

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF VERNON
APRIL 30, 2009

- I. CALL TO ORDER (Howard J. Whidden, Jr., President)
- II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. READING OF MEETING NOTICES
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - a) Work Session (3/12/09)
 - b) Closed Session (3/12/09)
 - c) Special Meeting (3/23/09) – (Absent – Mr. Powell)
 - d) Special Meeting (3/25/09) – (Absent – Mr. Powell)
 - e) Special Meeting (3/28/09) – (Absent-Mr. Powell, Mr. DeYoung)
 - f) Joint Mtg. w/Town (3/30/09) – (Absent-Mr. Powell, Mr. Kirchmer, Mr. Sweeney)
 - g) Public Meeting (3/31/09) – (Absent – Mr. Powell)
 - h) Closed Session (3/31/09) – (Absent – Mr. Powell)
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE (Mr. Kepnes)
- V. PRESIDENT’S REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS
- VI. PRESENTATION/SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS – 1) Governor Teachers; 2) GMMS Principal and Asst. Principal Appointments; 3) Superintendent Appointment; and 4) Special Recognition
- VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Questions limited to items listed on agenda ONLY
- IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT (Mr. Macerino)
 - a) Informational matters:
 - b) Recommendations - personnel: appointments, terminations, non-reappointments, leaves, recommendations regarding funding, student matters, etc.
- X. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY
 - a) Informational matters:
 - b) Recommendations - purchase orders, checks, transportation, maintenance agreements, etc.
- XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Questions and comments pertaining to agenda items and any NEW business
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

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- 1) Letter, **Kenneth Flynn**, CO/CST part-time custodian; indicating his resignation for reasons of retirement; eff. 6/30/09.
- 2) Letter, **Jeremy Pratt**, VTHS special education teacher; requesting a FMLA paternity leave of absence; eff. 4/20/09 – 4/24/09.
- 3) Letter, **Joseph Palmisano**, GMMS part-time custodian; indicating his resignation; eff. 4/17/09.
- 4) Letter, **Pamela Cavallo**, District 3/5ths school nurse; indicating her return to employment (tentative), following an approved medical leave of absence; eff. 5/1/09.
- 5) Letter, **Justine DeLuccio**, RHPS sub caller; indicating her resignation, for reasons of retirement; eff. 7/1/09.

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- 1) Congratulations to the following individuals who have been selected as recipients of the **Governor's Teacher Recognition Award** for their respective schools:

Jayne Hintzen	Walnut Ridge Primary School
Gail DelGrosso	Cedar Mountain Primary School
Kim Smarth-Meichsner	Rolling Hills Primary School
Jon Bruno	Lounsberry Hollow Middle School
Carol Bergeron	Glen Meadow Middle Schools
Pam Schaeffer	Vernon Township High School

- 2) Please join us in congratulating VTHS Social Studies and Psychology teacher, **Robert Chorney** on his selection as the **2009 District Teacher of the Year**. Mr. Chorney has been a Social Studies teacher in the district for 29 years. He was nominated by his principal, Mr. Tim Dunnigan, and selected by a committee consisting of colleagues, administrators, board of education members, parents and community members. Mr. Chorney will be honored at our May 26th public meeting. The district is very proud to continue our association with the State Teacher of the Year program.
- 3) We are pleased to announce the following **Vernon Township High School students** as the district artists of the month for April. Their artwork is being displayed at the board office and at VTHS during the month of April.
- 4) This year we have 22 individuals who will be completing **25 years of service**, 6 individuals who will be completing **30 years of service**, 4 individuals who will be completing **35 years of service**. Each of these individuals will be recognized for this milestone in their careers at the June 18th public meeting.

25 Years

Ed Carney (VTHS)	Karen Graf (GMMS)
Elizabeth Cleary (VTHS)	Jean Maher (GMMS)
Bill Edelman (VTHS)	Maureen Blandino (LHMS)
Linda Goldberg (VTHS)	Donna Kochevar (CMPS)
David Hauptly (VTHS)	Deborah Smitko (RHPS)
George Lightcap (VTHS)	Mary Berrigan (RHPS)
Barbara Nolan (VTHS)	Philip Schmidt (RHPS)
Judith Romanczyk (VTHS)	Karen Kozinsky (CST)
Phillip Tintle (VTHS)	Darryl Storms (CO)
Cheryl VonSalzen (VTHS)	
Gary Stoll (VTHS)	
Justine DeLuccio (VTHS)	

30 Years

Mary Jean Ryerson (VTHS)
Gail Wallace (LHMS)
Jill Wallace (CMPS)
Bette Holderith (WRPS)
Laura Stigler (WRPS)
Melanie Tanacredi (CST)

35 Years

Richard Wetzel (VTHS)
Ray Morris (VTHS)
Sally Barkand (VTHS)
Susan Jordan (WRPS)

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- 5) Concerning this year's **school calendar**: In September, there were 19 student days; October - 22 student days; November - 16 student days; December - 15 student days (2 snow day, 4 delayed openings); January - 17 student days (2 snow days 3 delayed openings); February - 18 student days (1 delayed opening); March - 21 student days (1 snow day); April - 16 student days; May - 20 student days; and June - 16 student days. At this time, the last day of school will be June 22nd. High school graduation will be held on the last day of school. The last day for building aides will be June 22nd. According to contract, faculty are to work a 184-day year. The last working day for faculty will be June 23rd. Ten-month secretaries will complete their work year on June 30th. All other staff work a 12-month year.
- 6) **Mrs. Sue Struble** (GMMS) art teacher has been chosen to receive the **Arts in Education Award** for her outstanding work by the Sussex County Arts & Heritage Council. The award will be presented on April 28th at Sussex County Community College.
- 7) **Mr. Scott Berge** (VTHS) physical education/health teacher was honored at a dinner at Sussex County Community College as the teacher who most inspired a former student, Richie Sorce. The English Department at SCCC has students write essays about the teacher that most inspired him/her. The ten best are selected to be recognized.
- 8) Last month New Jersey won the **Asia Society's 2009 Goldman Sachs Foundation Prize** for Excellence in International Education due to the state's commitment to curriculum, teacher preparation, and professional development in the area of international education. **Vernon Township High School** was recognized as having **one of the outstanding international education programs in the state**.
- 9) The following **Lounsberry Hollow Middle School** students won the **Annual Alcohol Awareness Contest**. **Staci Trezza**, Grade 5, will have her poster featured in the New Jersey Herald. **Lauren Ruggiero, Paige Wiseman, Rachel Fuehrer, and Paige McNulty**, Grade 6, won for a public service announcement that will be broadcast on WSUS 102.3 FM during the month of April.
- 10) Three members of "**The President's Own**" **United States Marine Band** performed at the high school as well as presented a workshop to students. Members of the band who performed were **Staff Sergeant Joseph DeLuccio** (graduate of Vernon Township High School), **Master Gunnery Sergeant Betsy Hill**, and **Staff Sergeant Charlie Powers**.
- 11) **Teresa Leary**, former VTHS student, has volunteered to assist Mrs. Theresa Higgins in the English Department.
- 12) The following **college student(s)**, some of them Vernon graduates, are doing their student teaching, practicums, field experience, student internship, volunteering and observations here in the Vernon Township School District:

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Student's Name	Timeframe	School	Cooperating Teacher	Type of Request	College
Carolyn McCarthy	15 hrs.	RHPS	C. Sargent	Observation	Sussex County Community College
“	10 hrs.	WRPS	Kindergaten Teachers	Observation	Sussex County Community College
Jessica Faley	1 day	RHPS	K. Meichsner	Observation	Sussex County Community College
Sarah Bakonyi	1 day	RHPS	L. Tobia	Observation	Sussex County Community College
Christian Frentzko	5 hrs.	RHPS	R. Hubmaster/L. Griffin	Observation	Sussex County Community College
“	7 hrs.	VTHS	Music Teachers	Observation	Sussex County Community College
“	3 hrs.	WRPS	M. Moschella	Observation	Sussex County Community College
Lauren Guli	15 hrs.	VTHS/CMPS	Business Dept./V. Gagliostro/J. Silipino	Observation	Hudson County Community College
Jessica VanGilst	1 week	CMPS	G. DelGrosso	Volunteering	Ramapo College
Amanda Matos	10 hrs.	GMMS	T. Carrell	Observation	Dominican College
Yaneida Nieves	15 hrs.	VTHS	World Language Dept.	Observation	Sussex County Community College
Caroline Bacon	1 day	CMPS	D. Baumgarten	Observation	Sussex County Community College

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Testing

During the month of May NJ ASK testing continues for grades 3-6. During the week of May 4th – May 8th grades 3 & 4, at Rolling Hills and Cedar Mountain will be tested. May 11th – May 14, 5th & 6th grade students will be tested at Lounsberry Hollow Middle School. The End-of-Course Biology test will be administered at Vernon Township High School on Monday May 18. During the last week of May Algebra I will be administered at Vernon Township High School and Glen Meadow Middle School on Wednesday May 27. On Thursday May 28 the Algebra II Test will be administered at Vernon Township School District.

Curriculum and Instruction

In the near future, the Accuplacer test will be administered by officials from SCCC to high school students who are interested in earning college credit for selected courses.

Currently there are 9 concurrent courses available at the high school that are being offered through SCCC, Fairleigh Dickinson University and Seton Hall.

QSAC – In anticipation of the New Jersey State Department district monitoring during the 2009-2010 school year, a district-wide committee comprised of teachers, parents and administrators has been formed. The committee recently met to formulate a working plan in acquiring documentation as evidence of district compliance of the state mandates. Currently, sub-committees, each with a primary contact person, have been formed and required data is starting to be collected.

During the 2009-2010 school year, the business education (7-12), visual arts (K-12) and guidance (K-12) will be under curricular review. Shortly we will request volunteers to serve on these committees in order to ensure that our district's five-year curriculum plan remains in place.

Special Services

Case managers continue to conduct annual review meetings throughout the district. These reviews will establish each special needs student's program for next school year. The Pre-School Inclusive Program will be offered, once again, next year at Walnut Ridge Primary School. This program has drawn interest from prospective parents for the Fall of 2009. Applications for the above program must be received by no later than Friday, May 1, 2009.

Congratulations to Speech-Language Therapist, Ms Alicyn Guilfoyle, on her recent appointment as a Clinical Associate of the School of Health Sciences and Human Performance in Speech-Language Pathology at Ithaca College. Ms. Guilfoyle's appointment as an externship supervisor will provide a valuable and greatly appreciated service to the Department of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology at Ithaca College, as well as allow graduate students to synthesize and apply information to real world environments.

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A fourth Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Parent Training Session on Toilet Training was held at Walnut Ridge Primary School on Thursday, March 26, 2009. The facilitator for the above was Behavior Specialist, Mrs. Tara Armstrong. Ten parents and two case managers were in attendance. The fifth session in the parent series is scheduled to take place at WRPS on Friday May 8 from 9:30am until 11:30am. The topic for this session will be on "*Eating Habits.*"

Athletics & Physical Education

March started with a snowstorm and ended with a beautiful sunny day. In between, a few warm days, a lot of cold days and overall, not a bad start for our spring teams. During the month, we had many accolades for our winter athletes and coaches. Ayman Andrews was selected as the New Jersey Herald Male Swimmer of the Year and Coach Sweeney was selected as the New Jersey Herald Swim Coach of the Year. Coach Quinn was selected as the Star Ledger Bowling Coach of the Year. At the United Way Scholar Athlete Award Banquet, Michael Rovinsky was presented with the Ira Lubert \$1,000 Community Service Scholarship. Michael serves the Highland Lakes community as a volunteer for the Fire Department and the Ambulance Squad. Amy Baxter was the recipient of the Directors of Athletics Association of New Jersey Sectional Award of Merit Scholarship. Twenty- three winter athletes were placed on SCIL All League teams. By maintaining a combined GPA of 3.5 or above for the first and second marking periods, eight of the 23 VTHS athletes were selected to the SCIL Academic All League Team.

The lockers, benches and ceiling tiles were or will be replaced in both the male and female physical education locker rooms. The lockers are wide to accommodate book bags and clothing. The lockers also provide for adequate ventilation. It was shared that the original gym lockers were actually hallway lockers placed in the locker rooms. This obviously will benefit all of our students with ample locker room space and ventilation.

Vernon once again hosted the North I versus North II, Group II state basketball semi finals for both girls and boys. Those in attendance witnessed two excellent games. All four teams were highly complementary of the Vernon facility.

Skier Kris Thomas and swimmer Ayman Andrews were selected the February and March Athletes of the Month.

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- 1) It is recommended that the board approve the following **faculty/staff appointments**:
- **Rosemary Gebhardt** - GMMS Principal; Step 4 of Middle School Principal's Salary Guide - \$109,499 + \$1,500 longevity; eff. 7/1/09. (Repl/Nelson)
 - **Kyle Arlington** - GMMS Asst. Principal; Step 1 of Middle School Asst. Principal's Salary Guide - \$90,854; eff. 7/1/09. (Repl/Gebhardt)

- 2) It is recommended that the board approve the following **resolution**:

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Board of Education wishes to employ **Dr. John B. Alfieri** as **Superintendent of Schools** commencing July 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS Dr. John Alfieri wishes to be employed as Superintendent of Schools for the Vernon Township School District commencing July 1, 2009; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon Township Board of Education hereby agrees to employ Dr. John B. Alfieri as its Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2009 subject to agreement by the parties on the terms and conditions of a contract and review and approval by the Commissioner of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to negotiate a contract on behalf of the Board of Education.

- 3) It is recommended that the board approve the following **resignations/terminations/reduction in force** as listed:

Kenneth Flynn	CO/CST part-time custodian; resignation for reasons of retirement; eff. 6/30/09.
Joseph Palmisano	GMMS part-time custodian, resignation; eff. 4/17/09.
Theresa McKenna	VTHS Spanish teacher (terminated); eff. 7/1/09.
Kathy Diaz	GMMS Special Education teacher (terminated); eff. 7/1/09.
Kathleen Nydam	CMPS Special Education teacher (terminated); eff. 7/1/09.
Laurie Kusma	VTHS Family & Consumer Science teacher (reduction in force); eff. 7/1/09.

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Donald Carver VTHS Science teacher (reduction in force); eff. 7/1/09.

Michael Byrne VTHS Business teacher (reduction in force); eff. 7/1/09.

- 4) It is recommended that the board approve the following faculty/staff **appointments/transfers** as listed:

*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:

* Michele Promnitz	Substitute, Group I
* Kathleen Napp	Substitute, Group I
* Veronica Preziosi	Substitute, Group I
* Vanessa Telischak	Substitute, Group I
* Justin Scognamiglio	Substitute, Group I
* Ellie Ufferfilge	Substitute, Group I
* Ashley Jacob	Substitute, Group II
* Kevin Berls	Substitute, Group II
* Noelle Swezy	Substitute, Group II
* Adam Rebisz	Substitute, Group II
* Kimberly Sokolewicz	Substitute Nurse
* Anthony Anari	Substitute Campus Monitor
* Joseph Malvano	Substitute Custodian
* Melissa Welch	Substitute Aide
* Nicola Becker	Substitute Aide
* Dawn Moynihan	Substitute Aide
* Rosario DiMartino	WRPS Head Custodian; Step 10 - \$35,403 plus head custodian stipend - \$3,939 and black seal stipend - \$1,124; eff. 6/15/09-6/30/09; Step 10 - \$36,450; plus head custodian stipend - \$4,108 and black seal stipend - \$1,172; eff. 7/1/09 – 6/30/10. (Repl/Stigler)

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*Aimee Rendine	District Speech/Language Therapist; MA, Level 1 - \$52,440; pending receipt of certification; eff. 9/1/09. Ms. Rendine will be mentored by Mrs. Kim Gibson, WRPS speech-language therapist for her first year. (Repl/Transfer/Kozlowski)
Mary Rose Cummins	Transfer from WRPS Autism Teacher to RHPS Autism Teacher; eff. 9/1/09.
Suzanne Kozlowski	Transfer from WRPS Speech Therapist to RHPS Speech Therapist; eff. 9/1/09.
Vincent Gagliostro	Transfer from CMPS Grade Three Teacher to RHPS Grade Three Teacher; eff. 9/1/09.
Matthew Sorensen	Transfer from CMPS Grade Four Teacher to LHMS Grade Five Teacher; eff. 9/1/09.
Vernoy Paolini	Transfer from K-6 SWEP Teacher to LHMS ½ SWEP Teacher and ½ Math Teacher; eff. 9/1/09.
Kim Fishman	Transfer from WRPS Grade One Teacher to RHPS Grade Four Teacher (returning from extended leave); eff. 9/1/09.
Suzanne MacDougall	Transfer from GMMS Special Education Teacher to WRPS Special Education Teacher (returning from extended leave); eff. 9/1/09.
Marta Yafar-Werman	Transfer from K-6 Spanish teacher to WRPS classroom teacher; eff. 9/1/09.
Ann Marie MacDonald	VTHS Art Teacher; BA Level 1 - \$46,610; eff. 9/1/09. (Repl/Paul) Ms. MacDonald holds a Certificate of Eligibility. Throughout her 09/10 employment in the VTSD she will be completing her certification requirements in accordance with the NJDOE New Pathways Program. Ms. MacDonald will be mentored by VTHS faculty member (TBD), during her year-long mentoring process. The mentoring fee of \$550 will be deducted from Ms. MacDonald's salary on a monthly basis of 10% (\$55).

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***Kristy Riegler**

VTHS special education teacher; BA Level 1 - \$44,912; non-tenure interim position for teacher unable to be at work; eff. 5/4/09 – 6/30/09. (Pending fingerprint approval.)

- 5) It is recommended that the board approve 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:

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 \$1,000.00 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 and B**, Board of Education Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Form.

- 6) It is recommended that the board approve the attached **2009/2010 paid holiday schedule and payroll schedule (Attachments C and D)**.

- 7) It is recommended that the board approve the following resolution pertaining to **abolishing positions** which is in line with Policy 3112.

WHEREAS there currently exists in the Vernon Township Public School District the following positions:

- (1) CMPS Grade 4 Teacher
- (1) CMPS Special Education Teacher
- (1) CMPS Interim Replacement Teacher
- (1) RHPS Grade 3 Teacher
- (1) RHPS Music Teacher
- (1) RHPS 2/5ths Special Education Teacher
- (1) RHPS Interim Replacement Teacher
- (1) LHMS Grade 6 Teacher
- (2) LHMS Grade-Level Coordinators
- (1) LHMS Interim Replacement Special Education Teacher
- (2) GMMS Science Teachers
- (1) GMMS Physical Education/Health Teacher
- (2) GMMS Special Education Teachers
- (1) GMMS Guidance Counselor
- (2) GMMS Grade-Level Coordinators
- (1) GMMS Spanish Explorer Teacher
- (1) GMMS Interim Replacement Special Education Teacher
- (1) VTHS Business Education Teacher
- (1) VTHS Family & Consumer Science Teacher
- (1) VTHS English Teacher
- (1) VTHS Math Teacher
- (1) VTHS Science Teacher
- (2) VTHS Spanish Teachers
- (1) VTHS 4/5ths German Teacher
- (1) VTHS 3/5ths French Teacher
- (1) VTHS 2/5ths Italian Teacher

WHEREAS the Superintendent of Schools has recommended to the board that based on decreasing enrollment at the K-12 level and for reasons of economy to provide financial savings, and

WHEREAS the Board of Education has discussed this proposal and believe it to be in the best interest of the district for financial reasons; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 30th day of April, 2009 that the aforementioned positions are hereby abolished effective July 1, 2009.

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- 8) It is recommended that the board approve the following resolution pertaining to the **creating of new positions**, which is in line with Policy 3111:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes its authority to create and fill teaching staff member positions to implement a thorough and efficient system of free public schools; and

WHEREAS, the board shall create new positions as they are required, approve job titles, and specify the number of positions required to staff adequately each employment category; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has recommended to the board such new positions or additions to existing employment categories as may be required by the specific instructional needs of pupils of the district and each school within the district; and

WHEREAS, positions shall, to the maximum extend possible, conform to certification regulations of the State Board of Education. When district organization requires the creation of a nonconforming, unrecognized position, the approval of the county Superintendent shall be sought before the position is filled; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 30th day of April, 2009 that the following positions be created for the 2009/2010 school year:

- (1) WRPS 1 and 2/5ths Special Education Teacher
- (1) RHPS Special Education (Autism) Teacher
- (1) LHMS Guidance Coordinator Stipend
- (1) VTHS 1/5th Industrial Arts Teacher
- (1) VTHS 1/5th Art Teacher
- (1) VTHS Guidance Counselor
- (1) VTHS 1 and 4/5ths Special Education Teacher
- (1) CO Part-Time Clerical Worker
- (1) CO Full-Time Desktop Computer Technician

- 9) It is recommended that the board approve the **appointment of all personnel**, certificated and non-certificated, excluding those presently under an emergency certificate; non-renewals and interim replacements; and to also include all co-curricular/intramural/athletic positions listed in the April Report for **2009/2010**; under each of the following buildings; also including the list of substitutes with coaching positions; district medical and dental inspectors; and informational expenditures, including substitute teacher rate, bedside tutor rate, summer school salaries (if authorized) and summer workers (if authorized); with the requirement that such listing be included in the official minutes of this meeting.

- a. Central Office
- b. Vernon Township High School (Abstain – Mr. Sweeney)
- c. Glen Meadow Middle School (Abstain – Mr. McGowan)
- d. Lounsberry Hollow Middle School (Abstain – Mr. DeYoung)
- e. Rolling Hills Primary School (Abstain – Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Kirchmer)
- f. Cedar Mountain Primary School (Abstain – Mr. Kirchmer, Mr. Castellana, Mr. Sweeney)
- g. Walnut Ridge Primary School (Abstain – Mr. Sweeney)
- h. Child Study Team

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- 10) It is recommended that the board approve the following list of **non-tenure track faculty not to be reappointed** for further employment for the **2009/2010** school year, but that such employment shall cease with the end of this school year, June 30, 2009. Such faculty are released from employment because of the return of tenure track faculty currently on approved leaves of absence and/or for possible reductions in staff due to enrollment and other factors.

Jennifer Esposito

Robin Moro

Geraldine Rogers

Ashley Sargent

Christina Verdonik

- 11) It is recommended that the board approve, 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 English instruction effective 5/1/09 – 6/30/09 for days that the teacher is on a maternity leave.

Theresa Higgins – VTHS English teacher – five (5) additional VTHS English classes per week. Mrs. Higgins will be compensated at a per diem per class rate of \$65.92 per day for days that a teacher is on a maternity leave. (Repl/Ragone)

Erin Matthews – VTHS English teacher – five (5) additional VTHS English classes per week. Ms. Matthews will be compensated at a per diem per class rate of \$52.95 per day for days that a teacher is on a maternity leave. (Repl/Ragone)

Carol Gemon – VTHS English teacher – five (5) additional VTHS English classes per week. Mrs. Gemon will be compensated at a per diem per class rate of \$67.39 per day for days that a teacher is on a maternity leave. (Repl/Ragone)

Marianne Longchamp – VTHS English teacher – five (5) additional VTHS English classes per week. Mrs. Longchamp will be compensated at a per diem per class rate of \$46.34 per day for days that a teacher is on a maternity leave. (Repl/Ragone)

Marjorie Huhn – VTHS English teacher – five (5) additional VTHS English classes per week. Mrs. Huhn will be compensated at a per diem per class rate of \$85.00 per day for days that a teacher is on a maternity leave. (Repl/Ragone)

- 12) It is recommended that the board approve, 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 Math instruction effective 4/30/09 – 6/30/09 for days that the teacher has resigned for reasons of retirement.

David Friefelder – VTHS Math teacher – five (5) additional VTHS Math classes per week. Mr. Friefelder will be compensated at a per diem per class rate of \$74.22 per day for days that a teacher has resigned for reasons of retirement. (Repl/Pyrcz)

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Eileen Nyland – VTHS Math teacher – five (5) additional VTHS Math classes per week. Mrs. Nyland will be compensated at a per diem per class rate of \$82.33 per day for days that a teacher has resigned for reasons of retirement. (Repl/Pyrcz)

- 13) It is recommended that the following personnel listed will be paid \$300 per assessment for the Summer of 2009. Goals and objectives MUST accompany the assessments.

Psychologists: Ira Yorn, Patricia Bayne, Robert Ferrari, Sonja McKenna, Hank Pomerantz, Bethany Konopinski, Georginia Dowles, Diohn Orsini

LDTC's: Gerald Andrewlavage, Frank Falcone, Ellen Buchney, Christine Voorhees, Nancy Lennon, Charlotte Ambrose, Karen Lagas

Social Workers: Susan Supino, Cathy Zuckerman, Pete Pallis, Victoria McDougald, Deirdre Mastandrea

Speech/Language Therapists: Gail DelGrosso, Alicyn Guilfoyle, Kim Gibson, Jennifer Mett, Sue Kozlowski, Tara Conneally, Jayna Murray, Denise Hertlein, Foundation First

Occupational Therapists: Marlene Poff, Sarah Telgheder, J&B Occupational Therapy

The following is a list of medical doctors, psychiatrists, neurologists, physical therapists, educational specialists, and other individuals and agencies who will be utilized as needed to assist the CST when necessary and appropriate:

Physician: Dr. Fisher

Psychiatrists: Dr. Rowena Francisco; Dr. Richard Hahn; Dr. Ellen Platt; Dr. Suckno

Neurologists: Dr. Holohan; Dr. Mallik

Hospitals: Newton Memorial Audiologists; Children's Specialized Hospital; Hackensack Medical Center (Audiological and Central Auditory Processing); Northwest Covenant; Maria H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf; Morristown Memorial Hospital; Crait T. Barth, Audiologist

Agencies: Pediatric Services of America (nursing care); Loving Care (nursing services)

- 14) It is recommended that the board approve the following **policies/regulations** as listed (**Attachment E**):

Second Reading

Regulation 2460.5	Special Education – Exemption from Statewide Testing (Abolished)
Regulation 2460.10	Special Education – Maintenance, Access to and Confidentiality of Pupil Records (Abolished)
Regulation 2460.14	Special Education – In-Service Training (Abolished)
Regulation 2460.16	Special Education – Instructional Material to Blind or Print Disabled Pupils (New)
Policy/Regulation 2460	Special Education (Revised)
Regulation 2460.1	Special Education – Location, Identification, and Referral (Revised)
Regulation 2460.8	Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education (Revised)
Regulation 2460.9	Special Education – Transition from Early Intervention Programs to Preschool Programs (Revised)
Policy 2467	Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents (Revised)

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

INFORMATIONAL: Mr. Kepnes

1. Use of Buildings and Grounds

NO.	REQUESTING ORGANIZATION	BUILDING OR GROUNDS	DATE
183	Vernon Girl Scout Troop 997	CMPS – Cafeteria	5/15/2009
184	Vernon Girl Scouts	VTHS – Cafeteria	3/6/2009
185	Vernon Little League	RHPS – Fields	4/1/2009 - 7/11/2009
186	HS Wrestling Team	VTHS – Gym	7/8, 15,22,29, 8/5 & 8/12/2009
187	Vernon Little League	VTHS - Lower Library	3/6/2009
188	SCA - VTHS	VTHS – Cafeteria	3/13/2009
189	Cerbo Baseball	LHMS – Fields	4/1/09 - 6/20/2009
190	Cerbo Baseball	VTHS - Varsity Baseball Field	4/1/09 - 6/20/2009
191	VTHS - Football Camp	VTHS - Turf Football Field	7/6/09 - 7/10/2009
192	VTHS - Guidance Department	VTHS – Auditorium	3/26/2009
193	Vernon Township Men's Softball League	VTHS - Softball Field	4/1/09 - 8/26/2009
194	Vernon Township Men's Softball League	WRPS - Softball Fields	4/1/09 - 8/26/2009
195	International Trip Meeting - Paolini	LHMS – Library	3/19/2009
196	International Trip Meeting - Paolini	LHMS – Library	4/2/2009
197	The Highland Stage	VTHS – Auditorium	7/6/09 - 8/10/09
198	Vernon Viking Marching Band	VTHS - Stadium & Football Fields	7/22/09 - 8/26/09
199	VTHS Student Council	VTHS – Gym	4/29/2009
200	Vernon Viking Marching Band	VTHS - Stadium & Football Fields	8/3/09 - 8/7/09
201	SWEP - Model UN	VTHS - Gym & Auditorium	5/29/2009
202	VTHS - Student Council	VTHS – Gym	5/1/2009
203	VTHS - Boys Lacrosse	VTHS - Senior Cafeteria	4/1/09 - 4/8/09
204	Ballyowen F.C. Seniors Soccer	VTHS - Turf Field	3/29/09 - 6/21/09
205	Vernon Youth Football & Cheerleading	RHPS – Fields	8/3/09- 11/23/09
206	Vernon Youth Football & Cheerleading	GMMS – Gym	5/6/09 - 5/28/09
207	Vernon Youth Football & Cheerleading	LHMS – Fields	8/3/09 - 11/23/09
208	Vernon Youth Football & Cheerleading	LHMS – Gym	5/12/09 - 6/10/09
209	Vernon 10 U Travel Baseball	CMPS – Fields	4/5/09 - 6/28/09
210	Matt Ferguson Basketball Academy	VTHS – Gym	7/13/09 - 7/17/09
211	Harvest House, Inc.	VTHS - Cafeteria & Kitchen	10/17/2009
212	Vernon Girl Scouts	VTHS – Cafeteria	6/5/2009
213	Vernon Historical Society	GMMS – Library	4/29/09 & 5/6/09
214	Cerbo Baseball	VTHS – Fields	3/1/09 - 6/15/09
215	Girls Basketball Camp	VTHS – Gym	6/29/09 - 7/2/09
216	Girl Scouts of Northern New	VTHS- Cafeteria	4/24/2009

	Jersey		
217	Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey	VTHS – Cafeteria	5/8/2009

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INFORMATIONAL: Mr. Kepnes

218	VTHS - Orchestra	VTHS - Room 019	5/13/2009
219	VTHS - Orchestra	VTHS - Room 019	5/20/2009
220	VTHS - SCA	VTHS – Cafeteria	5/29/2009

2. Field Trips

DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHER	DESTINATION	EXPENSE
4/7/09 - 5/13/09	GMMS	7 - 8	Nichols	Great Gorge Country Club - Golf Club	Student
5/16/2009	VTHS	9 - 12	Weinstein	NYC Minskoff Theatre - Thespian NYC Theatre Trip	Student
6/11/2009	RHPS	4	Griffin	RH to WRPS - RH 4th Grade Band	Board
4/6/2009	VTHS	9 - 12	Taylor	HS to Sussex County College	Board
5/14/2009	VTHS	10 - 12	Byrne	Meadowlands, Medieval Times - Marketing Trip	Student
4/28/2009	GMMS	7 - 8	Willer	Sussex County Community College	Board
5/15/2009	VTHS	9 - 12	Phalon	Newton Animal Hospital	Board
5/6/2009	VTHS	9 - 12	Foley	Warwick Lanes/Burger King - Adaptive PE	Board

3. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (C) 3, I certify that, as of March 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

Date

RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Kepnes

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the list of checks for April 30, 2009, #45939-#46048 in the amount of \$484,405.96. Abstain: Auberger, DeYoung, Whidden
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the list of hand checks for March 2009. **ATTACHMENT F**
3. It is recommended that the Board approve purchase orders for March 2009. Abstain: Whidden
4. It is recommended that the Board accept the Report of the Secretary for Current Operating Fund for the month of March 2009 and the Report of Treasurer of School Monies for March 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 March 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 report are in agreement.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve March 2009 transfers as authorized according to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-211(d). **ATTACHMENT G**
6. It is recommended that the Board approve Transportation as listed:

I. Bid Openings

- a). Sports destination for the 2009/2010 school year per bid # 2009-2010-01-A. Bid opening was on March 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
 1. Decker Transportation **ATTACHMENT H**
 2. Havens Bus Services **ATTACHMENT I**
 3. Bob Baldwin Transportation **ATTACHMENT J**
- b). Special education routes per bid #2009-2010-01. Bid opening was on March 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Macnova Bus Company
2009-2010 School Year
180 days

<u>Route</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>	<u>Aide</u>	<u>Inc./Dec.(+/-)</u>	<u>Total Route</u>
594	\$339.00 p.d.	\$1.00 p.d.	\$2.00 p.m.	\$61,200.00
W72	\$137.00	N/A	\$2.00 p.m.	\$24,660.00

Decker Transportation
2009-2010 School Year
180 days

<u>Route</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>	<u>Aide</u>	<u>Inc./Dec.(+/-)</u>	<u>Total Route</u>
V54	\$117.00 p.d.	\$42.00 p.d.	\$2.00 p.m.	\$28,622.00

II. Renewals

- a). To and From Transportation, Activity Routes, and Student Field Trip contracts to be renewed for Decker Transportation for the 2009-2010 school year per **ATTACHMENT K**

RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Kepnes

- b). To and From Transportation, Activity Routes, and Student Field Trip contracts to be renewed for Havens Bus Service for the 2009-2010 school year per.

ATTACHMENT L

- c). To and From Transportation, Activity Routes, and Student Field Trip contracts to be renewed for Bob Baldwin Transportation for 2009-2010 school year per.

ATTACHMENT M

III. Quotes

QUOTE NUMBER	CONTRACTOR	SCHOOL	# OF BUSES	COST PER BUS	TOTAL COST	DESTINATION	DATE OF TRIP
QC-08-01	Vanderhoof*	VTHS	1		\$3,825.00	Salem/Boston, MA	10/10 - 10/13/08
QC-08-02	DeCamp*	VTHS	1		\$1,695.00	Boston Aquarium	10/10/08
QC-08-03	Aristocrat*	VTHS	1		\$825.00	NYC - Wall Street	10/02/08
QC-08-04	Celebration*	VTHS	1		\$525.00	One way to Newark	11/13/08
QC-08-05	Aristocrat*	VTHS	1		\$ 1,875.00	Holocaust Museum, DC	11/13/08
QC-08-06	Vanderhoof*	VTHS	2	\$874.00	\$1,748.00	Marching Band to Giants	10/11/08
QC-08-08	Aristocrat*	VTHS	2	\$1,287.50	\$ 2,575.00	Marching Band to Allentown,	11/08/08
QC-08-09	Lakeland Bus*	LHMS	1		\$ 800.00	Trenton, Statehouse &	10/23/08
QC-08-10	Vanderhoof*	VTHS	1		\$ 715.00	Storm King Art Center in	10/29/08
QC-08-11	Aristocrat*	VTHS	1		\$825.00	HS English Class to NYC	12/03/08
QC-08-12	Celebration*	VTHS	1		\$ 525.00	One way to Newark	11/15/08
QC-08-13	Celebration*	GMMS	8	\$795.00	\$ 6,360.00	Medieval Times - 8th Grade	05/18/09
QC-08-14	Aristocrat*	GMMS	1		\$ 1,075.00	Boyertown, PA & Dorney	05/29/09
QC-08-15	Aristocrat*	GMMS	3	\$1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	Boyertown, PA & Dorney	05/29/09
QC-08-16	Lakeland Bus*	LHMS	1		\$ 800.00	State House in Trenton	11/24/08
QC-08-17	Vanderhoof*	VTHS	2	\$824.00	\$ 1,648.00	New York City - Broadway	02/04/09
QC-08-18	Aristocrat*	GMMS	2	\$1075.00	\$ 2,150.00	Allentown PA & Dorney	06/05/09
QC-08-19	Vanderhoof*	LHMS	4	\$815.00	\$3,260.00	American Museum of	04/28/09
QC-08-29	Lakeland Bus*	LHMS	1		\$800.00	Liberty State Park - 6th	05/27/09
QC-08-30	Vanderhoof*	LHMS	1		\$750.00	Monmouth Museum in	04/27/09
QC-08-31	Vanderhoof*	VTHS	1		\$850.00	New York City - Life Skills	05/20/09
QC-08-32	Aristocrat*	VTHS	1	Tie Breaker	\$1,000.00	JFK airport - World Language	4/9/09 Depart
QC-08-33	Vanderhoof*	VTHS	1		\$ 749.00	Meadowlands & Medieval	05/14/09

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QUOTE NUMBER	CONTRACTOR	PROGRAM/ SCHOOL	COST PER DIEM	TOTAL COST	DESTINATION	DATE OF TRIP
Q-08-27	McGlew Transportation	Special Education	\$218.00	\$16,132.00	Cornerstone Day School	74 days
Q-08-28	Havens Bus	GMMS	\$490.00	\$490.00	NYC Museum of Art	06/03/09
Q-08-29	Havens Bus	VTHS	\$475.00	\$475.00	NYC Museum of Art	05/14/09
Q-08-30	Havens Bus	VTHS	\$600.00	\$600.00	Minskoff Theatre	05/16/09

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the Joint Resolution for Participation in Transportation Services in the Sussex County Regional Cooperative. **ATTACHMENT N**

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Special Education Contracts:

The contract between the Vernon Township Board of Education and the Windsor school for Student # 92493 for the 2008-09 school year at a cost of \$ 15,603.20 (prorated – effective 3/19/09) as per the student’s I.E.P.

9. It is recommended that the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed S-15 as Chapter 22, P.L. 2009 that reduces the State Aid for the Vernon Township School District school district for the 2008-2009 school by an amount approximating \$189,088.50;

AND WHEREAS, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed S-21 as Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 that provides school districts with two options concerning their obligation to pay the Public Employees Retirement System, namely payment in full by April 30, 2009, or payment of one-half of the pension obligation by April 30, 2009;

AND WHEREAS, payment of one-half of the pension obligation requires the district to apply for a deferral schedule which will start in April 2012 and continue for 15 years to repay the deferred portion to the retirement system;

AND WHEREAS, deferred payments are subject to normal actuarial growth on accrued liabilities of the pension system, which most recently was a rate of 8.25%;

AND WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator has reviewed the cash flow needs of the Vernon Township School District, the surplus balance position of the district, and the impact of the deferral on future budgets if the district should elect to take the deferral or reject the deferral;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Vernon Township Board of Education that:

It hereby accepts the offer of a deferral by the New Jersey Public Employees Retirement System and authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay one-half of the 2009 PERS pension obligation before April 30, 2009 and apply for a deferral schedule that begins in April 2012.

10. It is recommended that the Board approve the Bond Refinancing Account Payment for April 2009. **ATTACHMENT O**

11. It is recommended that the Board approve Change Order GC-4 and payment to Green Acres Contracting Company of \$14,750.00 related to additional trench drain and spreading of topsoil, hydro-seeding and repairing of lawns damaged by additional electrical work.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Kepnes

12. It is recommended that the Board approve payment to for work related to the Artificial Field and Site Work Project in the amount of \$21,293.44, pending receipt of the releases of all related mechanics lines. Five thousand dollars is to be withheld to cover the cost of final work needed on the tennis courts.