

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 8, 2011 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, and Mr. Joseph Bellino. Mr. Steven Spardel and Mr. Michael Unis were absent.

Also present were Mr. Charles Sampson, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, 2 members of the press and 35 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

Presentations- 2011-2012 Curricular Changes and Testing Data

Committee Reports

Athletics

- Wrestling team hosted a state sectional match for the first time.
- Senior Colin Farawell recorded his 110 win, a new school record, breaking the previous record of 109 held by Chris Hardenberg and Dillon Lawler.
- National Women in Sports Day was celebrated last Sunday at Seton Hall University . VHS senior, Kara Bartow was selected and was recognized at the luncheon.
- Verona-Cedar Grove Baseball game May 3, 7:30.
- Tennis court repair costs to be shared by town

Community Resource

- Genesis student information system
- Parent portal on the Genesis system
- 8th Grade orientation was held in January. The feedback was positive.
- “Shadow Program” implemented between 8th grade students and high school students
- VFEE will host a Wine Tasting this Thursday
- Broadcast journalism VFEE grant is up and running
- Mr. Quattrocchi reported on a teacher performance task force he participated in

Buildings and Grounds

- Implemented part time custodians to cover night events
- Snow removal
- Added projects to long range facility plan. \$6-\$8 million dollars in projects that need to be done.
- Right to know training for new staff February 17

Finance

- Budget 11-12, approx. \$600-\$750k needs to be cut from budget
- Preliminary budget due to county March 4th
- No notice on state aid for next year
- Mr. Sampson will present a potential cut list to the Board on March 1
- Governor Christie’s budget address on February 22
- Public Board Meeting on March 1 will start at 6pm to discuss the budget

- There is talk at the state level that the Board will have added cost to the budget for Fica and Pension costs that the State used to pay for.

Superintendent's Report

- NJ News12 was at Brookdale to report on Joan J's "Hearts for Hope Program". Students create hearts for cancer patients in area hospitals.
- 45 students at high school participated in a national math competition
- Grade 8 parent orientation January 31
- Panasonic visit rescheduled for February 11
- Budget 11-12

Resolutions

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-10**

Moved by: Mr. Bellino

Seconded by: Mr. Elliott

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Approval of Minutes

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting **January 25, 2011**

Curriculum and Special Education

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following French movies for H. B. Whitehorne Middle School:

Disney's Madagascar, Rated G (Grade 5)
The Red Balloon, Rated G (Grade 5)
The Little Prince, Rate G (Grade 5)
Disney's Ratatouille, Rated G (Grade 6)
La Gloire de Mon Pere, Rate G (Grade 7)
Le Chateau de Ma mere, Rated G (Grade 7)
Jean de Florette, Rated PG (Grade 8)
Manon des Sources, Rated PG (Grade 8)
Cyrano de Bergerac, Rated PG (Grade 8)
Au Revois les Enfants, Rated PG (Grade 8)

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve waiver applications for Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) for the 2011-2012 school year.

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve placement of student #121594 at Shepard High School beginning Wednesday, February 9, 2011 for the remaining 86 days of the 2010-2011 school year at a tuition rate of \$252.43 per diem not to

exceed \$21,708.98.

- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the final reading of the 2011-2012 District Calendar.

Personnel Resolutions

- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve contractual overages for Emily Podolak in the amount of \$3,523.00 pro-rated from November 29, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for additional teaching responsibilities.

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

Field Experience

Matthew Candemeres	Caldwell College	VHS - Tamburro/Social Studies	60 hrs. 1/31/11 – 5/6/11
Alyssa Calabrese	Montclair State	VHS – Counseling Department	700 hrs. 2/11 – 6/12
Melissa Burdorf	Montclair State	VHS – Counseling Department	700 hrs. 2/11 – 6/12

- #8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Substitute Teachers, and Nurse for the 2010-2011 school year.

Substitute Teachers					
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	College	Degree	Experience
Gaccione	Karla	CE-ELEM K-5	Hofstra/Rutgers	BA Ed.M	Substituting
Gerber	Leigh	CEAS Elem K-5	RU/Richard Stockton/MSU	BA	Substituting
Itriyeva	Irina	K-12 County	Wesleyan Univ.	BA	-
Schneider	Samuel	CEAS-Music	Vanderbilt Univ.	BM	Substituting
Schuele	Teresa	STD-Elem	Rensselaer/FDU	BS/MBA	Substituting

Sub Nurse				
Nurse Last Name	First	Certification	Degree	College
Liebert	Judith	K-12 County	BSN	Columbia Univ.

Finance Resolutions

- #9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed check list in the following amount:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$1,917.41	Vendor Check	January 21, 2011
\$ 100.00	Vendor Check	January 24, 2011
\$496,993.75	Vendor Check	February 4, 2011

Addendum Resolution

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve Tom Williams to provide technical assistance with lighting and set design for the Theater program at VHS.

Public comment

- Curricular changes
- Benchmark assessment
- HSPA scores
- Writers workshop
- Budget review committee

The Meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**