

## PUBLIC MEETING

March 26, 2019

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 26, 2019 in the Verona High School Media Center at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Cheryl Nardino. 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, President, Mr. Glenn Elliott, Vice-President, Mr. Timothy Alworth, Mr. James Day, and Mrs. Pamela Priscoe. Also present were Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Approximately fourteen citizens were present. One member of the press was present.

### Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

#### Presentation

- Dr. Anthony Lanzo, Principal, F. N. Brown School, Scott Watkins, Physical Education Teacher, F. N. Brown Students, JDRF - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

#### Superintendent's Report

- Referendum Update
- DOE Bid Exemption HBW Locker Room Wall-We received county approval not requiring going out to bid since the estimate because it is an emergency repair.
- Field Hockey Negotiations Update

#### Committees

##### Finance

- 2019-2020 Budget

#### Discussion Items

- Board self-evaluation

### RESOLUTIONS

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve Resolutions #1-13

**Moved by: Mr. Elliott**

**Seconded by: Mr. Day**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meetings

March 12, 2019

## PERSONNEL

- #2 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2018-2019 school year:

### **2.1 New Hires**

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
<b>Elizabeth DeStefano</b>	District	Sub Secretary	\$90/per diem	Education	SY 18-19
<b>Rachel Weary</b>	District	Sub Nurse	\$175/per diem	Education	SY 18-19

### **2.2 Leave of Absence**

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about
<b>#102789</b>	Maternity Leave of Absence	Sept. 2, 2019	Nov. 25, 2019
<b>#100413</b>	Medical Leave of Absence	Mar. 25, 2019	Apr. 8, 2019

## EDUCATION

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

HIB Case
VHS197534
VHS198327

- #4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve **Robert Merkler** as the School Safety Specialist for the Verona School District for school year 2019-2020.
- #5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve students from North Star High School in Newark, NJ to participate in academic programs at Verona High School as part of a collaborative exchange program with VHS students and staff for the 2018-19 academic year.

**#6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

**6.1 Exchange Student**

Student ID #	School	Grade	Begin Date/End Date
#213000	VHS	11	Sept. 4, 2019 - June 19, 2020

**6.2 VFEE Grant**

Grant Recipients	School	Name of Grant	Grant #	Amount of Grant
Christopher Tamburro	VHS	Crime Scene Investigations for Students	2019-03	\$6,630

**6.3 Student Observers**

Name	School	School/Teacher/Grade	Duration	Assignment
Jacquelyn Carsillo	FDU	FOR/Gesario/4th Grade	10 days/May 13 - May 31, 2019	Student Observer
Yaritza Martinez	BCC	LAN/Samples/3rd Grade	10 hrs./Mar. 27 - May 15, 2019	Student Observer
Megan Flood	MSU	HBW/Smith/English	35 hrs./Mar. 27 - May 15, 2019	Student Observer
Daniel Mazziotta	Caldwell University	HBW/Various Teachers/ Social Studies	60 hrs./Mar. 27 - May 15, 2019	Student Observer

**#7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the second reading of the following policy and regulation:

P&R 2340 Field Trips (Update)

**#8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the Verona Board of Education and the VEA for the position of Varsity Field Hockey Coach and Assistant Field Hockey Coach.

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the revised following Curriculum:

- VHS Art (Advanced Art II and III,  
Ceramics and Mosaics I and II,  
Drawing, Painting & Collage I and II)
- HBW Art (Grades 5-8)
- Elementary Art (K-4)

**#10 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached District Statistical Report for the month of February 2019.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#11 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

#### **11.1 Student Home Instruction**

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
#282059	LAN	2	10 hrs./wk./4-6 wks.	March 22, 2019

### **ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR**

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

#### **12.1 Stipend**

Name	School	Stipend	Position	Employment Date
Elissa Freda	LAN	\$750	Conflict Resolution Facilitator	SY 18-19

#### **12.2 Field Trip**

Name of Chaperones	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
Bob Maher	VHS	Model UN/New York, NY	Mar. 30, 31, 2019
Taylor DeMaio	VHS	Broadcast Journalism/ New York, NY	April 11, 2019

### 12.3 Coaches

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment	Notes
Connor McCann	VHS	Volunteer Baseball	NA	SY 18-19	
Brandon Adler	VHS	JV Girls Lacrosse	\$4,016 (prorated)	SY 18-19	
Christina Fabiano	VHS	Volunteer Girls Lacrosse	NA	SY 18-19	
Jon Thai	VHS	Varsity Boys Tennis	\$9,451	SY 18-19	
Matt Swajkowski	VHS	JV Boys Tennis	\$6,458	SY 18-19	
Barbara Erickson	VHS	JV Girls Lacrosse	\$1,006 (prorated)	SY 18-19	Mar. 1 - Mar. 13, 2019
Brian Erickson	VHS	Girls Lacrosse Assistant	NA	SY 18-19	Resignation March. 14, 2019
Barbara Erickson	VHS	JV Girls Lacrosse		SY 18-19	Resignation March 14, 2019

### FINANCE

**#13 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the final 2019-2020 School Budget and using the 2019-2020 state aid figures in the amount of:

Fund	General Revenues	Special Service	Debt Total	
<u>2019-2020 Total</u>				
Expenditures	\$36,457,053	\$1,193,045	\$3,643,163	\$41,293,261
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ 2,206,622	\$1,193,045	\$ 474,447	\$ 3,874,114
Taxes to be Raised	\$34,250,431	-0-	\$3,168,716	\$37,419,147

BE IT RESOLVED that the Verona Board of Education includes in the tentative budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$143,080. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Verona Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for increased costs in health benefits in the amount of \$100,884. The additional funds are included in the base budget and will be used to pay for the additional increase in health benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Verona Board of Education includes in the proposed budget a withdrawal from capital reserve in the amount of \$114,000. The purpose for this withdrawal is to fund excess costs associated with the 2014 referendum.

**#14 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the travel expenditures maximum of \$10,000 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3.

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$39,321.28	Cafeteria Checks	March 14, 2019
\$1,444,444.52	Vendor Checks	March 22, 2019

**#16 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2018-2019 budget for:

February, 2019

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

February, 2019

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of February 28, 2018 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.

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

February, 2019

**#19 RESOLVED** that the Board approve participation in the Morris Essex Insurance Group for a period of 3 years beginning July 1, 2019 per the attached.

**#20 RESOLVED** that the Board approve a donation of \$5,350 from the Verona Junior Wrestling for the purchase of a wrestling scoreboard for the small gym at Verona High School.

**ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS**  
**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

**#1 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve an emergency repair to the exterior HBW boys locker room wall.

**#2 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Chalet Construction Corporation in the amount of \$64,200 for the repair to the exterior HBW boys locker room wall.

**CO-CURRICULAR**

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year:

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
Christopher Haines	Tabletop Games Design	HBW	Trial Basis	SY 18-19

**FINANCE**

**#4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve a donation from the Laning SCA in the amount of \$12,845 for the installation and additional playground equipment at Laning Avenue School.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl A. Nardino  
Board Secretary