

**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 27, 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 Jewett, Acting Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl A. Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, two members of the press and 9 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

**Presentation: Curriculum**

Elizabeth Jewett – Acting Superintendent/Director of Instructional Studies  
Nicole Santora – Supervisor of Math & Science K-12  
Gina Venezia – Supervisor of Special Services K-12

**Committee Report**

**Finance**

- 6 out of district placements that were not budgeted amounts to \$275,000.
- Upside/Downside of the current budget will be discussed at the next Board Meeting
- Finance committee may recommend using all the additional state aid towards this year's special education budget

**Discussion**

- Change in Board Meeting of October 25<sup>th</sup> to November 1. Then the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting would be November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Community Resources Committee will meet with the town council. Recommendation from the state that Boards meet with the council to discuss shared services.
- The Board has selected a Superintendent Candidate. References are being checked. The Board is looking for volunteers to go on a site visit to the Candidate's district.
- Mr. Unis attended an Intermediate Bargaining Training presented by NJ School Boards Association.
- Both the VEA and VAA contracts are up this year to be negotiated for the next three school years.

**Superintendent Report**

- Writers workshop training across the district
- District wide UBD training October 7
- Verona High School Seniors, Filip Babalievsky, Patrick Sullivan and Heather Sweeney have been named semi-finalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Next week is "Week of Respect" as required by the new state requirements for Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- Violence Awareness week is the week of October 17
- VHS stage floor is complete

**Resolutions**

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-30**

**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  
Confidential Meeting

September 13, 2011  
September 20, 2011

**Personnel Resolutions**

- #2 RESOLVED** that the Board rescind **Amy Heckel** as Glee Club Advisor for Verona High School for the 2011-2012 school year.
- #3 RESOLVED** that the Board rescind **Lindsey Lagan** as Magazine (Messenger) Advisor for HBW for the 2011-2012 school year.
- #4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Jennifer Kleinknecht** as Magazine (Messenger) Advisor at a stipend of \$2,178 for the 2011-2012 school year.
- #5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Robert Cashill** as Film Club Advisor at a stipend of \$339.00 for the 2011-2012 school year.
- #6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Jon-Eric Burgess** as volunteer Chess Club Advisor for the 2011-2012 school year.
- #7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the substitute nurse rate be raised from \$85.00 per day to \$105.00 per day effective for the 2011-2012 school year.
- #8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve maternity leave of absence for **Dana Ahmuty** (VHS/English) to begin on or before January 13, 2012 returning on September 1, 2012.
- #9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Kristina Ellenbogen** for maternity leave replacement for Lauren Till at Brookdale Avenue School, BA+30 /Step 2 at a rate of \$254.20 per diem to begin on or before October 4, 2011 through February 15, 2012.
- #10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Winter Coaches for the 2011-2012 school year. (attached)

#11 **RESOLVED** that the Board rescind and approve the following stipend amounts for **Betty Hou**, Advisor of Mandarin Club and Mandarin Honor Society for the 2011-2012 school year.

<u>Rescind</u>	<u>Approve</u>
\$366	\$415

#12 **RESOLVED** that the Board accept the resignation of **Deborah L. Sauter**, Technology Facilitator, Brookdale, F.N. Brown effective September 21, 2011.

#13 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following **Substitute Teachers, Substitute Nurse, Permanent Teacher Aides, Substitute Lunch Aide, Substitute Aides, Substitute Secretary** for the 2011-2012 school year.

Substitute Teachers					
Sub Last Name	First	Certificate	College	Degree	Experience
Albanese	Antionette	STD-Health/PE	Montclair State Univ.	BA	Teacher
Brick	Cheryl	K-12 County	Marietta Col OH	BA	Substituting

Sub Nurse					
Nurse Last Name	First	Certification	Degree	College	Experience
Wallden	Lynn	School Nurse	RN-BSN	Christ Hsp-StPeters NJ	Nursing

**Permanent Teacher Aide**

Stacey Perri  
Virginia Scanlon

**Substitute Teacher Aide**

Cynthia Johnston  
Julianna Thierry

**Substitute Secretary**

Paula Borgese-Basile

**Substitute Lunch Aide**

Paula Borgese-Basile

**Curriculum**

- #14 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following book for VHS English Department for the 2011-2012 school year.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
<i>This Boy's Life</i>	Tobias Wolff

- #15 **RESOLVED** that the Board authorizes the submission of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) application for Fiscal Year 2012 and accepts the grant award of \$24,010.

- #16 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve a revised curriculum for the following courses for the 2011-2012 school year:

Preschool  
 Math, Kindergarten  
 Math, Grade 1  
 Math, Grade 2  
 Algebra I, Grade 7, Grade 8, College Prep  
 College Algebra & Trigonometry  
 Pre-Calculus & CP/Honors  
 AP Statistics  
 English I CP  
 English II CP  
 English III CP  
 Physics CP  
 Social Studies, Grade 6  
 Social Studies, Grade 7

**Special Education**

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

<u>Student#</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Hrs/Wk Duration</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
#071793	VHS	12	5hrs/wk 6-8 wks	9/23/11
#041497	New Beginnings	9	10hrs/wk 4-6 wks	9/12/11

- #18 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve contract with **Patricia Lynch** to serve as a substitute Child Study Team LDT-C for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Finance Resolutions**

**#19 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>
\$652,839.69	Vendor Check	September 23, 2011

**#20 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2011-2012 budget for:

**July, 2011**

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

**July, 2011**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, that as of July 31, 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).

**#22 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month:

**July, 2011**

**#23 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2011-2012 budget for:

**August, 2011**

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

**August, 2011**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, that as of August 31, 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).

- #25 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month:  
**August, 2011**
- #26 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the use of \$75,000 of additional state aid for the 11-12 budget year.
- #27 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Brown & Brown as broker of record for the dental plan.
- #28 RESOLVED** that the Verona Board of Education rescind the **Non-Resident Tuition Rates** approved on June 14, 2011 and approve the following **Non-Resident Tuition Rates** for the 2011-2012 school year.

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>2011-2012 TUITION</u>
Elementary LSS Class Learning Disabled	\$26,080
Verona Preschool Program (Half-Day)	\$12,851
Verona Preschool Program LSS Class (Full-Day)	\$21,109
<u>EXTENDED-YEAR PROGRAM - (20 days)</u>	
Elementary LSS Class	\$3,872
Learning Disabled	\$2,898
Verona Preschool Program (Half-Day)	\$1,428
Verona Preschool Program LSS Class (Full-Day)	\$2,345
<u>REGULAR NON-RESIDENT</u>	
Kindergarten (1/2 day)	\$3,500
Grades 1-8	\$5,634
Grades 9-12	\$6,395

EMPLOYEE RATE - Board Policy, non-resident tuition for Verona Public School Employees is 20% of the cost of Regular Non-Resident tuition.

Kindergarten (1/2 day)	\$700
Grades 1-8	\$1,127
Grades 9-12	\$1,279

- #29 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Elizabeth Jewett, Cheryl Nardino, and Joseph Bellino to attend the New Jersey School Board Workshop and Exposition, in Atlantic City, NJ on October 24-October 26, 2011.

Group Registration \$750.00  
Cost per person:  
Lodging \$109 October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
Meals and Incidentals \$66.00 per diem  
Mileage \$79.80 roundtrip

### **PERSONNEL RESOLUTION**

- #30 RESOLVED** that the Board approve a medical leave of absence for Joe Cerretta, Head Custodian at Forest Avenue School, effective September 26, 2011 for a minimum of two months.

**Public comment**-None

### **Good of the Order**

- Mr. Bellino would like a resolution passed to thank the crossing guard who was hit by a car for his service to this district.
- Mr. Bellino discussed a letter to the editor regarding property values/taxes vs. the positives as to why he moved to Verona. Despite the high property taxes, this resident feels it is worth it.
- Mr. Bellino discussed a meeting in 1968, whereby the Board of Education bused in students from Newark. The experiment lasted one year. Approximately 1,000 residents attended the meeting. He brought this up because he noticed in the paper that a particular Board Member from that year sold his house in Verona.
- Mr. Bellino brought up the “no-idling” at the district schools. Although the policing of the issue is difficult, Mr. Bellino wanted to stress that it is an important issue and he feels it does work.
- Resident approached the podium and spoke on the intent and importance of the “no-idling” movement.

**The Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl A. Nardino**  
**Board Secretary**