

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on January 5, 2016 in the Verona High School Media Center at 6:59 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Quattrocchi, President. A statement was made that the meeting had been properly advertised in the designated newspapers and the agendas were posted at the appropriate locations.

The following members of the Board were present: Mr. John Quattrocchi, President, Mr. James Day, Mrs. Lisa Freschi and Mr. Michael Unis. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Approximately thirty citizens were present. Two members of the press were present.

Reporting of Election Results

- On November 3th the School Board election was held to fill two seats each with a three year term
- 1,316 votes were cast which was a 13% turnout
- Total votes cast were:
 - 760 for Mr. John Quattrocchi
 - 409 for Mrs. Joanna Breitenbach
 - And 783 for Mrs. Michele Bernardino
 - There were 15 write-in votes

Swearing in of Board Members

Ms. Nardino called for a nomination for the position of Board President. Mr. Day nominated Mr. Quattrocchi. Ms. Nardino called for any other nominations. There were none. All Board Members were in favor.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Quattrocchi, Board President.

Mr. Quattrocchi called for a nomination for the position of Board Vice President. Mr. Unis nominated Mrs. Freschi. Mr. Quattrocchi called for any other nominations. All Board Members were in favor.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations-

Josh Cogdill, Tom Lancaster and Charlie Miller- AP Scholar Awards

Superintendent's Report

- AP Presentation Recognition
- PARCC Update
- Music Room Update
- VHS Traffic Safety
- Field Update

Committees

Athletics

- Weight Room upgrades – room will be painted. 1st phase of renovation
- New gym bleachers - bleachers are in use
- Wrestling locker room – work orders placed for repairs
- Track record boards – Record board will be updated
- Backboard edge guards replaced
- Access to gym is through the hs main entrance

Community Resources

- Field planning January 12, 2016
- Traffic pattern continues to be looked at
- Superintendent meeting with new town manager

Buildings and Grounds

- Energy Savings Improvement Project (ESIP) update
- Soil moving – foundation to be completed in Spring
- New projects – Working on renovation of fitness center and HBW Science lab renovations
- Retirement – Mr. Anthony Carsillo – Head Custodian - VHS

Education/Special Education

- Science Pilot: Grades 1-8 2nd cycle in Elementary and HBW
- Expecting PSAT 11 results early January 2015, PSAT 9-10 for all students in February. Will use PSAT results with VHS scheduling this year
- New courses for 16-17
 - AP Micro/Macro
 - Business Law
 - AP Art 2-D, 3-D, or studio Art
 - TED VHS Courses will be redesigned
 - Financial Literacy will stay in grade 9
- 8th grade orientation in late January
- Posting for VHS Nurse
- CHILD – next meeting January 11 – brainstorming session on Workshops
- Aides – January workshops for aides because of Title 1 on Teacher Assistant Proposal
- Resignation of District Behaviorist/Posting for new Behaviorist
- Transportation

Discussion Items- 2016-2017 school calendar. VAA contract percentage settlement for 2015-2018 is 2.18%, 2.55% and 2.1%.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions have been recommended by the Superintendent to the Board of Education:

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-21**

Moved by: Mrs. Freschi Seconded by: Mr. Day

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting December 8, 2015

BOARD RENEWAL RESOLUTIONS

#2 RESOLVED that the Verona Board of Education approve the establishment of the following Board of Education Committees. Appointments to the Committees will be made by the Board President:

- Buildings and Grounds - James Day/Michael Unis
- Finance - John Quattrocchi/Lisa Freschi
- Education – John Quattrocchi/Michelle Bernardino
- Community Resources - Michael Unis/Lisa Freschi
- Athletics & Co-Curricular - James Day/Michele Bernardino

PERSONNEL

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2015-2016 school year:

3.1 Substitutes

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Walt Brandt	Spec. Svcs.	Teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 15-16
Melanie Majette	Spec. Svcs.	Teacher aide	\$12.25/hr.	Education	SY 15-16
Marianne Cullen	District	Sub nurse	\$175/day	Education	SY 15-16
Allison Provenzano	VHS	Leave replacement extension	\$235/day	Education	1/4/16 - TBD

Louis Capurso	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 15-16
Robert Tobey	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 15-16
Victor DiSanzo	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 15-16
Elena Ripa	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 15-16
John Buonassissi	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 15-16

3.2 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Sandy Shumar	Spec. Svcs.	Behavior Analyst	resignation	2/15/2016

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve 5 additional personal illness days for employee **#42817403**.
- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the VAA contract dated July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.
- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Jason Calo** - Athletic Trainer to attend the following conferences:

Eastern Athletic Trainers Convention in Boston, Mass.
 January 8 - 11, 2016

Meals	\$178.50
Hotel	\$550.00
Mileage	\$166.78
Registration	<u>\$230.00</u>
Total	\$1,125.28

Concussion Seminar at NYU, New York, NY

Registration	\$250.00
Mileage	<u>\$ 16.00</u>
Total	\$266.00

- #7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve an extended medical leave for **employee #83498683** from January 4, 2016 to an undetermined date.

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

- #8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Statistical Report for the month of November 2015.

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached revised 2016-2017 District School Calendar.

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Home Instructor:

Name
Consuelo Ruiz

#11 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Student Home Instruction:

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
102697	VHS	12	10 hrs.wk./6-8 weeks	12/11/2015
20899	VHS	11	10 hrs.wk./4-6 weeks	12/11/2015
60304	Out of District Placement	5	10 hrs.wk./4-6 weeks	1/19/2016
41400	VHS	10	10 hrs.wk./1 week	1/4/2016

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Student Observers:

Name	School	School/teacher/Grade	Duration	Hours/ days	Assignment
Kelly Ackerson	East Stroudsburg Univ.	BRK/Betcher/Speech	1/6/16-1/15/16	5 hours	Student Observer
Andrea Mau	State Univ. of Suny Fredonia	HBW/Halpern/ Michalowski/Music	1/6/16-1/29/16	25 hours	Student Observer

REFERENDUM

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve Edge Property Maintenance change order #5 for the VHS music addition in the amount of \$2,794.88.

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve Edge Property Maintenance change order #6 for the VHS music room repairs in the amount of \$7,738.27.

FINANCE

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve a donation of paint for the fitness center at Verona High School from Richard DiGeronimo of Red Star Paint and Decorating Center valued at \$1,178.

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve the enclosed checklist in the following amount:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$2,844.459.29	Vendor Checks	Dec. 31, 2015

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2015-2016 budget for:

November, 2015

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

November, 2015

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of November 30, 2015 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund, has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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

November, 2015

#20 RESOLVED that the Board approve Phoenix Advisors, LLC as the Continuing Disclosure Agent in the amount of \$850 as per the attached resolution.

#21 RESOLVED that the Board approve Our Lady of the Lake's request to spend their 2015-2016 Security Aid Entitlement in the amount of \$5,625 for security, equipment and technology upgrades. (per the attached.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**