

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 9, 2010 in the Verona High School Library at 8:00 p.m.

The following members of the Board were present: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mr. Glenn Elliott, Vice President, Mr. Joseph Bellino, Mr. Michael Unis and Mr. Steven Spardel.

Also present was: Charles Sampson, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, 1 member of the press and 10 citizens.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John 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.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Committee Reports

Athletics

- Football scoreboard still not working.
- Former VHS soccer coach, George Stiefbold was honored. He won 11 conference championships and 7state championships over 4 decades. Also honored were 30 of his players from those championship teams from 1950's, 60's, 70's and 80's.
- HBW track needs resurfacing and field needs to be addressed.
- NCAA Parental Program held on October 11 to prepare students for those who want to participate in college athletics was a success.
- Tennis courts need to be resurfaced.
- My Locker Apparel is generating revenue for the athletic program when buying athletic sports wear
- Soccer parents are in the process of organizing a Boosters Club.
- The soccer parents want to bring the boys and girls teams to compete in Italy this summer.
- Our hockey team is playing a Canadian team on December 11.
- Mr. Farishian invited the 1950 Football team to attend a VHS football game.
- Mr. Jason Calo, our district athletic trainer, gave a seminar to the Verona Rescue squad on dealing with sports injuries.

Community Resource

- Roll out timeline for the student information system and website
- E-alerts up and running for web site
- Community resources list has come together

Buildings and Grounds

- Discussion on the state of the buildings and grounds department.
- Discussion on the capital projects and the physical needs of the district.
- Efficiencies analysis of the department
- In approximately a month, Board will get a five year capital project plan
- Reducing overtime for staff. Replaced by substitutes.
- Working on finding a new recycling company. Current company will not take cardboard.

Education

- Focus on Language Arts
- UBD training continues in the district

- Writing component will be addressed this year
- Algebra 1 is being aligned from 8th grade through 12th grade

Finance

- Discussion on PERS payment. Currently the Board does not budget this cost. Bill is paid from budget breakage each year.
- Special Education litigation may result in an additional \$215,000 in tuition costs.
- Extraordinary aid may be cut in this year. Last year we received \$199,000 in this aid.

Superintendent's Report

- Budget process has begun and budgets will be due to the Superintendent the first week of December
- Quarterly retreat was held tonight on curriculum and instruction
- VFEE applications were submitted and will be approved at the next meeting
- Verona Alumni Career Day was a great success
- Curriculum counsel has restructured and solicited volunteers from each school
- Community Resource Committee is looking for applicants
- Strauss Esmay policies are on our website
- Genesis student information system is up and running. Grades for first marking period is being inputted at HBW and VHS
- Website training for staff will continue in November and December
- Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be the VHS Play

Discussion

- Pomptonian is the new food service company which is experiencing problems with sales.
- The State Violence and Vandalism Report requires districts to report only incidents that result in children being suspended from school. The Board has put together a separate report that are incidents that require disciplinary action.

Resolutions

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Confidential & Regular Public Meetings: **October 26, 2010**

Personnel Resolutions

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Stephen Ruggiero

Girls' Basketball

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RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolution #1-4**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

#4 RESOLVED that the Board accept with regret the retirement of **Rosanne DeNiscia**, Teacher of the Handicapped, HBW, effective June 30, 2010.

Public comment

- Budget Review Committee

The Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary