

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 15, 2016 in the Verona High School Media Center at 6:59 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice 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: Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice President, Mrs. Michele Bernardino and Mr. Michael Unis. Mr. John Quattrocchi, President and Mr. James Day were absent. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Approximately fifteen citizens were present. No members of the press were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations- Julia Harth and students at HBW presented their Technology Engineering and Design Program

Superintendent's Report

- Comprehensive Equity Plan
- Congratulations to Mrs. Young and the students
- Field progress report
- Teacher observations, and evaluations and student growth objectives

Committees

Athletics- None

Community Resources- None

Buildings and Grounds

- Field bidding calendar
- ESIP project is coming to completion
- There will not be any summer programs at VHS
- Power was down at VHS last week mid-day through dismissal
- Sewer line from VHS to corner of Sampson and Grove Avenues

Education/Special Education

- Mr. Mauriello working closing with C.H.I.L.D. in organizing programs for parents
- Pre-school program model
- Redesigning VHS classes per state requirements
- VFEE grant for HBW TED program
- PARCC preliminary sample testing next week. This will also test the wireless network and the chromebooks.
- Bell schedule will remain the same for next year as choir is worked into the school day
- State of NJ graduation requirements

Finance

- Discussed 16-17 budget

Discussion Items- Public Budget Meeting approved for March 22 at 8pm

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-25**

Moved by: Mr. Unis

Seconded by: Mrs. Bernardino

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting February 23, 2016

PERSONNEL

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

2.1 Substitutes

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Cheryl Knapp	Elementary	Lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 15-16
Barbara Abendschoen	Elementary	Lunch aide	\$12.50/hr.	Education	SY 15-16
Leanore Sparno	District	Sub teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 15-16
AnnaMaria Fabiano	Spec. Svcs.	Sub teacher aide	\$14.40/hr.	Education	SY 15-16
Sandra Hamel	Spec. Svcs.	Sub teacher aide	\$14.40/hr.	Education	SY 15-16
Ruth Ruiz	Spec. Svcs.	Sub teacher aide	\$14.40/hr.	Education	SY 15-16
Barbarito, Lisa	District	Sub nurse	\$175/hr.	Education	SY 15-16

2.2 Leave of Absence

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or before
Jennifer Kirby	2nd Grade Teacher	Laning	Maternity Leave extension	5/22/16	9/1/2017
Kirpa Chohan	HBW	Math teacher	Marriage	May 20, 23, 26 2016	3 days with pay with the cost of a substitute to be deducted
Coreen Onnembo	HBW	Social Studies Teacher	Marriage	April 11-12, 2016	2 days with pay with the cost of a substitute to be deducted

2.3 Retirement

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
Karen Castaldo	3rd grade teacher	Forest	Retirement	rescind 7/1/16 approve 10/1/16

2.4 Resignations

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective
Kristi Geist	VHS	Math Teacher	Resignation	4/24/2016
Laura Schiffenhaus	FOR	Part Time Nurse	Resignation	5/1/2016
Lauren Santaniello	HBW	MLOA - English	Resignation	5/10/16

2.5 Volunteer

Name	LOCATION	REASON
Noel Piercy	HBW	Volunteer - Play

2.6 Personal Illness Without Pay

Name	Location	Date/s	Reason	Notes
42817403	VHS	3/11/2016	Personal Illness	Without pay

- #3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following staff to attend Professional Development AP Computer Science Principles:

Name	School	Course	Cost	School Year
Danielle Mutovic	VHS	AP Computer Science Principles	\$704.56	2015-16

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Danielle Mutovic**, VHS Math teacher to attend CS50 Computer Harvard AP Computer Science Principles, Chevy Chase, MD:

Hotel \$130 x 2 nights	\$260.00
Mileage .31 x 458	\$141.98
Meals	<u>\$138.00</u>
Total	\$539.98

- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Gina Ballinger** to issue working papers during the 2015-2016 school year.

- #6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Linda Barone** for a 6th class at Verona High School, at a salary of \$15,996.60 prorated from February 29, 2016 to June 17, 2016. Total amount \$6,398.64.

- #7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve 5 additional Personal Illness days for employee **#61811519**.

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

- #8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve to establish a Preschool Disabilities Special Education program in accordance with the attached documentation.

- #9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve to establish a Learning/Language Disabilities Mild/Moderate Special Education program in accordance with the attached documentation.
- #10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached ESEA Accountability Action Plan - 2015 Participation Rate.
- #11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Howard Freund** as Assistant VSEA Program Director at a stipend of \$6,000.
- #12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

12.1 Student Home Instruction

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
82102	HBW	8	10 hrs./week/4-6 weeks	2/9/2016
151321	VHS	12	10 hrs./week/2 weeks	3/7/2016
271199	LAN	1	10 hrs./week/2-4 weeks	3/14/16

12.2 Student Observers

Name	School	School/teacher/Grade	Duration	Hours/days	Assignment
Herb Forsberg	MSU	FNB/Force/4th grade	3/16-4/29/16	3 hrs.	Student Observer
Helen Silberman	MSU	FNB/Orsini/Kdg.	3/16-4/29/16	3 hrs.	Student Observer

- #13 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent's presentation of HIB report as follows:

HIB Case	
2/23/2016	VHS#23584
2/23/2016	VHS#23705
2/23/2016	HBW#23703
2/23/2016	HBW#23726

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached Director of Athletics and Special Programs job description.

#15 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following videos/books:

Name	Course	Rating	Location
Internet Bullies	Advisory classes	NR	HBW
What's Respect?	Advisory classes	NR	HBW
Got Empathy?	Advisory classes	NR	HBW
Planting the seeds of Peace: Exploring and Celebrating our Differences	Advisory classes	NR	HBW
Achee, Chinua, Things Fall Apart ISBN-10:0385474547 ISBN- 13:978-0385474542	AP World History		VHS
Coetzee, J.M. Waiting for the Barbarians: A Novel, ISBN- 10:014006110X ISBN-13:978- 0140061109	AP World History		VHS
Kingsolver, Barbara, The Poisonwood Bible, ISBN- 10:0061577073 ISBN-13:978- 0061577079	AP World History		VHS
Myers, Tamar, The Witch Doctor's Wife ISBN-10:0061727830 ISBN- 13:978-0061727832	AP World History		VHS
Paton, Alan, Cry, the Beloved Country, ISBN-13:978-0743262170 ISBN-10-0743262174	AP World History		VHS

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve to request county approval to waive the district from participation in the 2016-2017 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) due to the district's estimated low eligibility rate.

#17 RESOLVED that the Board approve for an out-of-district placement for Student #200176 at Cornerstone Day School at the tuition rate of \$363 per day for 63 days for a total of \$22,869 for the remainder of the 2016-2016 school year beginning on or about 4/1/16.

#18 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached District Statistical Report for the month of February 2016.

#19 RESOLVED that the Board approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations (see attached):

P2320 - Option II

P1140 - Affirmative Action Program

R1510 - Rights of Persons with Handicaps or Disabilities - Non-Discrimination

R1530 - Equal Employment Opportunity Complaint Procedure

R1550 - Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices Complaint Procedure

R2200 - Curriculum Content

R2260 - Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices Complaint Procedure

R2411 - Guidance and Counseling

CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

#20 TABLED RESOLVED that the Board approve the following stipend position:

Name	Position	School	Stipend	Term of Employment
Fran Young	Musical Director	VHS	\$1,000	SY 15-16

#21 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

21.1 Field trips

Name of Chaperone	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
Heather Kunkel, Marisa Albano	HBW	Student Council/ Walking Tour- Philadelphia, PA	6/7/2016
Kathleen Smith	HBW	The Museum of Natural History, NY, NY	6/13/2016
Chris Tamburro	VHS	Euro Challenge/New York, NY	3/14/2016
Christine Sepcie	VHS	Fed Challenge/New York, NY	3/16/2016

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

#22 RESOLVED that the Board approve to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification Program. (see attached)

FINANCE

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

January, 2016

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

January, 2016

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of **January 31, 2016** 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.

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

January, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**