

PUBLIC MEETING

February 14, 2012

The Board of Education of the Township of the Borough of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on February 14, 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, Ms. Dawn DuBois, Mr. Glenn Elliott and Mr. Michael Unis.

Also present was: Mr. Steven Forte, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, one member 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

Presentation- Ali Sprong is a student from VHS who spoke about her experience in the Mandarin program and the Mock Trial.

Committee Reports

Community Resources- None

Education

- 2012-2013 elective offerings at VHS
- Curriculum update
- Teacher evaluations

Buildings and Grounds

- Mold in the basement of FNB from water entering the building. Waiting for cost to remediate the mold and solve the water problem.
- Energy performance contracting
- Wireless technology plan
- Vandalism problems at Forest. Exploring the installation of cameras.
- Budget requests for 2012-2013

Athletics

- Track repairs
- School database for statistics
- 24/7 committee met twice
- Athletics manual
- Parent forms for athletics
- Election day gym usage at VHS and HBW
- Approval of coaches tonight
- Sports psychologist spoke at VHS
- Student accident insurance

- Athletics accomplishments for the winter

Finance

- Aftercare program and the possibility to handle it in-house

Discussion

- 2012-2013 Budget
- Reviewed possible budget cuts
- Automatic cap adjustment for health benefits and whether the Board elects to take it. Mr. Bellino is opposed to electing for the adjustment. Mr. Bellino feels that if the state aid does not close the gap between the 2% cap and the cap adjustment he will vote no on the budget. Mr. Quattrocchi is in favor of moving the vote and electing for the cap adjustment. Mr. Elliott wants to think about the information that was presented before he comments. Mr. Unis feels that the public should still comment on the budget even though the vote is moved to November.
- Resolution to move school election to November
- Two proposals of district calendar
- Policy review
- Mr. Unis servers on a New Jersey School Boards Association committee reviewing the charter school policies.

Superintendent's Report

- Thank you to Ali
- Friday Folder- taking off over 5500 hits in January
- Summer VSEA program- adding HS classes for College Credit from Caldwell and BCC- working out the details now
- Happenings
 - Successful VFEE event last week
 - Successful Anti Bullying program last week at HBW
 - February 29 is the HBW 4th grade parent orientation meeting
 - Astro Nova Dance this week at Brookdale
 - The VHS concert at Rutgers University Thursday night- 500 bands applied only 4 accepted
 - FNB- Star Lab- 4th grade Science focusing on states of matter
 - Laning- Red- White and Blue day celebrating President's Day

Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-24**

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Unis

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approval of Minutes

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

Confidential and Regular Public Meeting **January 24, 2012**

Personnel Resolutions

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following student observers:

Observers

Stephanie Lima	Cald. Cllg	FOR/Sapienza/LD	37 hrs	2/ 1-5/4/12
Florence Romaine	Cald Cllg	VHS/Quick/English	40 hrs	(1-30/5-4 2012 3 per wk)
Jennifer Bitetto	SHU	FNB/Kdg/Staranka	72 hrs	2/6 – 3/30/12

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the extension in medical leave for **Toni Onorato**, HBW through March 19, 2012.

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Christina Ellenbogen**, BA+30/Step 2 as Third Grade Teacher at Laning Elementary School to begin on or before February 16, 2012 at a Salary of \$50,840 prorated for the 2011-2012 school year.

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Nicole Basalayga** as a long term maternity leave replacement for Helene McLaughlin, VHS/Graphics Art, effective on or before March 8, 2012 through June 2013 at a salary of \$ 277.04 per diem pending criminal background check.

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following spring coaches for the 2011-2012 school year.

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>COACH</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Baseball			
Head Varsity	Louis Racioppe	3	9,095.00
JV	Joe Phalen	3	6,202.00
Golf			
Head Varsity	Joseph Carollo	3	6,475.00
Softball			
Head Varsity	Pete Foster	3	9,095.00
JV	Angela Salisbury	3	6,202.00
Tennis			
Head Varsity – Male	Patricia Schoenig	3	9,076.00
JV – Male	Kelly Flynn	3	4,966.00

Track

Head Varsity – Male	Sebastian Powell	3	9,095.00
Head Varsity – Female	Eugene Leporati	3	9,095.00
Assistant – Male & Female	Nick Serpico	3	6,202.00
Assistant – Male & Female	Laura Palmerezzi	3	6,202.00
Assistant - Male & Female	Bob Maher	3	6,202.00

Lacrosse

Varsity - Male	Rob Hill	3	9,095.00
Varsity - Female	Suzanne Giarruso	3	9,095.00
JV Male	Adam Ahmad	1	4,862.00
JV Female	Alyssa Calabrese	1	4,862.00

- #7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Jason Sluberski** as a volunteer baseball coach for the spring 2011-2012 season.
- #8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Maureen Moore** as a volunteer softball coach for the spring 2011-2012 season.
- #9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Kara Passage** as Home Instructor for the 2011-2012 school year.
- #10 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Concetta Wanger** as part-time Classroom Aide for the LSS Class at Laning Avenue School for the 2011-2012 school year at a rate of \$12.25/hr.
- #11 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Substitute Aides for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Elisa Halbert
Rania Kamel**

Co-Curricular Resolutions

- #12 **RESOLVED** that the board approve the change in election date. (attached)

Curriculum and Special Education Resolutions

- #13 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following course at VHS in cooperation with the College of NJ and FDU:
Careers in Education/Tomorrow’s Teachers

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve the revised curriculum for the following courses:

- Math, Grade 3 (effective 2012-2013 school year)
- Math, Grade 4 (effective 2012-2013 school year)
- Science, Kindergarten
- Science, Grade 1
- Science, Grade 2
- Science, Grade 3
- Science, Grade 4
- English, Grade 7
- English, Grade 8
- Algebra II

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve travel reimbursement to **Libby Skinner** for the Handle with Care Instructor Certification training at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill, NJ- March 5-7, 2012 at a cost of \$1,000.00 to be funded through IDEA.

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve travel reimbursement to **Libby Skinner** for the NJAPSA winter conference in Long Branch, NJ – February 3, 2012 to be funded through IDEA.

Registration	\$149.00
Mileage .31 X 109	33.79
TOTAL	\$182.79

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

Student#	School	Grade	Hours/Week	Duration	Beginning
#070205	Laning	K	10	4-6 wks	2/6/12
#121595	VHS	10	10	6-8	2/13/12

#18 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Payal Sadarangani** to conduct up to 2 evening of parent training programs during the 2011 – 2012 school year; up to 2.5 hours each evening at a rate of \$60.00 per hour, not to exceed \$300.00 funded through IDEA.

#19 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Grace Minervo-Buneo** to conduct up to four evening parent training programs during the 2011 – 2012 school year; up to 2.5 hours each evening at a rate of \$60.00 per hour, not to exceed \$600.00 funded through IDEA.

#20 RESOLVED that the Board approve to contract with **Patricia Lynch**, LDT-C to complete academic evaluations on a per case basis beginning February 27, 2012 through June 21, 2012 at a rate of \$375.00 per Evaluation and an additional rate of \$75.00 per meeting for

Eligibility meetings as needed basis. The amount paid for these services is not to exceed \$6,500.

- #21 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Fee Agreement between Coordinated Treatment Solutions, LCC and Verona Public Schools at a cost of \$350 per assessment.

CO-CURRICULAR

- #22 RESOLVED** that the Board approve travel reimbursement to **Doris Peim** and **Harriet Warsaw** for a Bullying Seminar in New Rochelle, NY on March 13, 2012:

Registration		129 X 2	\$258.00
Mileage	(76 mi x .31)	23.56 X 2	<u>\$47.12</u>
Total			\$305.12

PERSONNEL

- #23 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following student observers:

Jean-Charles Gugues	MSU	FNB/Waibel/Gr.4	3 hrs. 2/13/12
Mason Traino	Cald.ClIlg	FNB/Siegel/Gr.4	2 hrs. 2/13-15
Alyssa Dente	Morris Cty.	LAN/Varulo/Gr.1	5 hrs. 2/10/12

- #24 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Lunch Aide for the 2011-2012 school year:

Laurel A. Brolly

Public comment

- Thank you for paving Forest Ave. parking lot
- Comments on budget
- Student athletic insurance
- School nutrition policy
- Keyboarding
- Pay to play for athletics

The Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary