

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 15, 2011 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, Ms. Dawn DuBois, Mr. Glenn Elliott and Mr. Michael Unis.

Also present was: Ms. Elizabeth Jewett, Acting Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, one member of the press and 6 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- 2010-2011 Testing Report presented by Mr. Frank Albano, Laning Principal

Committee Reports

Athletics

- Have not found a JV boys lacrosse coach.
- New scheduling database will be up and running 11-18.
- Athletic Manual will be completed next summer.
- Mr. Farishian attending meeting at town that will explain the Hilltop design for more playing fields.
- Briefly discussed the substance abuse policy. Board will be selecting a committee within the next couple of weeks.
- Bucky Hachett is being inducted into the NJSIAA High School Hall of Fame. Mr. Hachett passed away earlier this month.

Buildings and Grounds

- Town was a tremendous help in cleaning up our properties after the winter storm last month.
- Storm damage was minimal throughout the district except for water damage in a ceiling in a HBW classroom.
- QSAC training and walkthrough happening in the next couple of weeks.
- Discussed critical needs in district for this school year.
- Mr. Quattrocchi, Mr. Bellino, Ms. Jewett and Mr. Forte met with the town to discuss the long term facility needs of the district.

Acting Superintendent's Report

- Announced athletic and band accomplishments
- District was trained for Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- District has used the three snow days allotted in the district calendar. If additional days are needed to close school the days are taken from the spring break week.

Discussion

- Mr. Bellino brought up the issue of field trips. He would like to have the Board review or possibility approve the field trips. He is concerned about the lower grades taking trips out of state.

Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #14**

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 Meetings: **November 1, 2011**

Personnel

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Priscilla Madera** as a Maternity Leave of Absence Spanish Teacher in Verona High, MA30/Step 7 at a rate of \$303.02 per diem effective pending criminal history background check.

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve and rescind the following teacher to instruct a 6th instructional period at HBW:

Rescind: **Amy Heckel** 10/17/11 – 11/9/11 at a per diem rate of \$61.40

Approve: **Amy Heckel** 10/17/11 – 11/15/11 at a per diem rate of \$61.40

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Meredith Bielen** for a maternity leave of absence beginning January 3, 2012 with a return date of May 21, 2012.

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Emerida Radek** as a long term substitute secretary at H. B. Whitehorne Middle School at a salary of \$130.50 per diem effective 11/16/11 to a date to be determined.

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

Name	College	School	Date	Hours
Precious Onyegbula	Kean University	Forest/Sapienza/Spec.Ed.	11/8/1 – 12/13/11	30hrs.

Co-Curricular

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Tom Williams** as a volunteer at Verona High School to assist with set construction and design for student drama productions.

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Stephen Ruggiero** as a volunteer ice hockey coach pending criminal history background check.

- #9 RESOVLED** that the Board approve the following individuals as Winter Sport coaches:
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| JV Girls' Basketball | Joelle DeNotaris | Step 1 | \$5,175.00 |
| JV Boy's Ice Hockey | Nolan Erickson | Step 3 | \$6,306.00 |
- #10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the ice hockey parents to pay the balance of \$4,305.25 for their participation in the program.
- #11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Sound and Lighting Squad Advisor position and stipend of \$2,038 be split between **Max Morden and Dana Ahmuty**.
- #12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve travel reimbursement for the following employees for a Mathematics HSPA Workshop at Rutgers University Busch Campus on November 18, 2011:
- Jennifer Errico** Registration \$195.00
 Mileage 72.1 x .31= \$22.35
 Total Reimbursement \$217.35
- Jonathan Thai** Registration \$195.00
 Mileage 72.1 x .31 = \$22.35
 Total Reimbursement \$217.35
- Ocean Place Conference Center – Long Branch, NJ:
 Fall NJAPSA Conference “Writing Defensible”
- Elizabeth Skinner** - Registration \$149.00 (IDEA account)
 Mileage 109 miles x .31 = \$33.79
 Total Reimbursement \$33.79
- #13 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Dana Lustig** as a volunteer advisor for the proposed Gay Straight Alliance Club at Verona High School.
- #14 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Mark Russo** as a volunteer advisor for the Student's Music Organization Club on a trial basis for the 2011-2012 school year.

Public comment

- Request to view school grade level alignment
- 2011 AP test scores
- 2011-2012 AP class enrollments

The Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**