

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF VERNON
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

- I. CALL TO ORDER (Cynthia Auberger, President)
- II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. READING OF MEETING NOTICES
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - a) Work Session (8/27/09) (Hughes – absent)
 - b) Public Meeting (8/27/09) (Hughes – absent)
 - c) Closed Meeting (8/27/09) (Hughes – absent)
- V. CORRESPONDENCE (Mr. Kepnes)
- VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS
- VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Questions limited to items listed on agenda ONLY
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT (Dr. Alfieri)
 - a) Informational matters:
 - b) Recommendations – personnel: appointments, terminations, non-reappointments, leaves, recommendations regarding funding, student matters, etc.
- IX. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINSTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY (Mr. Kepnes)
 - a) Informational matters:
 - b) Recommendations – purchase orders, checks, transportation, maintenance agreements, etc.
- X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Questions and comments pertaining to agenda items and any NEW business
- XI. CLOSED SESSION
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

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CORRESPONDENCE (Mr. Kepnes)

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- 1) Letter, **Susan Stephens**, VTHS Science teacher; indicating her resignation for reasons of retirement; eff. 1/1/10.
- 2) Letter, **Nancy Sebastiano**, CMPS part-time aide; indicating her resignation; eff. 8/31/09.
- 3) Letter, **Dianne Updike**, WRPS part-time aide; indicating her resignation; eff. 9/1/09.
- 4) Letter, **Bernadette Slokem**, CMPS part-time aide; indicating her resignation; eff. 9/2/09.
- 5) Letter, **Tara Holderith**, requesting a maternity leave from November 9, 2009 through February 12, 2010.
- 6) Letter, **Karen Kozinsky**, requesting a medical leave from September 21 through October 21.

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INFORMATION (Dr. Alfieri)

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- 1) We are pleased to announce **Lounsberry Hollows Middle School students** as the district artists of the month for September. Their artwork is being displayed at the board office and at VTHS during the month of September.
- 2) The remaining **Back to School Nights** will be held at each school starting at 7:00 p.m. as listed:

September 22	Vernon Township High School
September 23	Rolling Hills Primary School
September 29	Lounsberry Hollow Middle School
- 3) The Back Porch Review has been awarded its fourth Gold Medal in a row from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, a division of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. The publication also won All-Columbian awards in the areas of organization, content, and design.
- 4) The New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (CAP) project has awarded funding to the district to implement the CAP Elementary and Teen programs.
- 5) Robert Henry (GMMS) is scheduled to present at the Curriculum Fair/Question & Answer Roundtable on Wednesday, October 28, at the NJ School Boards Convention. His presentation is entitled: Digital Storytelling Technology in the Middle School Curriculum.
- 6) Dhalma Lopez (LHMS) has been named the Educational Support Person of the Year for 2009 – 2010.

Grants & Testing

The State Board of Education and Department of Education are reviewing and making changes to the Special Review Assessment (SRA) process which is an alternate way for students to earn a diploma. The following changes were released in a memo from the State Department and will be implemented during the 2009 – 2010 school year.

- 1) School districts will continue to enroll eligible students in an SRA instructional program beginning in September of their senior year to enhance the students' chance of attaining proficiency on the October HSPA;
- 2) In contrast to past practice, the SRA performance tasks (PATs) will not be available for use by districts until January 2010, following the release of October 2009 HSPA results. Thus, although students may be receiving remedial support beginning in September, no students will begin the SRA assessment process during the fall of the twelfth grade year;
- 3) Districts will have SRA administration windows of approximately three weeks each in January/early February and late March/April within which to administer the PATs to eligible students;
- 4) A limited selection of SRA PATs that covers clusters will be assigned to each window, from which district staff will select appropriate PATs for administration to their students; The SRA PATs will be available from the county offices shortly before the January 2010 SRA

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administrative window; a separate set of PATs will become available just prior to the March/April window;

- 5) Students will no longer have unlimited opportunities to complete SRA PATs successfully;
- 6) Districts will be instructed to forward completed student SRA responses to a designated site by the state testing contractor, where scoring of student responses by trained New Jersey teachers will occur;
- 7) The state testing vendor will recruit and train New Jersey teachers for this purpose; districts will be expected to release a certain number of teachers to serve as scorers for two or more days; some scoring may occur on weekends, for which scorers will be compensated directly;
- 8) In concert with the Office of State Assessments, the state vendor will report the results of the SRA scoring in a timely manner sufficient to inform final graduation determinations.

Preliminary 2009 Adequate Yearly Progress Status for Middle Schools and High Schools were released on August 27, 2009. Vernon Township School District's results are as follows.

- 1) Vernon Township High School did not make AYP. The high school's School Improvement Status Summary is Year 3.
- 2) Glen Meadow Middle School did make AYP. Glen Meadow's School Improvement Status Summary is Year 2 on Hold.

Curriculum & Instruction

The 2009-2010 Vernon Township School District Mentor Program kicked off with a meeting of all first-year teachers and their mentors at the high school. Many practical discussion items were brought to the forefront for all new teachers in the school district.

Individual grades 3-8 NJASK PowerPoint presentations are scheduled to begin with Rolling Hills grade four teachers on September 21st. All data relating to testing will be shared with faculty, as well as recommendations for areas of additional focus that are apparent as a result of the 2009 testing. Remaining grade level presentations will follow in Cedar Mountain, Lounsberry Hollow and Glen Meadow School.

Special Services

On Tuesday, September 1, 2009, 41 teacher aides involved in our district's autism program either directly, or indirectly, were trained by Mrs. Tara Armstrong from Applied Behavior Consultants. The above training took place in the all purpose room at Walnut Ridge Primary School.

The director held a team meeting with all district case managers on September 1 at Vernon Township High School, following the Convocation program held that morning. Agenda items supporting a successful school opening were addressed at this meeting.

On Friday, September 11, district case managers, three Special Services office secretaries, the Academic Chairperson of Special Services and the director will receive *Student Tracker* training at Lounsberry Hollow Middle School in Room 122 from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Student Tracker – Special Services Module was recently implemented into the district to facilitate IEP Development & Special Services Case Management.

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On Tuesday, September 22, the director will be attending Alternative Proficiency Assessment (APA) administrators' training in Whippany, NJ. All APA lead teachers will be attending on-line APA training with the director at a date, yet to be determined, later this fall.

On Wednesday, October 7, Mrs. Holly Terrill and Mrs. Jennifer Papandrea will be presenting *Teaching Our Children How to Do Math* at VTHS. This program will begin at 7:00pm. All who are interested in the above program are encourage to attend.

Athletics & Physical Education

Fall athletic scrimmages have started as we prepare for the start of the 2009-10 school year. Night scrimmages were scheduled for soccer, field hockey and football. The official start of the NJAC schedule will be Tuesday, September 8, as tennis hosts Parsippany Hills. The majority of NJAC sports will open up either Friday, September 11, or Saturday, September 12. Football will host East Orange in an independent game scheduled for Friday night, September 11. Volleyball will travel to Hackettstown for the Tigers Invitational Tournament on Saturday, September 12. Cross Country will open up on Tuesday, September 15, as all NJAC teams in the American Division will run at Freedom Park which is located in Morris County.

The walking and tennis court lights have provided the opportunity for Vernon community members to use both the tennis courts and the track during evening hours. Just this morning, September 8, thanks to the morning walking lights, nine individuals were able to walk, jog or run on the track between 5:45 and 7:00 am.

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

Susan Stephens VTHS Science teacher; for reasons of retirement; with regret; eff. 1/1/10.

Nancy Sebastiano CMPS part-time aide; eff. 8/31/09.

Dianne Updike WRPS part-time aide; eff. 9/1/09.

Bernadette Slokem CMPS part-time aide; eff. 9/2/09.

- 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. Sparta and carried on the following roll call vote: YES: Mr. McGowan, Mr. Sparta, Mr. Whidden, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kirchmer, Mrs. Auberger; NO: Mr. DeYoung; ABSENT: Mr. Castellana:

*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:

*Jennifer Tamson	Substitute, Group I
*Brianna Cooper	Substitute, Group I
*Lori White	Substitute, Group II
*Robert Rosendale	Substitute, Group II
*Lisa Riedl	Substitute, Group II
*Tamara Coppola	Substitute Aide
*Alan Ciapperino	Substitute Custodian

Kathy Weyant VTHS Debate Team Advisor; Step 1 - \$1,949; eff. 9/1/09.

***Tammy Arcediano** WRPS part-time aide; Step 1 - \$13.42/hr. - 3.25 hrs./day (9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.); pending fingerprint approval; eff. 9/21/09.

Sarah Dawes GMMS part-time aide; Step 1 - \$13.42/hr. – 4 hrs./day (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) (Repl/Donovan)

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Renee Sturm	GMMS part-time aide (Child Specific); Step 1 - \$13.42/hr. – 3.5 hrs/day (11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) (New)
Joyce Leung	GMMS part-time aide (Child Specific); Step 1 - \$13.42/hr – 4 hrs/day (7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) (New)
AnnaMarie Driscoll	RHPS part-time aide; Step 1 - \$13.42/hr – 3.5 hr/day (11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) (Repl/Shears)
Kevin Boehm	VTHS Choral Director; Step 1 - \$4,299; eff. 9/1/09. (Repl/Cimorelli)
Kevin Boehm	VTHS Year Long Choral Advisor; ½ of Step 1 - \$979.50; eff. 9/1/09. (Repl/Cimorelli)
Veronica Haltner	LHMS part-time aide; Step 1 - \$13.42/hr – 4hrs/day (7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) (New)
MaryAnn Melone	LHMS part-time aide; Step 1 - \$13.42/hr – 4hrs/day (11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) (New)
Judith Cutler	Child Study Team Social Worker from September 21 through October 21 at a per diem rate of \$150. (Repl/Kozinsky)
Susan Bekefi	Transfer from VTHS custodian (2 p.m.-6 p.m.) to RHPS custodian (7:15 p.m. – 11:15 p.m.) – (Repl/Lepore)

- 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. Gilson; 2nd by Mr. Whidden 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

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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 and B**, Board of Education Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Form.

- 4) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved the following professional certified staff for **salary adjustments** based upon their submission of appropriate documentation attesting to their further professional development and improvement. (Degree levels and salaries are listed in the VTEA contract). Motion by Mr. McGowan; 2nd by Mr. Kirchmer and carried on the following roll call vote: YES: Mr. Whidden, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Kirchmer, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Sparta, Mrs. Auberger; ABSENT: Mr. Castellana; ABSTAINED: Mr. Hughes.

John Getz (VTHS)	MA+60, Level 14
Nancy Hughes (VTHS)	MA+30, Level 11
Jennifer Krott (VTHS)	MA+15, Level 7
Fred Reimer (VTHS)	MA, Level 6

- 5) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved the **elimination for the Freshmen Field Hockey Coaching** position due to lack of student participation. The position will be reinstated at such time as student participation increases. Motion by Mr. Kirchmer; 2nd by Mr. DeYoung and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- 6) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved all certificated staff to be **bedside tutors** as necessary on a motion by Mr. DeYoung; 2nd by Mr. Gilson and carried on the following roll call vote: YES: Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Whidden, Mrs. Auberger; ABSENT: Mr. Castellana; ABSTAINED: Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kirchmer, Mr. Sparta..

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- 7) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved the **2010 – 2011 school calendar (Attachment C)** on a motion by Mr. Whidden; 2nd by Mr. Sparta. All in favor.
- 8) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved the **second reading of Policy and Regulation 8310 Public Records (Attachment D)** on a motion by Mr. DeYoung; 2nd by Mr. Kirchmer and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- 9) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved the **2009 – 2010 District Goals (Attachment E)** on a motion by Mr. Sparta; 2nd by Mr. DeYoung and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- 10) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved the **No Child Left Behind** application for fiscal year 2010 on a motion by Mr. Whidden; 2nd by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous roll call vote. The breakdown of grant funds is as follows:

Title I – Basic Skills	\$145,287
Salaries & Benefits	
Professional Development (required)	
Supplies & materials	
Supplemental Services (GMMS)	
Parent Involvement	
Title IIA – Professional Development	141,592
Expenses for professional development	
Professional Development & Tuition Reimbursement	
Title IID – Enhancing Education through Technology	1,864
Title IV – Safe & Drug-Free Schools	7,690
Salary & Benefits – VTHS Campus Monitor & SAC	

- 11) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved a FMLA maternity leave of absence for **Mrs. Tara Holderith**, LHMS teacher, effective November 9, 2009 through February 2, 2010, in keeping with her letter of request, physician's statement, board policy, VTEA agreement, and in accordance with the Federal Family Leave Act and the New Jersey Family Leave Act. Mrs. Holderith may use 20 sick days before birth and 20 sick days after the birth provided sick days are available. Mrs. Holderith may take up to 12 weeks unpaid leave under FMLA. It is stipulated the Mrs. Holderith must inform the superintendent's office in writing by January 15, 2010, of her intention to return to employment or request an extension of this leave. Motion by Mr. Kirchmer; 2nd by Mr. McGowan and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- 12) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved a FMLA medical leave of absence to **Mrs. Karen Kozinsky**, CST social worker, effective September 21, 2009 through October 21, 2009, in keeping with her letter of request, physician's statement, board policy, VTEA agreement, and in accordance with the Federal Family Leave Act and the New Jersey Family Leave Act. It is stipulated that Mrs. Kozinsky must inform the superintendent's office in writing as soon as possible of her intention to return to employment or request an extension of this leave. Motion by Mr. McGowan; 2nd by Mr. Kirchmer and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

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- 13) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board approved the **Child Abuse Prevention** grant for grades one, three, five, and seven for the 2009 – 2010 school year. The amount of grant funds being awarded is \$4,186.50. The district will be responsible to pay \$4,185.50. Motion by Mr. DeYoung; 2nd by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

- 14) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board resolved not to apply for the \$3,241 allocated for **Title III – Grants and Subgrants for English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancements**. Any allocation under \$10,000 must be refused. Motion by Mr. Gilson; 2nd by Mr. Sparta and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

INFORMATIONAL: Mr. Kepnes

1. Use of Buildings and Grounds

NO.	REQUESTING ORGANIZATION	BUILDING OR GROUNDS	DATE
9	Vernon Girl Scouts Leaders Monthly Meeting	CMPS – Cafeteria	9/21/09 - 5/17/10
10	Girl Scout - Brownies	CMPS – Cafeteria	9/2009 - 6/2010
11	Vernon PAL/ Vernon Recreation	VTHS - Gym (only is weather is bad)	9/20/2009
12	Vernon Youth Soccer	WRPS - Fields 6 & 7	8/15/2009 - 11/28/2009
13	Center for Prevention & Counseling Parent Meeting	GMMS - Library	10/26/2009
14	Vernon Girl Scouts - Registration Night	CMPS - Cafeteria	9/16/2009
15	VTHS Football - Pre-game dinners	VTHS - Cafeteria/Kitchen	9/10/09 - 11/5/09
16	Vernon PAL - Mad Science	CMPS - Cafeteria or Classroom	10/7/2009 - 12/16/2009
17	Vernon PAL - Body Sculpting	WRPS - Gym	9/16/2009 - 12/16/2009
18	Vernon PAL - Cardio Kickboxing	WRPS - Gym	9/14/2009 - 12/7/2009
19	Vernon PAL - Exercise	WRPS - Gym	9/24/2009 - 10/22/2009
20	Skylands Youth Symphony	GMMS - Music Room & Cafeteria A	9/2009 - 6/2010
21	Off The Bench U10 - Baseball	CMPS - Baseball Field	9/12/2009 - 10/11/2009
22	Cub Scout Pack 283	GMMS - Cafeteria	9/2009 - 6/2010
23	Mr. Dambach - Costa Rica Presentation	VTHS - Lower Library	9/24/2009
24	Fall Varsity Cheerleading	VTHS - Lower Parking Lot	9/10/2009
25	Vernon Township Co-ed Softball	WRPS - Front & Back Fields	9/13/09 - 11/15/09
26	Boy Scouts of America Recruitment	WRPS - Gym	9/18/2009
27	Vernon Township Education Association	WRPS - Library or Faculty Room	10/13/2009
28	Vernon Township Education Association	CMPS - Library or Faculty Room	4/14/2010
29	Girl Scouts Troop #956	LHMS - Classroom	9/2009 - 6/2010
30	Boy Scout Troop 912	LHMS - Cafeteria	9/2009 - 6/2010
31	Vernon Township Education Association	LHMS - Library or Faculty Room	9/15/2009
32	Girl Scouts Troop #254	GMMS - Cafeteria	9/2009 - 6/2010

2. Field Trips

DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHER	DESTINATION	EXPENSE
10/16/2009	CMPS	4	Ongas	Sterling Hill Mining Museum - Class Trip	Student
11/11/09 - 11/15/09	VTHS	12	Romano	Orlando, FL - Marketing Education Program	Student/Board
9/13/2009	VTHS	9 -12	Taylor	West Milford - Marching Band Parade	Board
10/1/2009	VTHS	9 – 12	Swezy	Vo-Tech - Pass It Along Conference	Board
10/21/2009	VTHS	9 – 12	Barta	Sussex Tech - Summit on School violence	Board
3/18 - 3/22/2010	VTHS	9 – 12	Ludeking	Spring Training Softball - Disney	Student
9/24/2009	GMMS	7 – 8	Gagg	Interscholastic Field Hockey - Newton	Board
10/1/2009	GMMS	7 – 8	Gagg	Interscholastic Field Hockey - Hardyston	Board
10/2/2009	GMMS	7 – 8	Gagg	Interscholastic Field Hockey - North Warren	Board

10/8/2009	GMMS	7 – 8	Gagg	Interscholastic Field Hockey - Lincoln Park	Board
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REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

INFORMATIONAL: Mr. Kepnes

10/16/2009	GMMS	7 – 8	Gagg	Interscholastic Field Hockey - Kittatinny HS	Board
10/20/2009	GMMS	7 – 8	Gagg	Interscholastic Field Hockey - Franklin	Board
10/22/2009	GMMS	7 – 8	Gagg	Interscholastic Field Hockey - Sussex-Wantage	Board
10/26/2009	GMMS	7 – 8	Gagg	Interscholastic Field Hockey - Newark Academy	Board
10/28/2009	VTHS	9 – 12	Taylor/Boehm	Wallkill Valley High School - Band & Chorus	Board
11/2/2009	VTHS	9 - 12	Taylor/Boehm	Wallkill Valley High School - Band & Chorus	Board
11/10/200	VTHS	9 - 12	Taylor/Boehm	Wallkill Valley High School - Band & Chorus	Board
11/18/2009	VTHS	9 - 12	Taylor/Boehm	Wallkill Valley High School - Band & Chorus	Board
11/19/2009	VTHS	9 - 12	Taylor/Boehm	Wallkill Valley High School - Band & Chorus	Board
10/14/2009	VTHS	9 - 12	Taylor/Boehm	Kittatinny Regional High School - Band & Chorus	Board
11/7/2009	VTHS	9 - 12	Taylor	J. Birney Crum Stadium, Allentown, PA - Band	Board
10/24/2009	VTHS	9 - 12	Taylor	Roxbury High School - Marching Band	Board
10/17/2009	VTHS	9 - 12	Taylor	Giants Stadium - Marching Band Show	Board
10/23/2009	RHPS	4	Sargent	Sterling Hills Museum - 4th Grade Class Trip	Student
9/18/09 - 10/16/09	GMMS	7 - 8	Nichols	Minerals Golf Club - GM Golf Program	Student
10/28/2009	CMPS	3	Lesch	Liberty Science Center - 3rd Grade Trip	Student
10/21/2009	LHMS	6	Buchney	Sussex Tech - Summit on Bullying	Board

3. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (C) 3, I certify that, as of August 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. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved the list of checks (#47346-#47591) for September in the amount of \$1,806,537.30. Motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. McGowan and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved the list of hand checks for August on a motion by Mr. Whidden, seconded by Mr. DeYoung and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved purchase orders for August 2009 on a motion by Mr. Kirchmer, 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 August 2009 and the Report of Treasurer of School Monies for August 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 August 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. Motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. McGowan and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved August 2009 transfers as authorized according to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-211(d). **ATTACHMENT F** Motion by Mr. Gilson and seconded by Mr. Kirchmer 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 the following roll call vote: YES: Mr. Whidden, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kirchmer, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Sparta. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Auberger

Parent Transport

Parental contract P-09-10-06 to transport a student with special needs to the Phoenix Center for the 2009/2010 school year (156 days) at a cost of \$108.86 p.d. for a total cost of \$17,199.88. A copy of the parent’s license, registration, and liability insurance has been provided as required by law.

QUOTE NUMBER	CONTRACTOR	PROGRAM/ SCHOOL	COST PER DIEM/TRIP	TOTAL COST	DESTINATION	DATES	TYPE OF EXPENSE
Q09-07	D.W. Clark	Special Trans.	\$88.00	\$15,840.00	VTHS	9/1-6/22	Board
Q09-08	D.W. Clark	Special Trans.	\$188.00	\$17,108.00	Calais School	9/1-12/15	Board

QUOTE NUMBER	CONTRACTOR	SCHOOL	# OF BUSES	TOTAL COST	DESTINATION	DATE OF TRIP	TYPE OF EXPENSE
QC-09-1	Celebration Travel	VTHS	1	\$2,700.00	Salem/Boston, MA CANCELLED	10/9 - 10/11/09	Student
QC-09-2	Celebration Travel	VTHS	1	\$2,700.00	Washington, DC	12/3/09 -	Student

					Journalism Class	12/5/09	
QC-09-3	DeCamp Bus Line	VTHS	1	\$795.00	New York City	02/03/10	Student

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QC-09-4	Vanderhoof	VTHS	1	\$495.00	Newark Airport - One way Marketing Education Program in Disney	11/11/09	Student
	Celebration			\$500.00			
	Passaic Valley			\$559.00			
	Aristocrat			\$575.00			
	Lakeland Bus			\$650.00			
	DeCamp Bus			\$695.00			
QC-09-5	DeCamp Bus Lines	VTHS	2	\$1,790.00	Giants Stadium Yamaha Cup Marching Band Show HS Marching Band	10/17/09	Board
	Vanderhoof			\$1,988.00			
	Lakeland Bus			NA			
	Celebration			NA			
QC-09-6	Lakeland Bus	VTHS	2 coin toss	\$ 1,450.00	Roxbury High School Marching Band	10/24/09	Board
	Aristocrat			\$ 1,450.00			
	Vanderhoof			\$ 1,788.00			
	DeCamp Bus			\$ 1,590.00			
	Celebration			NA			
QC-09-7	Celebration	VTHS	2	\$ 1,800.00	J. Birney Crum Stadium - Allentown, PA Marching Band Competition	11/07/09	Board
	Aristocrat	VTHS		\$ 1,850.00			
	DeCamp			\$ 1,990.00			
	Lakeland			\$ 2,150.00			
	Passaic Valley			\$ 2,440.00			
	Vanderhoof			\$ 2,398.00			

7. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved a resolution giving “Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project” – Cedar Mountain Roof – DOE Project # 5360-023-090-1001 Motion by Mr. Sparta, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved a resolution “Authorizing Execution and Delivery of the Grant Agreement” – Cedar Mountain Roof – DOE Project #5360-023-090-1001. Motion by Mr. Gilson, seconded by Mr. Whidden and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board accepted the project completed by VanWingerden Associates (GMMS Bridge) and release of the final retainage in the amount of \$1,691.60. Motion by Mr. Whidden, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board accepted the Agreement for Electric Service and rate schedule for Large Power Service. The Agreement is available for review at the Board Office. Motion by Mr. Kirchmer, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Kepnes

11. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved payment of Invoice S-1754106 with SYSTEMS 3000 in the amount of \$15,874.00, billed semi annually for Service/Support and Licensing. Motion by Mr. Gilson, seconded by Mr. Sparta and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

12. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved the following Special Education Contracts on a motion by Mr. Whidden, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
 - a) The Special Education Tuition Contract between the Vernon Township Board of Education and the Morris Educational Services Commission for Student # 101204 for the 2009-10 School Year at a cost of \$ 61,820.00 as per the student's I.E.P.

 - b) The Special Education Tuition Contract between the Vernon Township Board of Education and the Morris Educational Services Commission for Student # 62995 for the 2009-10 School Year at a cost of \$ 61,820.00 as per the student's I.E.P.

 - c) The Special Education Tuition Contract between the Vernon Township Board of Education and the Bergen County Special Services District for Student # 103196 to attend the Norman A. Bleshman Regional Day School for the 2009-10 School Year at a cost of \$ 61,500.00 as per the student's I.E.P.

 - d) The Special Education Tuition Contract between the Vernon Township Board of Education and The Calais School for Student # 82793 for the 2009-10 School Year at a cost of \$ 44,010.00 as per the student's I.E.P.

 - e) The Contract between the Vernon Township Board of Education and the P.G. Chambers School to supply Occupational Therapy Services for Student # 1599 while he attends The Craig School. Services are for the 2009-10 School Year at a cost of \$ 2,720.00 as per the student's I.E.P.

 - f) The Special Education Contract between the Vernon Township Board of Education and the Sparta Township Board of Education to receive (1) Sparta Student # SP01 into the Autism Program for the 2009-10 School Year. Tuition is \$ 10,000.00 plus cost of Speech Services, Occupational Therapy and Personal Aide(s) as per the student's I.E.P.

 - g) The Special Education Contract between the Vernon Township Board of Education and the Hardyston Township Board of Education to receive (1) Hardyston Student # HD01 into the Learning/Language Disability Program for the 2009-10 School Year. Tuition is \$ 16,374.00 plus cost of Speech Services, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Adaptive Physical Education and Personal Aide(s) as per the student's I.E.P.

13. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator the Board approved going into Closed Session immediately after the meeting to discuss a student matter on a motion by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Sparta. All in favor.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Kepnes

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:45 p.m.

Updates were provided in the following:

- The DARE Program and funding
 - Special Education – newly approved positions
 - Savings due to bringing additional services in-district
 - Cell phones offered to select employees
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- Policy regarding Controversial Issues
 - A report was provided regarding injured employees