

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on April 12, 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 , Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Vice President, Mrs. Michele Bernardino and Mr. Michael Unis. Mr. James Day were absent. Also present were Mr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Presentations-

- Richard Rampolla, Principal, Brookdale Avenue School- Brookdale 4th Grade Students - Astro Nova Dance Program
- Joseph Trause - Facilities Manager - Referendum Update

Superintendent's Report

- Lou Racioppe Receives NJ Top 100 Football Coach of the Year (North) Award
- Mark Riggio/Sam Cummings named to NJ Top 100 HS Football Players
- Frank Gabriele & Mark Riggio finished in top 16 wrestlers in NJ
- Mark Riggio-100 career wins 4th wrestler in VHS history
- Ice Hockey won McGinnis Cup-divisional championship, qualified for state playoffs won first round and lost to Ramsey
- Boys basketball won N1G1, lost to University in state playoffs
- District calendar 2017-18 BOE approval in May
- Verona Police Department will not be present at Prom, Project Graduation-
 - i. Chief Stern said it is a jurisdictional issue
 - ii. Expense to be added to cost of prom/project graduation tickets to students/parents
- Lead water testing is being performed by the township
- Field project bid opening 4/21
- Orton Gillingham progress
- PARCC testing
- Budget presentation on 4/26/16

Committees

Athletics-None

Buildings and Grounds

- Reviewed tonight's presentation

Education/Special Education

- C.H.I.L.D fundraiser
- Student growth objectives are now being calculated by principals and supervisors for some teachers
- Met with the HBW teachers on the new science program
- Grades 9&10 students sat for PSAT February 24, awaiting the results, will use results with scheduling
- PARCC will begin the Tuesday after spring break 3rd grade
- Approving policies
- Approve staffing
- Substitute calling system in place and began without any glitches

Community Resources

- Website design
- Friday folder

Finance

- 3.08% tax levy increase. Using banked cap of \$139,367 and health care adjustment of \$185,889.
- Reviewed comp group data
- Tax impact to homeowner and increase of approx. \$180 per year

Discussion Items- None

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve **Resolutions #1-14**

Moved by: Mrs. Bernardino Seconded by: Mrs. Freschi

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting March 29, 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	Notes
Cheryl Buzby	VHS	MLOA Guidance Counselor	\$260/day	Education	9/1/16-6/30/17	Repl. K. Grant
Stephen Wilson	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 15-16	
Robert Brawley	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 15-16	
Karolina Siwek	VHS	Sub Teacher	\$260/day	Education	SY 15-16	
Adriana Webster	District	Sub Nurse	\$175/day	Education	SY 15-16	
Justin Bruso	District	Sub Teacher	\$85/day	Education	SY 15-16	
Paula Petrucelli	Spec. Svcs.	Sub Teacher Aide	\$14.40/hr.	Education	SY 15-16	
LeeAnne Fusaro	HBW	MLOA 7th Grade English Teacher	\$235/day	Education	4/13-6/17/16	Repl. L. Lagan/L. Santinello
Joseph Russo	HBW	MLOA 5th Grade Science Teacher	\$235/day	Education	4/13-6/17/16	Repl. C. Gasalberti

2.2 Leave of Absence

Name	Location	Date/s	Reason	Notes
61745147	HBW	4/1/2016	Personal Business	without pay

#3 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Frank Mauriello** to attend the 34th Annual Spring Leadership conference/NJASA in Atlantic City, NJ on May 11-13, 2016:

Registration:	\$525.00
Hotel:	\$238.00
Travel: .31 x 252.40	<u>\$ 78.24</u>
Tolls: TBD	
Total	\$841.24

EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Superintendent’s presentation of HIB report as follows:

HIB Case	
3/29/2016	VHS24511
3/29/2016	VHS24394
3/29/2016	HBW24408

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve to enter into a contract for student transportation with the parents of Student #150830, who is in an out-of-district placement. (see attached)

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve to contract with Kaleidoscope Education Solutions for a MLOA Speech/Language Specialist from 4/25/16 – 6/10/16 for 3 days per week, 6.5 hours per day for a total not to exceed \$13,500.

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

7.1 Student Home Instruction

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
180910	VHS	10	10 hrs./6-8 wks.	3/24/2016

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following curriculum:

- Revised 2016 Curriculum Overview Advanced Art II & III
- Revised 2016 Curriculum Overview Ceramics & Mosaics I & II
- Revised Drawing, Painting and Collage I & II
- AP Human Geography Scope & Sequence

AP World History Scope & Sequence
English Grade 7 Scope & Sequence
Grade 7 Social Studies Scope & Sequence
Psych Scope & Sequence
Spanish IV Honors Scope & Sequence
Speech Arts Scope & Sequence

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve the second reading of the following policy:

P2320 - Option 2

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the recommendation to close the Verona Public Schools on Friday, May 27, 2016 based on 2 remaining snow days.

FINANCE

#11 RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve approve the tentative 2016-2017 School Budget for submission to the County Superintendent of Schools for approval, using the 2016-2017 state aid figures in the amount of:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenues</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016-17 Total				
Expenditures	\$ 32,800,311	\$ 855,596	\$ 3,559,388	\$ 37,215,295
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>\$ 1,833,911</u>	<u>\$ 855,596</u>	<u>\$ 688,373</u>	<u>\$ 3,377,880</u>
Taxes to be Raised	\$ 30,966,400	\$-0-	\$ 2,871,015	\$ 33,837,415

Resolved, that the Verona Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$185,889. The additional funds are included in the base budget and will be used to pay for the additional increase in health benefits.

Resolved that the Verona Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and has increased the base budget in the amount of \$139,367 for the purpose of new science program and purchase of chromebooks and said purpose will be completed by June 2017.

ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS

REFERENDUM

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve Edge Property Maintenance change order #9 for underpinning a support column at the VHS music room addition due to unsuitable soil per the attached, at a cost of \$21,903.81.

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve Askari Construction as the lowest bidder for the masonry repairs at Brookdale, Forest, HBW and VHS schools in the amount of \$249,786.

PERSONNEL

#14 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations:

Name	Location	Class/Course	Salary	Terms of Employment on or about	Notes
Rich Wertz	VHS	Pre-Calculus CP - Period 1	\$78.83 per diem	4/25/16 - 5/27/16	Repl. K. Geist
Robert Cashill	VHS	Pre-Calculus Honors - Period 2	\$80.56 per diem	4/25/16 - 5/27/16	Repl. K. Geist
Ken Treitler	VHS	Pre-Calculus CP - Period 3	\$103.13 per diem	4/25/16 - 5/27/16	Repl. K. Geist
Danielle Pico	VHS	Algebra II CP - Period 5	\$92.46 per diem	4/25/16 - 5/27/16	Repl. K. Geist
Danielle Mutovic	VHS	Algebra II CP - Period 6	\$70.46 per diem	4/25/16 - 5/27/16	Repl. K. Geist
Name	Location	Course	Salary	Terms of Employment on or about	
Stacey Smith	VHS	ELA	\$103.27 per diem	4/18/16-5/13/16	
Jon Thai	VHS	Math	\$59.92 per diem	4/18/16-5/13/16	

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl A. Nardino
Board Secretary**