

**The Board of Education of the Township of the Borough of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 29, 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, Mr. Joseph Bellino, Mr. Michael Unis and Mr. Steven Spardel.**

**Also present were Mr. Charles Sampson, Superintendent, Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, 2 members of the press and 30 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 Budget

**Committee Reports**

**Finance**

- Current year budget
- 2011-2012 budget
- 2011-2011 tax increase of \$104 increase to average homeowner

**Discussion Item- None**

**Superintendent's Report**

- VHS concert band placed first in a competition against 25 schools in the northern region of the state.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the "Euro Challenge." 38 schools participated in the tri-state area. This is the first year VHS competed.
- AP Science students participated in a NJIT programming competition.
- Pilot to begin for the Genesis parent portal.
- World language program was looked at, at the elementary level. Parents filled out surveys. Administration is not making any recommendations to change the program. Administration will continue to look at program next year.

**Resolutions**

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-18**

**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 Meeting                      **March 15, 2011**

**Curriculum and Special Education**

**#2      RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Monthly Statistical Reports for February 2011 (attached).

**#3      RESOLVED** that the Board adopt use of release forms for:  
Diabetes Management  
EpiPen Use  
Administration of Glucagon (attached)

**#4      RESOLVED** that the Board approve home instruction on the following student:

<u>Student#</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>hours/wk</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
#110013	VHS	12	5/wk	4-6 weeks	3/25/11

**Co-Curricular**

**#5      RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Verona High School joint hockey participation with Glen Ridge High School (attached).

**#6      RESOLVED** that the Board approve Flannagan Productions Video to be used at the Verona High School Prom on June 10, 2011 and also at the High School Graduation on June 22, 2011 at no cost to the school. A donation of \$5 per DVD will be made for all sales in excess of \$500.

**#7      RESOLVED** that the Board approve registration for **Kathleen Grant** for the Rhode Island Association of Admission Officers Tour on April 3, 2011-Thursday, April 7, 2011.

Registration:                      \$300.00  
Mileage:                              \$113.00

**#8 RESOLVED** that the Board accept first reading of the following policies as recommended by Strauss-Esmay:

- No. 1230**
- No. 1522**
- No. 2414**
- No. 2461**
- No. 3144**
- No. 6220**
- No. 6820**

**Personnel**

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following staff members for base salary guide move retroactive to February 1, 2011.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>To</u>	
Heather Kunkel	BA +30 \$62,659	step 11	MA \$64,378
Dan Halpern	BA +30 \$57,684	step 9	MA \$58,701
Andor Kish	BA \$48,435	step 5	MA \$53,855

**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve a medical leave of absence for **Larry Siegel**, (FNB/4th Grade) to begin on March 30, 2011 through May 30, 2011.

**#11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Nicole Pomponi**, MA step2, as a long term substitute for Larry Siegel to begin on March 30, 2011 through May 30, 2011. Per diem rate \$247.74

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve appointment of the following teachers to prepare 4th grade students for NJASK for the period March 20, 2011 through May 5, 2011. Not to exceed four hours.

**Brookdale**

Kim Materna	\$57.00/per hr.
Lauren Hill	\$57.00/per hr.

**Forest**

Jean Sapienza	\$57.00/per hr.
Sarah Conklin	\$57.00/per hr.

**F.N.Brown**

MaryAnn Force	\$57.00/per hr.
Maria Graziano	\$57.00/per hr.
Megan Pellegrino	\$57.00/per hr.
Sari Santoro	\$57.00/per hr.

**Laning**

Frank Albano	\$57.00/per hr.
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**#13 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following student observers:

**Observation**

Danielle Petruzziello    MSU    FNB/Waibel/Gr 4            2 hours on 3/24

**#14 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following **Substitute Teachers, Lunch Aide** and **Nurse** for the 2010-2011 school year:

<b>Substitute Teachers</b>					
<b>Sub Last Name</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Certificate</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Experience</b>
Albanese	Antoinette	STD-Health/PE	Montclair State Univ.	BA	Teacher
Bialek	Margaret	K-12 County	Montclair State	BA	Substituting
Bigica	Mark	K-12 County	Ramapo College	BA	Std. Teacher
Cohen	Chad	K-12 County	Univ. Missouri	BSBA/BAE	Substitute
Bontempo	Stephen	K-12 County	Seton Hall Univ.	BS	-
Crawford	Kathryn	CEAS - Art	Randolph-Macon	BFA/MA	Substituting
Fox	Melissa	CEAS - Elem K-5	Fairleigh Dickinson	BA	Std. Teacher
Kaderis	Stephanie	CEAS K-5/Math 5-8	Montclair State Univ.	BA	Substituting
Kane	Jessica	K-12 County	JMU/Queens College	BA	Substitute
Mirenda	CaseyAnn	STD. Elem.	Essex Cty Col/Caldwell Co	AS/BS	Substitute
Solo	Sally	CEAS - Elem K-5	Harvard/Columbia/MSU	BA/MA	Substitute
Staranka	Chris	K-12 County	Wm. Paterson Univ.	BA	-
Unger	Karyn	K-12 County	TCNJ	BS	Substitute
VanDyke	Regina	K-12 County	CUNY-Queens	BA	Substitute

**Substitute Lunch aides**

Sabina Hassan  
Julianne Thierry

**Substitute Secretaries**

Michelle Cerle  
Susan Varlese

**Finance Resolutions**

**#15 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the 2011-2012 budget for submission to the voters as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
<b>Total General Fund</b>	\$ 28,404,947	\$ 27,158,547
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund</b>	\$ 592,145	n/a
<b>Total Debt Service Fund</b>	\$ 2,674,669	\$ 2,238,160
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 31,671,761	\$ 29,396,707

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$493,965.05	Vendor Checks	March 29, 2011

**Curriculum and Special Education**

**#17 RESOLVED** that the Board approve home instruction on the following student:

<u>Student#</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>hours/wk</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
#111140	VHS	12	5 hrs/wk	4-6 weeks	3/28/11

**Personnel**

**#18 RESOLVED** that the Board accept with regret, the retirement of **Penny E. Radosin**, Grade 2, Laning Avenue School, effective June 30, 2011.

Mr. Elliott praised Mrs. Radosin for her years of service.

Mr. Unis thanked Mrs. Radosin for a wonderful experience as a student of hers.

**Resolution to Adjourn**

**#19 RESOLVED** that the Board meet in private session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss the topics of negotiations and personnel or potential litigation which private discussion is being held pursuant to Section 7b and 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act. The matters under discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as final decisions are made and voted upon.

**Public Comment**

- Cheerleaders posting a website to our website
- Budget presentation
- World language program

**The Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary**