Ending of marking period may be changed

Discussion

- Mr. Quattrocchi thanked the Town Counsel, Verona Police Department and Emergency Management Team for their help with the school closings.
- Mayor Sapienza made mention that the community can register for email and phone notifications by registering on the Verona Township web-site.

Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-28, excluding #10**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approval of Minutes

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meetings: **October 11, 2011**

Curriculum and Special Education

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following book for VHS English Department for the 2011-2012 school year.

Title
Speak

Author
Laurie Halse Anderson

- #3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following monthly statistical report: **September, 2011** (attached)
- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the donation of two flat screen televisions to VHS from Nelson Rockefeller & Amy Taylor at an estimated value of \$3,000.
- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve home instruction for the following student:
- | <u>Student#</u> | <u>School</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>hours/wk</u> | <u>Duration</u> | <u>Beginning</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| #060304 | F.N.Brown | 1 | 10 | 6-8 wks | 10/17/11 |
- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the change in out of district placement for Student #041497 from New Beginnings to Glenview Academy at a rate of \$286.67 per day for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year
- #7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve out of district placement on Student #0911795 at Homestead School at a rate of \$251.01 per day for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.
- #8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the settlement agreement for Student #111897 as attached.
- #9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the final decision, OAL Docket No. EDS 13028-10, Agency Docket No. 2011 16504, in the case of Student #080702 dated 9/22/2011.
- #11 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Patricia Chadwick** as substitute bus driver at a rate of \$21.00 per hour for the 2011-2012 school year.
- #12 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Candida Rivera** as Technology Facilitator, at F.N. Brown, 2 days per week at a salary of \$138 per day on or about November 2, 2011 pending completion of criminal background check.
- #13 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Woody Klose** as Technology Facilitator at Brookdale Avenue, 1 ½ days per week to begin on or about November 1, 2011 at a salary of \$138 per day.
- #14 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the resignation of **Lee Anne Fusaro**, HBW/6th Grade, effective December 23, 2011.
- #15 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve maternity leave of absence for **Kimberly Paine**, School Psychologist/HBW, to begin on or about February 2, 2012 returning September 1, 2012.
- #16 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Nick Freda** as home instructor for the 2011-2012 school year.

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following teachers to instruct a 6th instructional period at HBW:

Name	Dates	per diem rate
Amy Heckel	10/17/11 -11/09/11	\$61.40
Andrea Grannemann	10/17/11 -11/30/11	\$57.27
Nadia Domenick	10/17/11 -11/30/11	\$60.05
Danielle Kelly	10/17/11 - 11/30/11	\$50.89
Marissa Albano	10/17/11 - 11/30/11	\$99.82

#18 RESOLVED that the Board rescind and approve the following STAR Club advisers for the 2011-2012 school year.

Rescind	Approve
Sebastian Powell	Chris Tamburro Jennifer Errico

#19 RESOLVED that the Board rescind and approve the following stipend amounts for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name	Club	rescind	approve
Meredith Bielen	HBW Athletic Assoc.	\$1215.50	\$607.75
Emily Podolak	HBW Athletic Assoc.	\$1215.50	\$1,823.25

#20 RESOLVED that Board approve the following staff members for the (base) salary guide moves:

NAME	FROM	TO
Jon-Eric Burgess	BA+30 \$65,675 Step 12	MA \$67,034
Alyssa Calabrese	BA \$49,597 Step 5	BA+30 \$54,138
Joseph Carollo	BA \$68,327 Step 13	BA+30 \$70,590
Sarah Conklin	BA+30 \$65,675 Step 12	MA \$67,034
Mary Anne Halbert	MA+15 \$92,037 Step 17	MA+30 \$98,512
Andrea Jordan	MA \$67,034 Step 12	MA+30 \$71,456
Brian Michalowski	BA \$46,413 Step 2	MA \$51,607
Maria Perri	BA+30 \$55,408 Step 6	MA \$56,381
Christie Sepcie	MA \$64,378 Step 11	MA+30 \$67,993
Valerie Useche	MA \$61,395 Step 10	MA+30 \$65,764
Scott Watkins	MA \$90,657 Step 17	MA+30 \$98,512

#21 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Student Observers:

Observer				
Grace Demerath	Ithaca	VHS/Lynch	10/21/11	2 hrs
Laura Marden	Ithaca	VHS/Lynch	10/21/11	2 hrs
Mary McCauly	MSU	FNB/Staranka/KDG	10/17/11	2 hrs
Nicole Staselewicz	MSU	BKD/GR 3	10/24/11	2 hrs
Michele Vaggae	MSU	FNB/Perri/Gr 2	10/12/11	2 hrs

#22 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following **Substitute Teachers and Substitute Secretary** for the 2011-2012 school year:

Substitute Teachers					
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	College	Degree	Experience
Cortellino	Deborah	Std.-Elementary	Jersey City State	BA/MA	Teacher
Davidson	Gregory	K-12 County	Wm. Paterson Univ.	BA	Substituting
Halbert	Elisa	CEAS-Elem K-5	Montclair State Univ.	BS	Substituting
Lapone	Amanda	K-12 County	Univ. of Delaware	BS	Std. Tch.
Sluberski	Jason	K-12 County	Salve Regina University	BS	-
VanDyke	Regina	K-12 County	CUNY-Queens	BA	Substitute
Vassallo	Sylvia	K-12 County	Berkley College	BA	Substituting
Peri	Vincent	K-12 County	Rutgers Univ.	BA	-

Substitute Secretary

Audrey Pelham

Co-Curricular

#23 RESOLVED that the Board approve the contract with the Verona High School Project Graduation 2012 event and Crystal Springs Resort on Thursday, June 21, 2012.

And be it further resolved, that the Board cover this event under the Board Commercial Insurance Policy.

And be it further resolved, the parent/guardians of participating hold the Board of Education harmless.

And be it further resolved that the VHS Project Graduation 2012, is responsible for all costs associated with the event.

Finance

#24 RESOLVED that the Board approve the travel maximum per the amounts below:

General Fund \$6,000
IDEA \$6,000

#25 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed check lists in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$180.07	Vendor Check	September 26, 2011
\$518.00	Vendor Check	October 17, 2011
\$877,981.48	Vendor Check	October 28, 2011

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

September 2011

#27 RESOLVED that the Report of the Secretary for the period as follows be approved:

September 2011

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, that as of September 30, 2011 the Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-11(c)4 we certify that after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports, in the minutes of the Board, that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b).

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

September 2011

Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolution #10**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Personnel Resolutions

#10 RESOLVED that the Board appoint **Steven A. Forte** as Superintendent of Schools for the Verona School District for a term effective on or about January 1, 2012 and terminating as of June 30, 2015 as per contract at a starting salary of \$148,750 prorated from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

Public comment

- Mr. Bellino noted the passing of Mr. Bucky Hatchett.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**