

The Board of Education of the Township of the Borough of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on September 13, 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: Ms. Elizabeth Toriello, Acting Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, two members 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.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Committee Reports

- Alumni films to DVD is progressing. Films are being shared between school districts.
- Scoreboard was repaired in district
- HBW and Tennis courts have been repaired
- Discussed resurfacing in a couple of years. Cost would be approximately \$60k-\$80k.
- Coaching hires
- Will be posting more parent forms to the website
- Sports scheduling is now Rschooltoday
- Substance abuse policy was discussed. Committee recommends putting an ad hoc committee together.

Community Resources

- Bulling Policy
- Genesis parent portal. Middle and High School Parents can access their child's student information.
- Schools will be working with VTV on promoting school related events.

Buildings and Grounds

- Laning bathroom renovations are nearing completion
- VHS roof top hvac unit replaced
- Field improvements were made over the summer
- Converted the old foods room at VHS to a broadcast journalism room
- Paving at Brookdale
- Water in Forest computer lab
- Mulch ordered for playgrounds
- Stage repaired at VHS
- Issues with water in Brookdale cafeteria
- QSAC building review in November

Education

- Curriculum committee meeting before next board meeting
- Progress towards professional development goals
- Data analysis
- Incorporating technology into the curriculum

Finance

- Additional state aid is \$275,171. The aid be spent or used for tax relief for this year or the next two years. Committee is recommending \$75k will be allocated towards building upgrades that were performed over the summer. Projects that were performed overspent the buildings and grounds budget by \$55k. Remaining aid will be discussed at budget time in January.
- Audit will be performed in November.
- Substitute nurses pay will be increased from \$85 a day to \$105.
- Lunches will be piloted to the elementary schools

Acting Superintendent's Report

- Elementary lunch pilot
- Successful start to school year
- Back to school nights this week and next week
- HIB Policy reviewed with staff. Reporting requirements have changed. HIB training will be October 31 for all staff.
- Scores in language arts increased after a year of writing workshop teacher training
- Math HSPA scores increased

Board Discussion

- Board member fingerprinting
- Mr. Unis to attend Essex County School Board meeting tomorrow night
- Mr. Bellino would like Mr. Unis to ask ECSB where they stand on the Chapter 78 Health Benefit and Pension Legislation

Resolutions

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

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 **August 30, 2011**

Personnel Resolutions

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Jay Aiello** as part-time maintenance employee from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Anthony Allonardo** as maintenance employee, Step 1 at a salary of \$41,794 beginning September 14, 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year.

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Shirley Bush** for an additional four hours of summer work to be paid at a rate of \$55.52 per hour.

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2011-2012 Student Activity Finance Bookkeepers as follows:

Charles Dimeck, VHS, \$5000 **Elaine Gizzi**, HBW, \$2000

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve adjustment of end date to employment for **Stephanie Kaderis**, maternity leave replacement at HBW, from January 3, 2012 to December 2, 2011.

Special Education

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve contract with Bayada Nurses, Inc. to provide nursing services for student #053196 attending Washington @ Ridgewood School one day per week for up to four hours per day at a rate of \$50.00 per hour not to exceed \$7,200 for the 2011-2012 school year.

Co-Curricular

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following After-School Enrichment Cluster Facilitators at \$500 for a total of 8 hours in the fall 2011.

Tamara Gesario	Math	Mathletics/First in Math
Kevin Jennings	Technology/Science	Crazy Contraptions
Louis Waibel	Science	My Life is Fish
Joni Jasterzbski	Art	Creative Crafts
Judy Szybist	Music	D-R-U-M-agination

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following After-School Enrichment Cluster Facilitator Parent volunteer for the fall 2011 session:

Marcie Wallace – Yoga for Kids

Finance

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed check list(s) in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$3,820.96	Vendor Check	September 1, 2011
\$973,687.00	Vendor Check	September 9, 2011

Public comment

- No-idling signs in front of schools and enforcing the no-idling
- School supplies that are purchased by parents
- GPA scores are now on the report cards
- Summer homework has made great strides and has been dramatically improved
- AP scores
- Forest outdoor building appearance
- Technology in the curriculum
- Additional state aid
- Student activity fee

The Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**