PUBLIC MEETING April 12, 2011

The Board of Education of the Township of the Borough of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on April 12, 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 4 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**

- National History Day- Mrs. Barbara Kistner and HBW students
- Winter Sports Wrap-up- Mr. Gary Farishian
- Budget Review Committee Report- Mrs. Linda Tsang

# **Committee Reports**

# **Education**

• Summer reading

#### **Community Resources**

- Overview of candidate's night-only one candidate is running despite two candidates on the ballot. Mr. Spardel has withdrawn from the election
- VFEE spring grants
- Facility Music Night Fundraiser
- Student projects posted to web-site
- Anonymous donor wants to purchase a VHS electronic sign for the front of the building

# **Buildings and Grounds**

Solar panels were discussed

# **Finance**

• Extraordinary aid

#### **Athletics**

- Press box and bleachers
- Patching and/or resurfacing track and tennis courts
- JV girls soccer coach vacancy
- 24/7 policy review. No changes to date.

<u>Discussion Item-</u> Board Members thanked Mr. Spardel for his service on the Board and his contributions to the Verona School System.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

- Music staff fundraising production
- VFEE Grant Recipients presented back to the VFEE Committee
- Math night May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Summer reading
- End of course algebra assessment
- Teachers are attending teaching institutes over the summer
- District supervisors have been asked to present at a summer UBD Institute

# **Resolutions**

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-16** 

Moved by: Mr. Bellino Seconded by: Mr. Spardel

Ayes: 5 Navs: 0

# **Approval of Minutes**

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

> Confidential & Regular Public Meeting March 29, 2011

# **Policy Resolutions**

#2 RESOLVED that the Board adopt the second and final reading of revisions recommended by Strauss-Esmay to the following Board Policies:

No. 1230

No. 1522

No. 2414 No. 2461

No. 3144 No. 6220

No. 6820

# Co-Curricular

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the travel reimbursement of Joel Throne for the International Deca Competition in Orlando, Florida. April 29, 2011 to May 4, 2011 as follows:

> Meals \$61/day X 1 adult X 6 days \$366.00 Airfare \$279.00 Hotel 5 nights \$497.00

> Total Reimbursement \$1,160,50

Trip funded through Deca fund raising efforts.

# #4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attendance of the following staff members to attend the NJASA/NJSBA 29th Annual Spring Conference (1 day pass) in Long Branch, NJ. Conference date May 23, 2011.

Charles Sampson Elizabeth Toriello

Registration fee:  $$199 \times 2 = $396$ 

# **Personnel**

#5	RESOLVED	that the Board approve <b>Mike O'Brien</b> as Administrative Intern to work under the guidance of Yvette McNeal, Principal HBW for the 2011-2012 school year.
#6	RESOLVED	that the Board approve the list of tenured VEA staff renewals for the 2011-2012 school year as attached.
#7	RESOLVED	that the Board accept with regret the resignation of <b>Lynn Walden</b> , part-time nurse at Brookdale Avenue School effective June 30, 2011.
#8	RESOLVED	that the Board accept with regret the retirement of <b>Kathy Hart</b> , nurse at Brookdale/FN Brown elementary schools effective June 30, 2011.
#9	RESOLVED	that the Board approve medical leave of absence for <b>Toni Onorato</b> , HBW/Guidance Attendance Administrative Assistant from May 9, 2011 returning on June 20, 2011.
#10	RESOLVED	that the Board approve <b>Suzanne Livelli</b> as maternity leave replacement for Victoria Cirigliano, Brookdale/Grade 2 to begin on or about May 2, 2011 ending on June 30, 2011. BA /step 4 per diem \$238.31.
#11	RESOLVED	that the Board approve appointment of the following teachers to prepare students for NJASK /EOC Algebra from April 26, 2011 to May 24, 2011.

**Danielle Kelly** \$60.00/per hr. **Christine Donohue** \$60.00/per hr.

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 School Year:

Substitute Teachers									
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	College	Degree	Experience				
Curivan	Deena	CEAS - ELEM K-5	Bloomsburg/Montclair St.	BA	Substituting				
Lore	Alyssa	K-12 County	Montclair State Univ.	83 cr.	-				
Margenau	Samantha	CE – Math	Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.	BA	-				

Substitute Teachers									
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	College	Degree	Experience				
Posnett	Holly	STD - Elem, Eng.	Wm. Paterson/Montclair St.	BA/MA	Teacher				
Houck	Madison	K-12 County	Montclair State	BFA	Student Tch				
Petruzziello	Danielle	K-12 County	Rutgers/Montclair St.	BA	-				

# **Finance**

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

AmountDescriptionCheck Register Date\$2,025,873.72Vendor ChecksApril 8, 2011

# PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

**#14 RESOLVED** that the Board approve appointment of the following teachers

to prepare 7th and 8th grade students for NJASK. Sessions are

from February 1, 2011– April 15, 2011:

Danielle Kelly - \$60.00 Meredith Bielen - \$60.00 Debbie Marsano - \$60.00

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve maternity leave of absence for Tatiana M.

LaStella, Forest/1st Grade effective September 12, 2011

returning on January 23, 2012.

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve resignation of Christa Keber, VHS/Science

effective June 30, 2011.

# **Public Comment**

- Solar panels
- Resurfacing or repairs to the track and tennis courts
- Budget and tax relief
- Budget review committee meetings was a through and sound experience

The Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Nardino Board Secretary