

BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

January 21, 2010

The regular meeting of the Vernon Township Board of Education was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Mrs. Cynthia Auberger, in the Lounsberry Hollow Middle School Library. Present: Mr. Castellana, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kirchmer, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Sparta, Mr. Whidden, Mrs. Auberger; also present: Dr. John B. Alfieri, Superintendent; Ms. Barbara Linkenheimer, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Steven Kepnes, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Following the roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Kepnes read the New Jersey Public Meeting Law notice regarding the following:

Date:	12/08/09	Date:	12/08/09	Date:	12/08/09
Time:	9:00 AM	Time:	9:00 AM	Time:	9:00 AM
Place:	NJ Herald	Place:	Advertiser	Place:	Board Office
Manner:	Electronic Mail	Manner:	Electronic Mail	Manner:	Posted

The minutes of the 12/17/09 Work Session were approved on a motion by Mr. Sparta; 2nd by Mr. DeYoung and carried on the following roll call vote: YES: Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Sparta, Mr. Castellana, Mrs. Auberger ; ABSTAINED: Mr. Kirchmer, Mr. Whidden.

The minutes of the 12/17/09 Public Meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. McGowan; 2nd by Mr. Castellana and carried on the following roll call vote: YES: Mr. Gilson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Sparta, Mr. Castellana, Mr. DeYoung, Mrs. Auberger; ABSTAINED: Mr. Kirchmer, Mr. Whidden.

There were approximately 40 people in attendance

Mrs. Auberger read the President's Report.

Mrs. Auberger announced the winners of the Mind Travelers Reading Program. The winners were: Victoria Annunziata - WRPS Pre-K (AM), Kailee Schnebelen - WRPS Pre-K (PM), Noel DeBonta - WRPS Kindergarten (AM), Ciara Brock - WRPS Kindergarten (PM), Erik Nina - WRPS - 1st Grade, Quenton Braithwaite - WRPS 1st Grade, Madison Freifelder - CMPS 2nd Grade, Jaclyn Lehman - CMPS 3rd Grade, Aida Altunbilek - CMPS 4th Grade, Jonah Kotkin - RHPS 2nd Grade, Kassandra Faber - RHPS 3rd Grade, and Elise Kastner - RHPS 4th Grade. Students were presented with a Certificate of Achievement and a book. Refreshments were served.

The meeting was opened to the public for any questions relating to the agenda. With no comments the meeting was closed to the public.

The meeting was opened to the public for items listed on the agenda and any new business.

After initially refusing to give her name to the board, Monika Bazzone of Glenwood complained to the board that the minutes of the June 2009 public meeting did not include her comments regarding the UN program at VTHS. Mrs. Sherry Blakevich, also of Glenwood, commented the same. They also complained that the minutes are not listed on the district website and they had no access to them. Ms. Linkenheimer informed them that the minutes are available for anyone to read by going to the Board of Education Central Office and requesting a copy. Dr. Alfieri told them that the minutes are not listed on the web site, but arrangements will be made to have them posted in the future.

Mrs. Blakevich questioned the policy of reimbursement for her child representing the district in special singing performances at the state level. Mrs. Auberger assured her that the matter will be resolved at the high school level.

Mrs. Bazzone questioned the district's teachings on Global Warming indicating her disapproval of it. Dr. Alfieri informed her that the district teaches multiple view points on various subject matters. Mr. Dunnigan, VTHS principal, indicated that this matter is discussed in the science program, particularly the Environmental Science classes. Mrs. Bazzone was concerned that the students will be graded and tested on subjects such as Global Warming, and if they do not agree or wish to take part that their grades will be affected. Mr. Whidden stated that the students need to be exposed to several different topics, ideas and opinions. Mr. DeYoung stated that controversial subjects are implemented in order to encourage discussion and opinions of our high school students.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Sparta; 2nd by Mr. Castellana. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Kepnes
School Business Administrator

Mary Grace Branagan
Recording Secretary

- 1) Letter, **Richard Wetzel**, VTHS Academic Chairperson for Social Studies; indicating his resignation for reasons of retirement; eff. 6/30/10.
- 2) Letter, **Rosalyn Edelson**, VTHS Secretary/Bookkeeper; indicating her resignation for reasons of retirement; eff. 6/30/10.
- 3) Letter, **Elissa Gocklin**, VTHS part-time aide; indicating her resignation; eff. 1/15/10.
- 4) Letter, **Maria Ulloa**, CST Secretary; indicating her resignation for reasons of retirement; eff. 6/30/10.
- 5) Letter, **Sandra Bushey**, WRPS part-time aide; indicating her resignation; eff. 1/5/10.
- 6) Letter, **Tara Holderith**, LHMS classroom teacher; requesting an extension to her FMLA maternity leave of absence; eff. 2/22/10 – 3/12/10.
- 7) Letter, **Stefanie Gastaldello**, VTHS Guidance Counselor and VTHS Head Field Hockey Coach; indicating her resignation as Head Field Hockey Coach, only; eff. 1/21/10.
- 8) Letter, **Sarah Ragone**, VTHS English Teacher; indicating her return from an FMLA maternity leave of absence; eff. 9/1/10.

- 1) Please join us in congratulating LHMS classroom teacher, **Jon Bruno** on his selection as the **2010-2011 District Teacher of the Year**. Jon is in his 18th year of teaching in our district. Mr. Bruno is a 6th grade teacher at LHMS. Jon was nominated by principal, Dr. Stewart Stumper and selected by a committee consisting of colleagues, administrators, board of education members, parents and community members. Jon will be honored at the May public board of education meeting at Lounsberry Hollow Middle School at 8:00 p.m. The district is very proud to continue our association with the State Teacher of the Year program.
- 2) We are pleased to announce the following **Glen Meadow Middle School students** as the **district artists of the month** for January: **Louis Caiafa, Kristen Dettloff, Morgan Fox, Robert Smith, and Spencer Veen**. Their artwork is being displayed at the board office and at GMMS during the month of January.
- 3) **Erik Pedersen**, VTHS science teacher, was previously approved for a 6th period class for the remainder of the 09/10 school year at the December public meeting. Mr. Pedersen is unable to continue in that position and will be replaced by **Keith McCotter**.
- 4) The Kindergarten registration for the 2010 – 2011 school year is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19 through Friday, January 22, 2010, at Walnut Ridge Primary School.

Children who will be **five years old on or before October 1, 2010** are eligible to register at this time.

Dates and Hours of Registration are:

Tuesday, January 19 and Thursday, January 21 - 4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20 and Friday, January 22 – 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Monday, February 22 – 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24 – 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- 5) Congratulations to the following students who are winners of the **Mind Traveler's Library Fund Reading Incentive**. Each winner is being recognized this evening for his/her achievements:

Victoria Annunziata	WRPS – Pre-K AM
Kailee Schnebelen	WRPS – Pre-K PM
Noel DeBonta	WRPS – Kindergarten AM
Ciara Brock	WRPS – Kindergarten PM
Erik Nina	WRPS – 1st Grade
Quenton Braithwaite	WRPS – 1st Grade
Madison Freifelder	CMPS – 2nd Grade
Jaclyn Lehman	CMPS – 3rd Grade
Aila Altunbilek	CMPS – 4th Grade
Jonah Kotkin	RHPS – 2nd Grade
Kassandra Faber	RHPS – 3rd Grade
Elise Kastner	RHPS – 4th Grade

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- 6) Congratulations to **Ms. Eileen Pavlik** (GMMS) for receiving a \$1,000 grant from the **Quotes for Cash** program from the Teacher’s Insurance Plan of New Jersey. With the grant the program “PianoKids” will be acquired to use a piano keyboard system to teach mathematical concepts. This program will be the first of its kind to be set up in New Jersey.

- 7) Eighth-grade student, **Christopher Pereira** won the final round of the Glen Meadow Middle School’s National Geographic Geography Bee. He will now represent Glen Meadow and submit a qualifying test for entry into the state level competition.

- 8) The following **college student(s)**, are doing their student teaching, practicums, field experience, student internship, volunteering and observations here in the Vernon Township School District:

Student’s Name	Timeframe	School	Cooperating Teacher	Type of Request	College
Kathleen Toth	15 hours	VTHS	Art Department	Practicum	Ramapo College
Angeline Rich	10 hours	VTHS	English Department	Practicum	Ramapo College
Deborah Lisa	150 hours	GMMS	Cathy Insolera/Health Teachers	Observation	Rutgers College of Nursing
Kimberly Sokolewicz	4 months	VTHS/ GMMS	Health Teachers	Student Teaching	Felician College
Victor Goldinak	5 months	GMMS	D. Willer	Student Teaching	William Paterson University

- 9) Jeffrey Moen, former VTHS graduate, has volunteered to assist the VTHS boys’ basketball team coaching staff for the 2009/2010 school year. We thank Jeff for his time and dedication to the students of Vernon Township.

Grants & Testing

The first Alternative High School Assessment (AHSA), previously called SRA, PAT administration window began January 6th and will continue through January 28, 2010. During this time period, students enrolled in this class will have the opportunity to take LAL PATs and/or Math PATs. Students in this program are required to pass the PATs in order to fulfill graduation requirements. New this year, the PATs will not be scored in district but will be sent to various locations in New Jersey to be scored. Scoring will occur in March after which districts will be notified of the results. Through a committee, the district will be reviewing and updating its Technology Plan. Committee members will include representatives from the Board, Central Office and all six schools. The goal of this committee is to develop a District Technology Plan for 2010 – 2013.

Curriculum

In keeping with the mandate that all 2009 standards are to be implemented into all districts' curricula no later than September of the 2012-13 school year, a revised Five-Year-District Curriculum Review Plan has been formulated and is pending approval from the board. Currently there are 5 individual committees meeting in order to ensure timely implementation of the 2009 CCCS. Due to standards not being fully approved until November 2009, the first collaborative curricula meeting was held on January 6, 2010. The three curricular areas – business, science, and visual arts are under full review. There are also 2 district programs – SWEP and Guidance – which are being updated to reflect the current level of staffing and meet the goals that exist in the Vernon Township School District. All of these five areas will be revised and ready for implementation in the 2010-11 school year.

Budget review is now taking place at the building level for new curricular needs for the 2010/11 school year.

The Professional Development District Committee will meet with the school committees to gather their input on the district's development plans. The Professional Development District Committee will host their mid-year mentor/mentee meeting on January 22, 2010.

Just as a reminder QSAC Monitoring will take place in the district on January 20th and 21st. All areas except curriculum) will be examined (curriculum monitoring is scheduled to take place on January 12th).

Special Services

The Child Study Team continues to monitor the IEP implementation and progress for all students. Paperwork for annual reviews has begun to be compiled in order to facilitate with planning for the 2010-2011 school year.

The fifth APA (Alternative Proficiency Assessment) all day work session of the year is scheduled to take place at Lounsberry Hollow Middle School on Thursday, January 14, 2010. Inclement weather/emergency closing make-up date regarding the above is Friday, January 15, 2010. Lead teachers of our district's APA students, as well as the Director of Special Services are scheduled to attend.

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The Sussex-Warren County Directors' monthly meeting is scheduled to be held at Hopatcong High School on Thursday, January 21, 2010. The district will be represented at this meeting.

Athletics & Physical Education

Both boys' and girls' basketball teams were undefeated going into the Championship games of their respective holiday tournaments. The boys' lost to a very talented Middletown, New York team and the girls lost to a solid Union Catholic team.

For the third year in a row, Vernon hosted the Viking Holiday Basketball Tournament. On the opening night of play, Middletown defeated Summit and Vernon defeated Minisink. In a mild upset for third place, Minisink defeated Summit in a come from behind over-time victory. Vernon sharpshooter Ricky Hemberger and center Mike Fitzgerald were named to the All Tournament Team.

On the opening Saturday of the wrestling season, Vernon hosted a sub .500 wrestling quad. Westwood, Pascack Hills and Summit all traveled to Vernon with matches at 10:00, 11:30 and 1:00. When the day ended, the young Vernon wrestling team stood alone with three wins and no loses. On Wednesday, December 30th, prior to the finals of the Boys' Basketball Holiday Tournament, Vernon hosted a double dual with Butler at 10:00 and Lakeland at 1:30. The Wrestling Vikings defeated Butler with a come from behind win in the last match to secure a one point victory. In the Lakeland match, Vernon was soundly defeated by a very strong Lakeland team.

Indoor track had one Mother Nature cancellation in December but was able to make up the meet during the holiday break. The team has competed at the New York Armory, FDU and the Bennett Indoor Complex in Toms River.

Bowling athlete Eric Gentilella started the 2009 season off with a bang by bowling a perfect 300 game during the first match of the year. This is actually the second time that Eric has bowled a 300 game as he did it once last year when he was competing in his youth league.

Both swim teams are off to a fast start as the girls are undefeated and the boys have one loss, losing a close meet to High Point.

The fall cheerleaders once again qualified for the National Cheer Competition in Orlando, Florida. This year the team had to submit a tape as the Regional Competition was held at Berwick HS (PA) and unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate on that day. The fall squad remains one of the hardest working teams at VTHS.

The ski team held a successful ski trip to Okemo as the ski athletes had the opportunity to get on the slopes early and prepare for the upcoming season. The girls' hope to repeat as State Champions and the boys hope to challenge West Milford for the state title.

Athletic Director Bill Edelman was recognized at the NJSIAA Annual Meeting on Monday, December 7th with a Service Award. Bill was one of four individuals to receive such recognition.

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For his efforts, bowling athlete Eric Gentilella was selected as the December Athlete of the Month by the Selection Committee.

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RECOMMENDATIONS (Dr. Alfieri)

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- 1) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved the following faculty/staff resignations/retirements as listed on a motion by Mr. McGowan; 2nd by Mr. Whidden and carried on a unanimous roll call vote:

Richard Wetzel	VTHS Academic Chairperson for Social Studies, with regret; eff. 6/30/10.
Rosalyn Edelson	VTHS Secretary/Bookkeeper, with regret; eff. 6/30/10.
Elissa Gocklin	VTHS Part-time aide; eff. 1/15/10.
Maria Ulloa	CST Secretary, with regret; eff. 6/30/10.
Sandra Bushey	WRPS Part-time aide; eff. 1/5/10.
Stefanie Gastaldello	VTHS Head Field Hockey coach, only; eff. 1/21/10.

- 2) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved the following faculty/staff **appointments** as listed on a motion by Mr. McGowan; 2nd by Mr. Kirchmer and carried on a unanimous roll call vote:

*All new appointments are required to comply with State Statute regarding fingerprinting, security checks and appropriate legal agency clearance, and Federal Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9) – such employment is provisional. Each employee and/or substitute will attest that he or she has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et seq., as applicable. The positions are being filled as a result of resignations, retirements, new positions being added or in the case of substitutes, to fill in for regular personnel:

*Elizabeth Curcio	Substitute, Group I
*John Rovetto	Substitute, Group I
*Richard Borgess	Substitute, Group I
*Erica Reinhardt	Substitute, Group II
*Jeremy Palmieri	Substitute, Group II
*Brittany Marinaro	Substitute, Group II
*Christopher Dripchak	Substitute, Group II
*Patrick Eckhardt	Substitute, Group II
*Michael Wilson	Substitute, Group II
*Brittany Lutz	Substitute, Group II
*Christy Freed	Substitute Nurse
*Carolyn Tanis	Substitute Aide
*Lisa Valente	Substitute Aide
*Carrie Baker	Substitute Aide

Gaetano DellaTorre	Transfer from LHMS part-time aide to WRPS full-time aide (8:15 a.m. – 3:55 p.m.); Step 1 - \$16,840; eff. 1/4/10. Salary and benefits to be paid for by sending district. (New)
Renee Sturm	Transfer from GMMS part-time aide to LHMS part-time aide (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.); eff. 1/4/10. (Repl/DellaTorre)
Meghan Lowry	CMPS classroom teacher; BA Level 1 - \$46,610 non-tenure interim replacement; effective 1/4/10 - 6/30/10.
Barbara Monshauer	LHMS Classroom Teacher; non-tenure interim replacement for teacher on medical leave; BA Level 1 - \$46,610; eff. 1/14/10 – 6/30/10. (Repl/Paolini)
Aimee Wilkens	WRPS part-time aide; Step 1 - \$13.42/hr.; 3.25 hrs./day; (9:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.); eff. 1/25/10. (Repl/Bushey)
Omayra Kneer	CMPS part-time aide; Step 1 - \$13.42/hr.; 3 hrs./day; (9:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.); eff. 1/25/10. (New)
Linda Heitzman	WRPS part-time Speech Therapist; paid the per diem rate of \$339.18; 2-3 days per week as needed. (New)

- 3) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved the following resolution (as listed below) for **professional development travel** that complies with the provisions of the School Ethics Act (SEA), N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24 and 12-24.1 on a motion by Mr. DeYoung; 2nd by Mr. Sparta and carried on a unanimous roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Vernon Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive prior approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only as described in NJOMB Circular Letter 06-02, including amendments or revisions thereto, a threshold amount not to exceed the NJ State Travel Reimbursement Guidelines as established by the Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education establishes, for district business travel only, an annual school year threshold not to exceed \$1,500.00 for each faculty/staff/board member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff/Board member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable are excluded from the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq.; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as per noted on the attached Board of Education Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the travel and related expense reimbursements as listed on **Attachments A & B**, Board of Education Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Form.

- 4) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved, as per VTEA Contract Article VIII.B.1.6 (Teachers will be compensated for 180 days at 1/200th of the teacher's annual salary based on thirty-six (36) five (5) day weeks that they **teach the sixth class** (actual classes taught) the following teacher for VTHS science instruction effective 12/18/09 – 6/30/10. (Repl/Stephens) Motion by Mr. Castellana; 2nd by Mr. Whidden and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Keith McCotter - VTHS Science teacher – five (5) additional VTHS Science classes per week. Mr. McCotter will be compensated at a per diem per class rate of \$75.92 per day.

- 5) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved the revised **Five-Year Curriculum Review Plan (Attachment C)**. The revisions are required due to the extensively revised Core Curriculum Content Standards. Motion by Mr. Sparta; 2nd by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- 6) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board authorized the Superintendent to sign the Addendum to the Stipulation of Settlement in **Lennon v. Vernon Twp. Board of Educ. OAL Dkt. No. EDU 11805-2003N** in order to satisfy the requirements of the New Jersey Division of Pensions which requires in writing the dates covered by back pay award. Motion by Mr. DeYoung; 2nd by Mr. McGowan and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- 7) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved an intermittent **Family Leave of Absence** for approximately one year for **Wayne McCaw**, WRPS custodian on a motion by Mr. McGowan; 2nd by Mr. Kirchmer and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

- 8) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved the **additional 10-day suspension for student #4067578** from January 26 – February 8, 2010 with re-entry on February 9, 2010. Motion by Mr. McGowan; 2nd by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

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REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

INFORMATIONAL: Mr. Kepnes

1. Use of Building and Grounds

NO.	REQUESTING ORGANIZATION	BUILDING OR GROUNDS	DATE
102	Pass It Along	GMMS - Home Economics Room	1/12/2010 - 3/30/2010
103	Pass It Along	VTHS - Senior Cafeteria	12/10/2010
104	Ziegler Dance Centre	VTHS - Auditorium & Cafeteria	2/7/2010 (snow date 2/21/2010)
105	VTHS Student Council	VTHS - Cafeteria	1/23/2010
106	VTHS Student Council	VTHS - Cafeteria	1/22/2010
107	Vernon Girls Softball	VTHS - Gym	1/2010 - 4/2010
108	Vernon PAL - Safety Town	VTHS - Cafeteria	7/26/2010 - 8/6/2010
109	Vernon Little League	LHMS - Gym	2/13/2010
110	Vernon PAL - Mad Science	CMPS - Classroom & Cafeteria	2/24/2010 - 4/21/2010
111	Vernon PAL - Mad Science	RHPS - Classroom & Cafeteria	2/22/2010 - 4/19/2010
112	Vernon Youth Football & Cheerleading	GMMS - Cafeteria	1/4/2010 - 1/20/2010

2. Listed below are Field Trip requests received:

DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHER	DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE
5/26/2010 - 5/30/2010	VTHS	9 - 12	Taylor	Chicago/Cleveland	VTHS Band Trip	Student
1/30/2010	VTHS	9 - 12	Weinstein	Rutgers University (Mason Gross)	Governor's Award in Art Education	Board
3/13/2010 & 3/14/2010	VTHS	9 - 12	Weinstein	Rutgers University	NJ Thespian Festival	Student
12/17/09, 1/12, 1/14, 1/26, 1/28/2010	VTHS	9 - 12	Demsak	Sussex County Judicial Center - Newton	Mock Trial	Board
1/6/2010	VTHS	10 - 12	Demsak	Montclair High School	Mock Trial Scrimmage	Board
3/22/2010 - 3/27/2010	VTHS	9 - 12	Schoepp	Disney's Wide World of Sports	VTHS Girls Lacrosse Program	Student
12/17/2009	LHMS	5 - 6	Kelter	LHMS to WRPS to CMPS	5/6 Choir for Holiday Show	Board
3/12/2010 - 3/14/2010	VTHS	10 -12	Ciaburri	Javits Center - NYC	First Robotics Competition	Board
5/10/2010	GMMS	7	Truax	Imax Theatre-Palisades Mall West Nyack	Grade 7 Field Trip	Student
12/22/2009	VTHS	11	Berge	VTHS Teen Pep to GMMS	Teen Pep presentation to 8th graders	No Expense
5/17/2010	LHMS	6	Bruno	American Museum of Natural History	6th Grade Field Trip	Student
5/19/2010	LHMS	6	Bruno	American Museum of Natural History	6th Grade Field Trip	Student
2/6/2010	GMMS	8	Bergeron	Montclair State University	Math Regional Competition	Board
3/30/2010	LHMS	6	Mitchell	Buehler Challenger Center	Young Astronaut's Club	Grant
1/15/2010	VTHS	9-12	Taylor	Mt. Olive H.S.	Select NJ Area Band	Board
4/21/2010	LHMS	6	Mitchell	Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, PA	Young Astronauts Club	Grant
3/23/2010	RHPS	2	Sparta	Community Theatre in Morristown, NJ	2nd Grade Field Trip	Student
3/16/2010	GMMS	7 - 8	Struble	Sussex County Community College	Sussex County Teen Art Festival	Board
1/30/2010	VTHS	9 - 12	Weyant	Ramapo High School	Academic Decathlon Competition	Board

2/3/2010	VTHS	9 - 12	Weyant	Indian Hills High School	Academic Decathlon Competition	Board
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INFORMATIONAL: Mr. Kepnes

3. Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.12 (C) 3, I certify that, as of December 31, 2009 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1.

Board Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Kepnes

1. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board approved the list of checks (#48681-#49891) for January in the amount of \$3,875,064.06. Motion by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Sparta and carried on the following roll call vote: YES. Mr. Gilson, Mr. Kirchmer, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Sparta, Mr. Whidden, Mr. Castellana, Mrs. Auberger. ABSTAIN: Check #48918 only – Mr. Hughes, Check #48917 only – Mr. DeYoung
2. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board approved the list of hand checks for December 2009 on a motion by Mr. Kirchmer, seconded by Mr. Castellana and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board approved purchase orders for December 2009 on a motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. McGowan and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board accepted the Report of the Secretary for Current Operating Fund for the month of December 2009 and the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for December 2009. Further, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c) 4, the Board hereby certifies that, after review of the secretary’s financial reports for the month of December 2009 and consultations with the appropriate district officials, no fund has been overextended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. These reports will be included in the minutes of this meeting. Both the Secretary’s Report and the Treasurer’s reports are in agreement. Motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. Kirchmer and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved December 2009 transfers as authorized according to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-211(d). **ATTACHMENT D** Motion by Mr. Whidden, seconded by Mr. DeYoung and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved Transportation as listed on a motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. McGowan and carried on a the following roll call vote:
 YES: Mr. Whidden, Mr. Castellana, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kirchmer, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Sparta. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Auberger

I. Addendum

Bob Baldwin Transportation

Route V23

2009/2010 School Year-106 days

Additional 1.7 miles per day at a cost of \$1.85 per mile.

<u>2009/2010 Cost</u>	<u>Adjustment (+/-)</u>	<u>Addendum</u>	<u>Total Adjusted Cost</u>
\$39,482.80	\$1.85 p.m.	\$333.37	\$39,816.17

RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Kepnes

II. Bid Opening January 6, 2010

Berkshire Transportation

Multi Contract/Route 599

2009/2010 School Year

87 Days remaining

2009/2010 Route Cost

\$132.18 p.d.

Mileage Adj. (+/-)

\$3.25 p.m.

Total Route Cost

\$132.18 p.d.

Total Cost: \$11,499.66

QUOTE NUMBER	CONTRACTOR	PROGRAM/ SCHOOL	COST PER DIEM/TRIP	TOTAL COST	DESTINATION	DATES	TYPE OF EXPENSE
Q09-16	Havens Bus*	Field Trip VTHS-3 days	690.00 per trip	\$2,070.00	Javits Center NYC Robotics Competition	Mar 12, 13, 14	Board
	First Student New.		749.00 per trip				
*Quote awarded							

QUOTE NUMBER	CONTRACTOR	SCHOOL	# OF BUSES	COST PER BUS	TOTAL COST	DESTINATION	DATE OF TRIP	TYPE OF EXPENSE
QC-09-21	Aristocrat	VTHS	1		\$ 675.00	Izod Center - East Rutherford – Marketing Class	12/02/09	Student
QC-09-22	Celebration	LHMS	4	\$845.00	\$ 3,380.00	American Museum of Natural History - 6th grade Field Trip	05/17/10	Student
QC-09-23	Celebration	LHMS	4	\$845.00	\$ 3,380.00	American Museum of Natural History - 6th Grade Field Trip	05/19/10	Student

7. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved the following resolution:

**SCHOOL ALLIANCE INSURANCE FUND (SAIF) HEALTH INSURANCE FUND
RESOLUTION APPOINTING A RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT**

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Board of Education has resolved to join the School Alliance Insurance Fund Health Insurance Fund (“SAIF HIF”) following a detailed analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of SAIF HIF require that each entity designate a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws and Risk Management Plan; and

RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Kepnes

WHEREAS, the Bylaws indicate that SAIF HIF shall pay each Risk Management Consultant a fee to be established annual by the Executive Committee:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vernon Township Board of Education does hereby appoint Willis of New Jersey, Inc., as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws.

Motion by Mr. Gilson, seconded by Mr. Sparta and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the board approved the following resolution in celebration of January as **School Board Recognition Month**:

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association have declared January 2010 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Vernon Township Board of Education is one of more than 600 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts;
and

WHEREAS, The Vernon Township Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of 1.4 million children in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Kepnes

RESOLVED, That the Vernon Township Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2010 as **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH**; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Vernon Township Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

Motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. Castellana. All in favor.

9. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved the following resolution regarding a waiver of compliance with respect to participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2010-2011 school year.

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2010-2011 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students and participation in SEMI would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the projection of the district's available SEMI reimbursement for the 2010-2011 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Sussex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion by Mr. Kirchmer, seconded by Mr. Castellana and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

10. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board rescinded the following recommendation o a motion by Mr. Sparta, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board the attached Shelter Agreement to permit the use of our schools as Red Cross Emergency Shelters. This agreement would be for the Glen Meadow Middle School only. Motion by Mr. Sparta, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Kepnes

11. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator that the Board approved the attached Shelter Agreement to permit the use of our schools “upon request and if feasible” as Red Cross Emergency Shelters. This agreement would cover all the schools.
ATTACHMENT E

Motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. McGowan and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

12. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved the following contracts on a motion by Mr. Kirchmer, seconded by Mr. Whidden and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
 - a) The Special Education Contract between the Vernon Township Board of Education and the New Beginnings School for Student # 101502 for the 2009-10 School Year at a cost of \$ 32,275.78 (prorated - effective 12/7/09) as per the student’s I.E.P.
 - b) The Special Education Contract between the Vernon Township Board of Education and Bonnie Brae for Student # 42195 for the 2009-10 School Year at a cost of \$ 40,460.00 (prorated – effective 12/14/09) as per the student’s I.E.P.
 - c) The Special Education Contract between the Vernon Township Board of Education and the Sparta Township Board of Education to receive (1) Sparta Student # SP02 into the ABA Program for the 2009-10 School Year. Tuition is \$ 10,000.00 prorated (effective date 1/4/2010) plus cost of Speech Services, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Full Time Personal Aide as per the student’s I.E.P.
13. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved the list of checks (#48986-#48993) in the amount of \$419,476.31. Motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
14. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board entered closed session to discuss a student matter. Motion by Mr. Sparta, seconded by Mr. DeYoung. All in favor.