

The Board of Education of the Township of the Borough of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on May 24, 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. Joseph Bellino, Vice President, Ms. Dawn DuBois, Mr. Glenn Elliott and Mr. Michael Unis.

Also present was: Charles Sampson, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, 1 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.

Presentation- Mr. Jeff Monacelli, Forest Avenue Principal and Mr. Rich Rampolla, Brookdale Principal gave a presentation on the elementary report card changes.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Committee Reports

Education

- Professional development planning for summer
- Summer reading suggestion list for all grade levels
- Fourth grade math assessment
- Elementary report card preview
- Summer curriculum writing
- Online grade books
- Policy on international exchange student forthcoming
- Strauss Esmay policy on harassment and bullying

Superintendent's Report

- Summer reading suggestion list for all grade levels
- Training for writer's workshop for the 5th and 6th staff
- Attended GSCS annual meeting May 18
- Fourth grade math assessment
- Many revisions to district curriculum
- Creative arts festival May 25th
- Town wide band concert June 1
- VHS senior awards June 2
- Thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve as Superintendent

Discussion Items

- Board needs to read and approve the harassment and bullying policy presented by Strauss Esmay. This needs to be done by September.
- Summer assignments were presented to the VHS SCA last night
- Mr. Quattrocchi thanked Mr. Sampson for his work here as Superintendent
- GSCS meeting focused on Charter Schools
- State Supreme Court made a decision today on the funding formula for schools. Ruling was only on the funding for the 31 Abbott districts.
- Mr. Quattrocchi put together a worksheet on the comparative spending guide
- Mr. Unis is a the Vice-President of the Essex County School Board Association

Resolutions

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

Moved by: Mr. Elliott

Seconded by: Mr. Bellino

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

Confidential and Regular Public Meeting
Confidential Meeting

May 10, 2011
May 18, 2011

Curriculum and Special Education

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following teachers to perform curriculum writing during non-school hours. Faculty members will be compensated at an hourly rate of \$35 per hour not to exceed twenty (20) hours for a full year course or ten (10) hours for a half year course.

Jon-Eric Burgess
Robert Cashill
Peter Foster
Marie Leone Meyer

Mark Russo
Christopher Tamburro
Fran Young

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following staff to attend AP Summer Institutes:

Teacher	Location/Dates	Registration Fee	Mileage	Total
Robert Cashill	Middlesex County College Edison, NJ 8/8/11-8/11/11	\$850.00	\$141.10	\$991.10
Eugenie Mordkovich	Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ	\$1,025.00	\$20.16	\$1,045.16

	7/11/11-7/15/11			
Marie Meyer	Taft Education Center Watertown, CT 7/11/11-7/15/11	\$1,100.00	\$63.00	\$1,163.00
Fran Young	Taft Education Center Watertown, CT 7/11/11-7/15/11	\$1,100.00	\$63.00	\$1,163.00
Thomas White	Taft Education Center Watertown, CT 7/11/11-7/15/11	\$1,100.00	\$63.00	\$1,163.00

- #4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the follow placement of student #09179 at Cornerstone Day School beginning Wednesday, May 18, 2011 for the remaining 25 days of the 2010-2011 school year at a tuition rate of \$310.00 per diem not to exceed \$7,750.

Personnel Resolutions

- #5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following teachers as instructors for V-SEA 2011:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Jaime Ricci	\$2,510
Jennifer Kleinknecht	\$2,510
Kevin Jennings	\$2,510
Tamara Gesario	\$2,510
Amy Heckel	\$2,510
Andor Kish	\$2,510
Jean Sapienza	\$2,510
Kelly Flynn	\$2,510
Anne Marie Ruggiero	\$2,510
Sage Seaton	\$2,510
Lauren Till	\$2,510

- #6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Debbie Lawrence** as the V-SEA 2011 Administrative Assistant at a stipend of \$1,600.

- #7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Substitute Teacher and custodian for the 2010-2011 school year:

Substitute Teacher					
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	College	Degree	Experience
Galante	Daina	K-12 County	Rutgers University	BA	Substituting

Substitute Custodian:
Wade Stokes

Finance Resolutions

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$104,648.05	Vendor Check	May 10, 2011
\$2,500.00	Vendor Check	May 11, 2011
(\$2,500.00)	Void Check Run	May 11, 2011
\$289,554.05	Vendor Check	May 20, 2011

#9 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2010-2011 budget for:

April, 2011

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

April, 2011

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, that as of April 30, 2011 the Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-11(c) 4 we certify that after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports, in the minutes of the Board, that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b).

#11 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month(s):

April, 2011

Personnel Resolutions

#12 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the resignation of **Yimin You**, Mandarin Teacher at Forest Avenue School, effective May 21, 2011.

#13 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Lilly Szulc** a sixth instructional period at a salary of \$52.93 per diem from May 25, 2011- June 23, 2011.

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve maternity leave of absence for **Christine Donahue**, HBW/Math effective September 1, 2011 returning on January 3, 2012.

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Marjorie Williams** as substitute aide for the 2010-2011 school year.

Co-curricular

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Maria Clayton** to run a cycle class for eighth grade on Film Studies at no cost to the district for the 2011-2012 school year.

Resolution to Adjourn

#17 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.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Public comment

- Summer assignments
- GPA on report card
- Un-weighted GPA
- Thanks to Mr. Sampson
- Protocol for student complaint about teacher
- Manderin Teacher resignation

The Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**