**PUBLIC MEETING August 30, 2022**

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on August 30, 2022 at 7:13 p.m.**

**The meeting was called to order by Jorge Cruz, Board Secretary.**

**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, Mrs. Pamela Priscoe, Vice President, Mr. Christopher Wacha, Mr. Jim Day, and Mrs. Sara Drappi. Also present was Diane DiGiuseppe, Superintendent and Mr. Jorge Cruz, School Business Administrator.**

**There were 15 members of the public present. There were 0 members of the press present.**



CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION –6:00 pm

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA – 7:00 pm

VERONA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

August 30, 2022

1. Call to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Reading of Meeting Notice

4. Roll Call Attendance

5. Presentations - Nicholas Naturile - Director of Facilities - Update on Facilities

Jody Shipper - Grand River Solutions - Findings and Recommendations

6. Superintendent Report - Diane DiGiuseppe -

7. Business Administrator Report - Jorge Cruz -

8. Committee Reports -

* Education
* Athletics
* Facilities
* Finance

9. Public Comments on Agenda Action Items

10. Discussion Items

11. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions

12. Public Comments

Live streaming link: <https://youtu.be/MkOJTksDTIA>

The next scheduled Public Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 13, 2022** beginning with a Confidential Session at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm Public Session in the Verona High School Learning Commons.

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Reading of Meeting Notice**

This meeting is being conducted in compliance with the open meeting session that the Verona Board of Education passed a resolution at its annual reorganization meeting held on January 4, 2022. The meeting set forth the schedule of its regular meetings which resolution was within 7 days of passage. The schedule was sent to the Verona Cedar Grove Times, the Star Ledger, the Township of Verona and the VEA. Postings of this meeting setting forth the time location and agenda were posted at the Verona Board of Education Office and on the Verona Public Schools district website. The Verona Board of Education operates under a consent agenda format, any board member has the right to have an item pulled to be voted upon or discussed separately. Copies of tonight’s agenda and resolutions have been made available to the public and press.

**4. Roll Call Attendance**

Mr. Wacha \_\_X\_\_\_ Mr. Day \_\_X\_\_\_

Mrs. Drappi \_\_X\_\_\_ Mrs. Priscoe \_\_X\_\_\_

Mrs. Freschi \_\_X\_\_\_

**5. Presentations** - **Nicholas Naturile - Director of Facilities** - Update on Facilities

* Mrs. Freschi asked about insurance policy coverage for storm water drains that collapsed.
* Mrs. Drappi asked about the accessibility of the STEM lab at HBW for handicap students.
* Mr. Wacka acknowledged the curb appeal improvement throughout the district and thanked the team for their hard work this summer.

**Jody Shipper - Grand River Solutions** - Findings and Recommendations

* Mr. Wacha - agreed with the need for training on Title IX, social media, and make the trainings available to the entire district and not an individual subgroup. Recommended that the board evaluates a summary of exit interview data.
* Mr. Day - asked about the sample size of the findings and clarifying details about Restorative Justice.
* Mrs. Drappi - shared the importance of Restorative Justice practices for the district and the need to improve our HIB process. Raised concerns about the report and the use of the word “tolerance” since it has a negative connotation. The social media training need has come up in the past but we need to do better in improving participation.
* Mrs. Priscoe - shared that the VPD hosted a few social media training events but wasn’t well attended. We need to participate and ensure that we have our students participate and be kind. We also need to do better in retaining our guidance counselors and improve our vocational program offerings.
* Mrs. Freschi - thanked Mrs. Shipper for her recommendations and looks forward to working with Dr. Miller and his team to continue the work. With Mr. Wacha’s suggestion, we should take a closer look at the exit interviews to see how we can improve our staff retention.
* Mrs. DiGiuseppe - Thanked Mrs. Shipper for her work. Shared that she will continue her past practice of conducting exit interviews and collecting the data.

**6. Superintendent Report -** Diane DiGiuseppe

A lot happens over the summer in a school district, the end of June and the first two weeks

in July are usually reserved for the closeout of the propr year, and reports are filed with the

NJ Department of Education, financials are closed out and when completed, we start

planning for the next school year.

* Curriculum writing
* Preparing to open schools
  + Supplies and resources for staff to support curriculum and programs
  + Cleaning and maintenance of school buildings
  + Preparing classrooms for the next year
  + Staffing
    - The most important thing we do is staffing, research clearly shows increasing student achievement is directly related to the teacher in the classroom first and to the principal in the building second.
    - 4 categories of staff
      * Teachers
      * Other Certificated Staff - school nurses, child study teams, school counselors, school media specialists, related service providers (OT/PT/Speech and Langage)
      * Administration
      * Support Staff - administrative assistants, paraprofessionals/teacher aides, custodial and maintenance staff, cafeteria/playground aides, and substitute staff
    - We are fully staffed in the teaching and other certificated staff categories
    - We are still in need of support staff - specifically paraprofessionals and substitute staff
    - We are progressing in our search for the Director of Special Services
      * Interim Nicole Heid - 3 days per week until we can find a tenure track candidate for the Director’s position
      * Moving into 2nd round of interviews next week, have 4 quality candidates
* VHS Fall sports have started
  + Mrs. Palmmerezzi brought the following students to the Fall Leadership Summit at West Essex High School

Sean Stiefbold

Ray Chesney

Kara Dunphy

Shea Haggerty

Chris Caldera

Ian Zalewski

Brooke Reinecker

Emily Baumgard

Cassie Collucci

Amelia Niziolek

* + There were 300 students from the area at the summit, our students were chosen by their coaches for their leadership potential.

**7. Business Administrator Report** - Jorge Cruz

Good evening everyone. I have a few updates for my report tonight.

First, I would like to thank our staff for all their work behind the scene especially our Buildings & Grounds team for all their hard work in having our schools ready to receive our students and teachers next week. Thank you for raising the bar and continuing setting the expectation for excellence.

In finance, we have our final June 2022 Board Secretary, Treasurer’s, and Budget Transfers Report, and they’re all in agreement. The business office is working diligently to prepare for our 2021-22 audit, which will take place in the month of October and reported at the December board meeting.

Free/reduced lunch applications for 2022-23 were released last week. We encourage all families that qualify to submit the application. We’re encouraging all families that qualify, to submit their application. The last day to apply is September 30th.

School Bus Update: we received delivery of our small 25 passenger bus earlier this month and await the delivery of our large 54 passenger bus next week.

Referendum Update: As Mr. Naturlie reported, the HVAC project is complete and we’ll have additional details next month regarding addressing units that were omitted due to budget constraints, which will be addressed with the remaining referendum funds and federal ESSER III funding.

Lastly, we received strong responses for Request for Proposal (RFP) for two professional services. One for an architect of record and another for our banking services. We also have another RFP ad for legal services that is due tomorrow, August 31st. All three will be evaluated by a committee next month and we’ll be taking action at the September meeting.

This concludes my report for tonight. Thank you.

**8. Committee Reports**

* Education - Mrs. Drappi shared the renewal of Edmentum which is the companion system for MAPP. Discussion about replacing Marisano in the future and provide PD for teachers. Change in the calendar to add Juneteenth to the calendar, is resolution number 8 on the agenda.
* Mr. Wacha requested that resolution #8 is voted on separately.
* Athletics - Mrs. Priscoe provided an update of the fall sports. The committee also discussed the field usage and security on our fields. Also, an update on the upcoming field trips.
* Facilities - Mr. Day thanked Mr. Naturile for his; provide an update on the fixed asset and facilities utilization study. Forest Avenue Retaining wall is being reviewed to be repaired in the fall. In VHS there were five classrooms that were identified with asbestos floor tiles requiring abatement and replacing the floors. Mrs. Drappi thanked Mr. Naturlie for his efficiency and diligent work.
* Finance - Mr. Day shared two price increases. School lunch increased slightly and non-resident tuition increased by 10%.

**9. Public Comments on Agenda Action Items -** None.

**10. Discussion Items**

Mrs. Priscoe thanked all staff in returning back for the 2022-23 school year.

**11. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions**

**12. Public Comments**

Please note that the public participation portion of the meeting affords an opportunity for

the public to share thoughts and comments about school related topics. By law,

administrators and Board of Education members are not permitted to publicly discuss

personnel matters, student discipline, or other issues requiring confidentiality. While we

may not respond to comments during the meeting, all input that is shared with the Board

of Education is taken very seriously, and helps inform future deliberations and work by

the Board and its committees. Answers appear in many forms including, but not limited

to: email, Superintendent/ Committee reports, Board statements, FAQs on website, or after

public comment is closed. We appreciate and thank all members of the public for your

input.

**Denise Verzella - 130 Personette Avenue -** Raised concerns about policy#7523, and an email communication regarding the charge of $25 per student for Chromebook insurance. Requested to pull back the policy, return the fee and make it optional.

**Motion by:** \_\_\_\_Mr. Day\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_Mrs. Drappi\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1 - 40. (Exclude #8)**

Mr. Wacha \_\_X\_\_\_ Mr. Day \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Drappi \_\_X\_\_\_ Mrs. Priscoe \_\_X\_\_\_

Mrs. Freschi \_\_X\_\_\_

**Separate vote for Resolution #8**

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #8**

Mr. Wacha \_\_No\_\_\_ Mr. Day \_\_No\_\_\_

Mrs. Drappi \_\_No\_\_\_ Mrs. Priscoe \_\_No\_\_\_

Mrs. Freschi \_No\_\_\_\_

**VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**August 30, 2022**

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

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting July 19, 2022

Special Confidential Meeting August 4, 2022

**PERSONNEL**

**#2 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the following pending pre-employment

paperwork:

**2.1 New Hires**

| **Name** | **Location** | **Position** | **Salary** | **Committee** | **Term of Employment on or about** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Shea Brennan** | FNB | Leave Replacement 1st Grade | $235/per diem | Education | Sept. 6, 2022 - Jan. 25, 2023 | RESCIND |
| **Laura Pazar** | FNB | Leave Replacement Kindergarten Teacher | $235/per diem | Education | Sept. 6, 2022 - Jun. 22, 2023 | RESCIND |
| **Victoria Ramirez** | District | HIB School Specialist/Counselor | MA/Step 2/ $59,592 | Education | Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |  |
| **Caitlyn Kelly** | VHS | Library Media Specialist | MA/Step 1/ $59,087 | Education | Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |  |
| **Melanie Della Peruti** | FNB | Kindergarten | BA/Step 1/ $53,750 | Education | Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |  |
| **Francine Lambroschino** | LAN | Paraprofessional | $18,370.48 | Education | Sept. 6, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |  |
| **Peter Cantwell** | HBW | Paraprofessional | $18,370.48 | Education | Sept. 6, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |  |
| **Larissa Cocuzza** | LAN | Paraprofessional | $18,370.48 | Education | Sept. 6, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |  |
| **Trisha Hillman** | LAN | .5 Speech Language Therapist | MA/Step 10/ $35,896.50 | Education | Sept. 6, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |  |
| **Veronica Valdes** | FNB | MLOA Kindergarten | $235/per diem | Education | Sept. 6, 2022 - Jun. 22, 2023 |  |
| **Shannon King** | FOR | 4th Grade Teacher | BA/Step 7/ $59,200 | Education | Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |  |
| **Dana Camacho** | FNB | MLOA 1st Grade | $235/per diem | Education | Sept. 6, 2022 - Jan. 25, 2023 |  |
| **Frederick Carter** | VHS | Night Custodian | Step 1/ $43,772 VHS custodian stipend $965 VHS night custodian stipend $3,080 | Education | Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |  |
| **Alexandra Freitas** | Spec. Svcs. | LDT-C | MA+30/ Step 16/ $106,282 | Education | Sept. 30, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |  |

**2.2 Permanent Substitute Teachers**

| **Name** | **Location** | **Position** | **Salary** | **Committee** | **Term of Employment on or about** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Donna DiNorcia** | HBW | Permanent Sub Teacher | $125/per diem | Education | SY 22-23 |
| **Teddy Niziolek** | VHS | Permanent Sub Teacher | $125/per diem | Education | SY 22-23 |
| **Tom Reid** | VHS | Permanent Sub Teacher | $125/per diem | Education | SY 22-23 |

**2.3 Leave of Absence**

| **Name** | **Reason** | **Begin Date** | **Estimated Return Date on or about** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Joelle Dere** | Maternity Leave of Absence | Dec. 19, 2022 | Sept. 1, 2023 |

**2.4 Staff Changes**

| **Name** | **Current Location/ Position/Salary** | **New Location/ Position/Salary** | **Effective Date on or about** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Katia Pena** | VHS/Night Custodian/ $45,772  Night stipend $3,080 VHS Custodian stipend $965 | District/Floater Custodian/ $45,772 Night stipend - $3,080 | Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |
| **Lisa Hagel** | BRK/Grade 2/ $54,100 | BRK/Kindergarten/ $54,100 | Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |
| **Tamara Gesario** | FOR/4th Grade/ MA/ Step 16/ $98,317 | FNB/Elementary Math Coach/ MA/Step 16/ $98,317 | Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |
| **Kristy Mori-Gizzi** | HBW/Paraprofessional/ 5 days/18,370.48 | HBW/Paraprofessional/4 days/ $15,013.04 | Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |

**2.5 Reallocation of Days**

| **Employee #** | **Explanation** |
| --- | --- |
| **#103110** | 5 PI Days to 5 Paternity Days |

**2.6 Resignation**

| **Name** | **Location** | **Position** | **Reason** | **Effective on or About** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Christine Boyd** | LAN | Paraprofessional | resignation | Jul. 25, 2022 |
| **Marla Burns** | VHS | LDT-C | resignation | Sept. 29, 2022 |
| **Dana Mehalaris** | FNB | Paraprofessional | resignation | Jul. 26, 2022 |
| **Nicole Langan** | FNB | Paraprofessional | resignation | Jul. 29, 2022 |
| **Kevin Nugent** | HBW | Part Time Custodian | resignation | Jul. 29, 2022 |
| **Michele Cerle** | HBW | Paraprofessional | resignation | Aug. 16, 2022 |

**2.7 Summer Hours**

| **Name** | **Location** | **Days/Hours of Work** | **Rate** | **Position** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Erica Tavaglione** | VHS | 5 add'l. days | $315.93/per diem | School Counselor |
| **Rachel Garcia** | VHS | 5 add'l. days | $376.20/per diem | School Counselor |
| **Bryan Goldsman** | VHS | 5 add'l. days | $358.97/per diem | School Counselor |
| **Julia Peter** | District | 3 additional days | $516.25/per diem | Supervisor of Humanities |
| **Glen Stevenson** | District | 3 additional days | $672.24/per diem | Supervisor of STEM |

**2.8 Extra Class**

| **Name** | **Location** | **Course** | **Amount** | **Term of Employment on or about** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jenny Qin** | HBW | Mandarin | $19,369.26 | SY 22-23 |
| **Jia-Pei Hou** | VHS | Mandarin | $19,369.26 | SY-22-23 |
| **Michelle Mustardo** | HBW | Art | $10,656.54 | Sept. 7 - Nov. 15, 2022 |

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the attached list of substitute teachers,

substitute school nurses, substitute secretaries, lunch aides, substitute lunch aides, part time custodians, substitute custodians for the 2022-2023 school year.

**#4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the attached Staff Assignment list for the

2022-2023 school year.

**EDUCATION**

**#5 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent’s presentation of HIB second

reading report as follows:

| **2nd Readings** |
| --- |
| HBO233866 |
| FBS233820 |
| BAS233783 |

**#6 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the attached list of Curriculum Writing for the 22-23

school year.

**#7 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the New Jersey Department of

Education Statement of Assurance District Professional

Development Plan and District Mentoring Plan for the 2022-2023

school year.

**#8 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

TABLED Superintendent, the attached revised 2022-2023 District School Calendar.

**#9 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the following:

**9.l Attendance at Conference**

| **Name** | **School** | **Event/Location** | **Date** | **Cost** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Abigail Whelan** | LAN | Orton Gillingham/LAN | Various | $2,000.00 |
| **Regina Tully** | FOR | Augmentative Communication Course/Virtual | Aug. 15 - Dec. 26, 2022 | $1,499.00 |

**9.2 Student Intern**

| **Name** | **School** | **School/Teacher/ Grade** | **Duration** | **Assignment** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Joelle Dere** | Montclair State | HBW/Galbierczyk | 300 hrs./ Sept. 8 - Dec. 16, 2022 | Administrative Internship |

**9.3 Field Trip**

| **Name** | **School** | **Club/Destination** | **Date of Field Trip** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Stacy Smith** | HBW | 8th Grade/Museum of Jewish Heritage/NYC | Sept. 20 and Oct. 10, 2022 |

**#10** **RESOLVED** that the Board, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent,

approve the first reading of the following policies:

P 5722 Student Journalism (M)

**#11** **RESOLVED** that the Board, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent,

approved the following for the 2022-2023 school year:

**11.1 Non-Resident Tuition Students**

| **Student ID No.** | **School** | **Grade** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| #271729 | HBW | 8 |
| #292799 | HBW | 6 |
| #251082 | VHS | 10 |
| #230573 | VHS | 12 |
| #253517 | VHS | 10 |
| #252806 | VHS | 10 |
| #233806 | VHS | 12 |

**#12 RESOLVED** that the Board, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent,

approve the following curriculum for the 2022-2023 school year:

* ELA - ELA 3 Fundations (new),Digital Literacy 8 (new)
* Social Studies - Social Studies K-4 (new), Social Studies 7 (Global Studies - revised/Civics - new), US History I CP/H (revise Standards), US History II CP (revise Standards), US History II AP (revise Standards), AP Government & Politics (revise Standards)
* Math - Grades 1, 2, 5 Dimensions (new), Grade 8 Making Sense of Money (cycle new)
* Physical Education/Health - K-4, 5-8, and 9-12 (revise Standards);
* Science - Physics CP/Honors (revision);
* 21st Century Life & Careers - Computer Science 5-8 (revise Standards)
* Fine & Performing Arts - Art 5-8 (revise Standards), General Music K-12 (revise Standards), Instrumental Music 4-12 (revise Standards), Graphic Design - Digital Illustration (revise Standards), Graphic Design - Image Development (revise Standards), After Effects (revise Standards), Introduction to Character Animation (revise Standards)
* Library - Cycle 5, Cycle 6 (new)

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**#13 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, an agreement with Bryant, Gemza, Keenoy & Kozlik, LLP

(BGKK) to provide a fully qualified and certified Professional as a Consultant to supervise and administer the Board's Special Education and Child Study Team operations and staff on an as needed basis at a cost of $700 per day, three days per week, not to exceed $40,000 effective on or about August 15, 2022 through December 31, 2022 or the date of commencement of employment of a new Director of Special Services, whichever comes first. At the Superintendent's request, virtual training and court appearances on behalf of the Board will be at a cost of $1,000 per day or $500 per half day.

**#14 RESOLVED** that the Board, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve David B. Rubin, Esquire, of David B. Rubin, PC and The Busch

Law Group LLC, to represent the Verona School District in specific Special

Education matters for the 2022 – 2023 school year at the rate of $185.00

per hour as needed.

**#15 RESOLVED** that the Board, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent,

approve to accept settlement agreement dated 8/30/22 regarding a special

education matter for Student #292575.

**#16 RESOLVED** that the Board, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent,

approve for an out-of-district placement for Student #323362 for the 2022 –

2023 school year, commencing July 20, 2022, at the approximate tuition

cost of $89,752 and the approximate 1:1 Aide cost of $32,900 for a total of

$122,652.00.

**#17 RESOLVED** that the Board, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve to contract with Summit Home Health Care, Inc. to provide

nursing services for the 2022 – 2023 school year as needed for the Verona

School District’s out-of-district students.

**#18 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, to contract with the Commission for the Blind and

Visually Impaired for students #302730, #291813 ande #301883 for the

2022-2023 school year. These students will receive Level 1 services at the

rate of $2,200 each for a total of $6,600. This amount will be dedicated

from the school district’s state aide.

**#19 RESOLVED** that the Board, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to

contract with Epic Health Services, Inc., ada Aveanna Healthcare, to

provide nursing services for out-of-district students on an as-needed basis

for the 2022-2023 school year.

**#20 RESOLVED** that the Board, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent,

approve Tatiana Fella to assist CST with IEP meetings, not to exceed 5

hours at the hourly rate of $73.40.

**#21 RESOLVED** that the Board, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent,

approve Jean Sapienza for 5 additional hours to assist CST with IEP

meetings at the hourly rate of $67.05.

**#22 RESOLVED** that the Board, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent,

approve to compensate Verona approved nurse to accompany an

out-of-district Verona student on planned CBI field trips as required by the

student’s physician. Nurse will be compensated at the rate of $52.00 per

hour for a total not to exceed $2,500 for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

**#23 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the attached list of home instructors for the

2022-2023 school year.

**#24 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the attached list of paraprofessionals for the

2022-2023 school year.

**#25 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, to contract with Golden Advantage Education, LLC to

provide educational services to the Verona School District for the 2022 –

2023 school year as needed.

**#26 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, approve the following to attend IEP meeting during the

summer of 2022 not to exceed 5 hours:

| **Name** | **Rate** |
| --- | --- |
| **Jessica Groff** | $50.34/per hr. |
| **Matthew Rosa** | $42.58/per hr. |
| **Tatiana Fella** | $73.40/per hr. |
| **Jean Sapienza** | $67.06/per hr. |

**ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR**

**#27 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the attached VHS Co-Curricular stipends for the

2022-2023 school year.

**#28 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, Norma Palmer, H. B. Whitehorne School Nurse be

approved as a nurse chaperone for field trips for the 2022-2023 school

year not to exceed 30 hours at a rate of $45.30 per hour.

**#29 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the attached Student Safety Data System report for

the period January 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022.

**#30 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the following student activity finance account

bookkeepers for 2022-2023:

Gina Ballinger - HBW - $5,000

Simone Stinson - VHS - $6,241

**#31 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the following:

**31.1 Co-Curricular/Athletics**

| **Advisor** | **Location** | **Club Name** | **Stipend** | **Term of Employment** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Brian Michalowski** | VHS | School Drama Club | $500.00 | SY 22-23 |
| **Carol Oliver** | Spec. Svcs. | Transportation Co-Coordinator | $3,000.00 | SY 22-23 |
| **Al Palazzo** | HBW | Transportation Co-Coordinator | $3,000.00 | SY 22-23 |

**31.2 Stipends**

| **Name** | **School** | **Stipend** | **Position** | **Committee** | **Employment Date** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Al Palazzo** | HBW | $13/per hour/ not to exceed 20 hrs. | Summer Locker Maintenance | Education |  |
| **Nicole Castelbuono** | FOR | $1,840.00 | Building Technology Coordinator | Education | Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |
| **Megan Pelligrino** | FNB | $1,840.00 | Building Technology Coordinator | Education | Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |
| **Andor Kish** | HBW | $1,840.00 | Building Technology Coordinator | Education | Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |
| **Jennifer Kleinknecht** | HBW | $1,840.00 | Building Technology Coordinator | Education | Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |
| **Rich Wertz** | VHS | $1,840.00 | Building Technology Coordinator | Education | Sept. 1, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |

**31.3 Coaches**

| **Name** | **Location** | **Position** | **Stipend** | **Committee** | **Employment Date/s** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Bob Maher** | VHS | Fall Weight Room | $1,380.00 | Athletics | SY 22-23 |
| **Susan Tannler** | VHS | Volunteer Girls Soccer | NA | Athletics | SY 22-23 Pending pre-employment paperwork |

**31.4 Field Trip**

| **Name** | **School** | **Club/Destination** | **Date of Field Trip** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Stacy Smith** | HBW | 8th Grade/Museum of Jewish Heritage/NYC | Sept. 20 and Oct. 10, 2022 |

**FACILITIES**

**#32 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the approval of the Executive Kids lease agreement for the

2022 - 2023 school year.

**FINANCE**

**#33 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the enclosed checklist(s) in the following

amounts based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent:

**Amount Description Check Register Date**

**$261,422.16 Year End Batch August 26, 2022**

**$1,296,054.73 General August 26, 2022**

**$2,198.01 VSEA August 26, 2022**

**$1,623.94 VHS August 26, 2022**

**$3,650.00 Chromebook August 26, 2022**

**$ 83.09 Cafeteria August 26, 2022**

**#34 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the Report of the Treasurer of School

Monies for the following month:

June 2022

**#35 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, Report of the Secretary for the period(s) as follows be

approved:

June 2022

**#36 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the attached list of individual transfers of

line items in the 2021-2022 budget for:

June 2022

**#37 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the attached 2022-2023 non-resident tuition rates.

**#38 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the Pomptonian Food Pricing for the 2022-2023

school year for Verona High School, H. B. Whitehorne Middle School and

Elementary Schools.

**#39 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, withdrawal of Maintenance Reserves in the amount of

$70,000 to abate and replace asbestos floor tiles in Verona High School.

**#40** **RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, Amazon Business Under PEPPM Purchasing

Cooperative

**WHEREAS**, the Verona Board of Education, pursuant to P.L.2011.c.139; N.J.S.A

18A:18A-et.seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c) and per Local Finance Notice No. LFN

2012-10, may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods under

the nationally-recognized PEPPM purchasing cooperative for any national and/or regional

cooperative entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in

the Department of the Treasury; AND

**WHEREAS,** the Verona Board of Education may enter into contracts with the

referenced PEPPM purchasing cooperative through this resolution and properly executed

contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current PEPPM

purchasing cooperative; AND

**WHEREAS**, the Verona Board of Education intends to enter into a contract with

Amazon.com Services LLC (PEPPM Contract# 530156-001) through this resolution and

properly execute contracts, which shall be subject to all conditions applicable to the

current National Contract Program contracts;

**AND**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Verona Board of Education authorizes the Purchasing

Agent to purchase certain goods or services from Amazon.com Services LLC, pursuant to

all conditions of the National Contract Program contracts.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approves that the Verona

Board of Education enter into a contract with Amazon.com Services LLC under the

PEPPM purchasing cooperative for the purchase of any goods on an as needed basis for

the district.

**#12 Public comments**

Please note that the public participation portion of the meeting affords an opportunity for

the public to share thoughts and comments about school related topics. By law,

administrators and Board of Education members are not permitted to publicly discuss

personnel matters, student discipline, or other issues requiring confidentiality. While we

may not respond to comments during the meeting, all input that is shared with the Board

of Education is taken very seriously, and helps inform future deliberations and work by

the Board and its committees. Answers appear in many forms including, but not limited

to: email, Superintendent/ Committee reports, Board statements, FAQs on website, or after

public comment is closed. We appreciate and thank all members of the public for your

input.

**New Business**

**RESOLVED** that the Board, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent,

approve the second reading of the following policies:

P 0143.2 High School Student Representative to the Board of Education (M)

P 0163 Quorum

P 2415 Every Student Succeeds Act (M)

P 5513 Care of School Property (M)

P 5722 Student Journalism (M)

P 7250 School and Facility Names

P 7523 School District Provided Technology Devices to Students:One to One Program

**Motion by:** \_\_\_Mrs. Drappi\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_Mrs. Priscoe\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of New Business:**

Mr. Wacha \_\_Abstain\_\_ Mr. Day \_\_X\_\_\_

Mrs. Drappi \_\_Abstain\_\_\_ Mrs. Priscoe \_\_X\_\_\_

Mrs. Freschi \_\_X\_\_\_

**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION IF NECESSARY**

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN**

**#41 RESOLVED** that the Board meet in private session, from which the public shall

be excluded, to discuss the topics of negotiations and personnel or

potential litigation which private discussion is being held pursuant to

Section 7b and 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act. The matters

under discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as final

decisions are made and voted upon.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting:**

**Motion by:** \_\_\_Mrs. Priscoe\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Second by:** \_\_\_Mr. Day\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**All in Favor:** \_\_\_\_\_AYE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**All Opposed:** \_\_\_\_\_None\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**This meeting is adjourned at (TIME) \_\_9:29\_\_\_ P.M.**

**VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS**

**August 30, 2022**

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

**Motion by:** \_\_\_Mrs. Priscoe\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_Mrs. Drappi\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Addenda Resolution #1 - 4.**

Mr. Wacha \_\_X\_\_\_ Mr. Day \_\_X\_\_\_

Mrs. Drappi \_\_X\_\_\_ Mrs. Priscoe \_\_X\_\_\_

Mrs. Freschi \_\_X\_\_\_

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

**PERSONNEL**

**#1 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following pending pre-employment paperwork

**1.1 New Hire**

| **Name** | **Location** | **Position** | **Salary** | **Committee** | **Term of Employment on or about** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Catherine Giacomazza** | FOR | Paraprofessional | $18,370.48 | Education | Sept. 12, 2022 - Jun. 30, 2023 |

**1.2 Without Pay**

| **Name** | **Date/s** | **No. of Days/Reason** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **#105089** | Sept. 6-7-8-9-12-13-14, 2022 | 7 days/Without Pay |

**1.3 Substitute**

| **Name** | **Location** | **Position** | **Salary** | **Committee** | **Term of Employment on or about** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Luisa Hirsch | FNB | Sub Secretary | $235/per diem | Education | 1 day |

**FINANCE**

**#2** **RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the enclosed checklist(s) in the following

amounts:

**Amount Description Check Register Date**

$747,243.41 General August 30, 2022

**#3 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the attached agreement between BGGK and the Verona

Board of Education for the Director of Special Services Search at an

amount of $10,000.

**#4 RESOLVED** that the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the revised attached part time and substitute salaries for

the 2022-2023 school year.