

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 28, 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, two members of the press and 50 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.

Presentation- Forest Avenue Wax Museum. The famous New Jersey people and who they were played by.
Thomas Edison - Jodeph Dymkowski
Kelly Ripa - Monica Egnezzo
Anthony Ferrainolo - Nicholas Napoli
Anne Hathaway - Jacqueline Serino

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Committee Reports

Community Resources

- District web site updates
- “Friday Folder” distributed by Mr. Forte through the web site

Finance

- State aid figure for 2012-2013 is \$843,777. It is an increase of \$222,573 from this school year.
- Cuts of \$186,300 were made from the original budget presented to the Board on February 14th.
 1. Election \$17,500
 2. Insurance \$39,900
 3. Retirement \$80,000
 4. Spanish stipend \$8,900
 5. Technology \$40,000
- Cuts still may be made as we begin the school year per Mr. Forte’s evaluation of programs
- Cap adjustment available is \$248,347. Cap adjustment used is \$99,505.
- Tax levy increase is 2.37%. Impact would be approximately \$130 to the average home assessment of \$400,000.
- Any unused cap adjustment money can be banked for two additional years.
- Board is proposing to the legal voters a second question in the November to provide full day kindergarten from January 2013 to June 2013.
- Administration is considering running an in-house after care program instead of out sourcing the program.
- Ms. DuBois made the statement that when the budget was developed, the Board was very sensitive to the community’s challenges and concerns with the economy

- Mr. Bellino noted that we are going into a negotiating year for the teachers' and administrators' contracts

Superintendent's Report

- Forest Avenue Wax Museum Program
- Accomplishments-
 - 3 District Champions for Wrestling Team Paul Scully, Frank Greco and Joe Festa- 2 state qualifiers Frank Greco and Joe Festa will compete in AC this weekend
 - Boys Basketball and Hockey won 1st round game in state playoffs
 - Julia Ashley- Gp 1 800m Champion 5th Place 800m Meet of Champions
- North Essex Cooperative (Verona, C/WC, GR) PD Program completed by Liz Jewett
- Mr. Cesa, Mrs. Ferlauto and I went to Caldwell College on Feb 16 to develop a cooperative relationship. We plan to offer some dual enrollment courses through Caldwell College this summer and 12/13.
- VHS Musical Little Shop of Horrors March 1, 2 and 3.
- March 2nd Read Across America K-4
- February 29- HBW grade 4 orientation
- March 15- VBOE music Staff Concert to raise funds for the VHS Auditorium
- Kindergarten 2nd question. Cost is \$140K from January 1-June 30, 2013.

Discussion

- Mr. Unis attended a delegate assembly on Charter School policies.

Public comment

- Cafeteria program
- In-house after care program
- Total budget vs. salary budget
- Budgets posted to web site

Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-20**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Approval of Minutes

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting **February 14, 2012**

Curriculum and Special Education

- #2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Monthly Statistical Report for **January 2012**.
- #3 **RESOLVED** that the Board rescind the first reading of the 2012-2013 district calendar.
- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the 2012-2013 district calendar.

Personnel Resolutions

- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Karen Tully** as home instructor for the 2011-2012 school year.
- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Jennifer Ammirata** as maternity leave replacement for Paula Ramos, Biology Teacher at VHS to begin on or before March 28, 2012 at a rate of \$230.31 per diem pending criminal background check.
- #7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve with regret **Carol Gelfand's** retirement as Special Education teacher at FN Brown effective June 30, 2012.
- #8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve 25 days of family medical leave approved by the Superintendent for **Judy Szybist** as per the Family Medical Leave Act. Leave will commence March 2, 2012 with an end date of June 20, 2012. Salary will be adjusted accordingly.
- #9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Substitute Teachers and Substitute Aide for the 2011-12 school year.

Substitute Teachers				
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	Degree	Experience
Aldworth	Gillian	K-12 County	BA/MA	-
Bennett	Rosemarie	Std-Elem	BA/MAT	Substituting

Substitute Aide
 Benjamin Petty

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Lunch Aides for the 2011-12 school year.
Lucille Schiavo
Arleine Colonna

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve the first reading of the following Board Policies:

- #0168 Recording Board Meetings
- #8505 School Nutrition
- #6424 Emergency Contracts
- #5519 Dating Violence at School
- #3516 Safety and Civility
- #9180 School Volunteers
- #9181 Volunteer Athletic Coaches

Athletics

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve **John Schiavone** as volunteer lacrosse coach for the 2011-2012 school year pending criminal background check.

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Chris DeMond** for the spring weight room for the 2011-2012 school.

Finance Resolutions

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed check list in the following amount:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$16,737.61	Cafeteria Checks	December
\$65,751.33	Cafeteria Checks	January
-\$514.81	Void Check	February 6, 2012
\$2,741,659.89	Vendor Check	February 24, 2012

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

January, 2012

#16 RESOLVED that the Report of the Secretary for the period(s) as follows be approved:

January, 2012

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of January 31, 2012 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund, has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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

January, 2012

#18 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached contract with Monica Millin.

#19 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached contract with Town Medical Associates.

#20 RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the tentative 2012-2013 School Budget of \$32,790,349 for submission to the County Superintendent of Schools.

GENERAL FUND	\$29,524,477
SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 585,328
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 2,680,544

The General Fund Tax Levy is \$27,801,223

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED In addition to the regular advertised budget, the board of education will seek approval from the district's legal voters to raise an additional \$140,000 for the expansion of our existing kindergarten program. The program currently is an extended day program. This proposal would institute a full day kindergarten program from January to June. The additional levy will provide funds for an increase in teachers and administrative salaries, lunch aides, supplies, and textbooks. The taxes, if raised, will be used exclusively for this purpose. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**