



Vernon Township Board of Education

Thursday, November 15, 2012

6:30 p.m.

Glen Meadow Middle School

WORK SESSION/PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Vernon Township Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Glen Meadow Middle School by President, Douglas F. Castellana. Present: Mrs. Auberger, Mr. Castellana, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Sparta, Mr. Zweier. Ms. Parrott was absent.

Also present were Dr. Alfieri, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Linkenheimer, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Kepnes, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

The public and the Board were treated to music performed by the Small String Ensemble: Kaitlyn Ambrose, Brittany Gaule, Trevor Hazell, Erin Kenely, Ethan Kolonoski, David MacMillan, Maya Rakoczy.

There were also many wonderful works of art on display.

Mr. Sandy had a display of findings from archeology digs from Black Creek. All seventh graders, as a field trip, go to the site each year. Students, Samuel Dawes, Steven Szollosi and Joseph Gummere demonstrated NXT Mindstorms.

Following the roll call, all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sklar Salamone impressed us all with her rendition of the *National Anthem*.

Mr. Kepnes read the New Jersey Public Meeting Notice.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with provisions of the Act, Vernon Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published and adequate notice has been provided.

The minutes of the Work Session Minutes of October 4, 2012 were approved on a motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. McGowan and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

The amended minutes of the Closed Session of the Work Session of October 4, 2012 were approved on a motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. McGowan and carried on the following roll call vote. YES: Mr. Gilson, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Sparta, Mr. Zweier, Mrs. Auberger, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Castellana. ABSTAIN: Mr. Hughes

The minutes of the Public Meeting of October 18, 2012 were approved on a motion by Mr. Sparta, seconded by Mr. Zweier and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

The minutes of the Closed Session of the Public Meeting of October 18, 2012 were approved on a motion by Mr. Gilson, seconded by Mr. Zweier and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Presentations

Mr. Castellana introduced Mrs. Gebhardt, Mr. Burns and Mrs. Behnke. Mrs. Gebhardt thanked the Board for the new public address system which was in use for the first time. She then explained that the presentation tonight was Family and Consumer Science use of tablets in the classroom.

Family and Consumer Science students, Trevor Hazell, Robert Reilly, Pamela VonOesen and Ryan Weber shared tablets with Board Members and Board Office Administrators as Mrs. Behnke, through the use a projector, displayed applications on a screen. She demonstrated several applications, one of which will find meals if you enter what items you have available and displays recipes, and also an "Ask Karen" where you can ask questions about food/nutrition. Mrs. Behnke said that the children are very excited and she thanked the Board.

There was then a short break while the Board and public tasted foods that were prepared by the students in the Family and Consumer Science class.

Following the break, Dr. Alfieri began a slide presentation on NJASK grades 3-8 and HSPA grade 11 test results for the past four years. He explained that it is the first year of Singapore Math which has been introduced in grades K-1; next year it will be expanded into grades 3-5. He stated that this presentation will be on the web. The results show that there has been great progress in some grades; small progress in other grades. Special education students are performing better in many cases, there is still work to be done in math. He explained all the steps we have taken and that we will continue to look for ways to improve test scores.

He turned the microphone over to Mr. Kyle Arlington, who proceeded to work through the slide show on test scores in Language Arts. The test scores here were also varied with many great strides taking place. The proudest accomplishment was that the general education eleventh graders achieved 100% Advanced Proficiency/Proficiency in Language Arts on the HSPA this year. Congratulations to all.

Dr. Alfieri stated that we are happy, but not thrilled with the results. Mr. DeYoung contributed a theory that perhaps it takes a few years to "kick in", as reflected in the high school scores. He stated that the bottom line is that they are eventually getting it. Mr. Castellana mentioned that, due to Dr. Alfieri, the test scores are shared openly with the Board and the public. Compliments were given to teachers, support staff and administration for working to improve scores.

Mr. Kepnes read the list of correspondence received:

- a. **Jennifer Haas**, WRPS 2/5th Title I teacher, indicating her resignation; eff. 11/1/12

- b. **Adam Coleman**, GMMS Spring Intramural Volleyball coach, indicating his resignation as coach only; eff. immediately
- c. **Carol Bergeron**, GMMS teacher, requesting a leave of absence from November 26 through on or about January 21, 2013.
- d. **Gary Carter**, GMMS teacher, indicating his resignation for reasons of retirement; eff. 12/1/12
- e. **Rosario DiMartino**, RHPS full-time custodian, indicating his resignation; eff. immediately

Mr. Castellana read his President's Report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Mr. DeYoung, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reviewed items of the Finance Committee agenda from the previous day. This included a handout of the students on roll as reported in the Application for State School Aid (ASSA), the allocation of funds from IDEA grant, investment possibilities and other subjects.

Mr. Gilson, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, gave a short report on Hurricane Sandy and that the schools fared well with the loss of a few trees and windows. He requested that Mr. DeLaRosa and Mr. Kepnes look into changing the electric power company at VTHS from JCP&L to another company. He stated he was not happy with the response of JCP&L. The fact that the high school was closed kept the rest of the district closed, even though the other buildings had their power restored.

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions on the agenda only. There were eleven in attendance.

Mr. Pirringer commented on test scores and mentioned that he is happy about LHMS' scores and thinks that perhaps it has something to do with the positive advertising at LHMS. He had previously spoken about motivational advertising. He also complimented Dr. McKay and mentioned that he doesn't believe Special Education will ever achieve 100%. Mr. Castellana thanked Mr. Pirringer and stated that we always take his suggestions to heart.

Superintendent's Report – John B. Alfieri, Ed.D.

1. Informational Matters

- a. Travel was approved at the September Work Session and can be found on ATTACHMENT A.
- b. We are pleased to announce that artwork from Rolling Hills Primary School is displayed at the Board Office for the month of November. Dr. Alfieri added that RHPS is taking part in Artsonia. We are proud of the fact that Rolling Hills is #3 in New Jersey schools. Congratulations!
- c. The Center for Prevention and Counseling has once again sponsored the "What's Your Anti-Drug?" contest. They had over 1,020 entries from 26 schools. Congratulations to the following Vernon students who were selected as winners: **Matthew Catania, Genevieve Guber, Rylee Smaldone** – Cedar Mountain Primary School; **Alice Beutel, Yorgo Liaros, Kyle Maher, Julia Nangie, Evany Tineo** – Lounsberry Hollow Middle School.

Dr. Alfieri proudly announced that we had a great number of our students who were chosen as winners of this contest.

- d. The following Glen Meadow Middle School students were selected for the Sussex County Junior Honors Band and Chorus: **Kathleen Owens** – flute, **Anibal Rodriguez**, **Christian Sasso**, **Victoria Gonzalez** – alto saxophone, **Christopher Ploch** – tenor saxophone, **Ian Donovan** – trumpet, and **Kiernan Joyce** – mallets/percussion.

Dr. Alfieri congratulated the GMMS students who were selected to the Sussex County Honors Band.

- e. On Friday, November 16, 82 orchestra students from the high school will join the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra for a special side-by-side rehearsal at Sussex County Technical School. The program is entitled "Music & Emotions".

Dr. Alfieri announced this special rehearsal and Mr. DeYoung asked if it was opened to the public. Mr. Sears, who was present, said he didn't think so.

- f. David Leshnower, Class of 1987, has volunteered to assist Doug Miller with the swim team. He is currently a physical education teacher in Mountain Lakes School District and is a USA Swimming Certified Coach

2. Discussion Items

- a. Discussion of Bylaw 0149 – Board of Education Member Protocols

Mr. Castellana asked for input on this bylaw. Mr. DeYoung mentioned he could not find any other districts with this policy. Mr. Hughes supported the first sentence regarding the Code of Ethics which the Board should be following. There was discussion on whether this policy goes too far. It was resolved that the Board should reevaluate and possibly rewrite a shortened Policy before advancing. It will be discussed further in December.

- b. 2012-2013 Calendar Revisions due to storm

Dr. Alfieri talked about Hurricane Sandy and losing six days of school. We were able to get two back by the cancellation of the NJEA Convention. Ms. Linkenheimer reviewed a proposal with the Board. The proposal suggests that the February 15 school closure be changed to an early dismissal, thus getting back another day. In addition, instead of being closed on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we will have an in-service. The in-service had been scheduled for March 11th; March 11th will now have schools in session. These proposed changes will leave us with two snow days used, leaving four more and moves the tentative last day of school to June 19th. Of course this is likely to change with winter yet to come. Dr. Alfieri would like to come to a decision sooner rather than later, and would like to leave the Spring break intact. We may have to revisit the calendar should we have a snowy winter.

On a motion by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. DeYoung, the Board approved the calendar changes as noted. All in favor.

3. Recommendations

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following staff **resignations/retirement** as listed:

Jennifer Haas	WRPS 2/5 th Title I teacher; resignation; eff. 11/1/12
Adam Coleman	GMMS Spring Volleyball Intramural Coach; resignation; eff. immediately
Gary Carter	GMMS teacher for reasons of retirement with regret; eff. 12/1/12
Rosario DiMartino	RHPS full-time custodian (3:00-11:00 p.m.); eff. immediately

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

Mr. Castellana wished Mr. Carter well on his retirement.

- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved **Alex Hoffman** to work in the IT department from December 19 through January 25 at a rate of \$9.20 per hour. Alex worked throughout the summer and will assist with the four major winter projects: refitting and rewiring docking stations in 45 classrooms in LHMS, reimaging 35 laptops, rewiring and labeling of the GMMS MDF, and rolling out new antivirus software to 1600 computers.

Motion by Mr. Zweier, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried on the following roll call vote: YES: Mr. Sparta, Mr. Zweier, Mrs. Auberger, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Castellana. NO: Mr. McGowan

Prior to the vote it was questioned that with a seven person I.T. department, why can't these projects get done? Dr. Alfieri answered that the district is best served by doing it this way. It will leave the staff to work on technology concerns that arise. Mr. Sparta asked if Alex is a student. Ms. Linkenheimer said that he is a college student majoring in computer science.

Mr. Zweier left the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following faculty/staff **appointments** 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 result of resignations, retirements, new positions being added or in the case of substitutes, to fill in for regular personnel.

Elizabeth Norman	WRPS 2/5 th Title I teacher; BA 1; eff. 11/6/12-6/30/12 (Repl/Haas)
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Keith Babcock	RHPS full-time custodian (3:00-11:00 p.m.); Step 1 - \$36,835 plus evening shift stipend - \$1,627; eff. 11/14/12 (Repl/DiMartino)
Kayla Macerino	CMPS teacher; BA Step 1 - \$51,076; eff. 11/19/12 (Repl/Rumsey)
Geraldine Rogers	CMPS replacement teacher; BA Step 3 - \$51,876 per diem rate (\$259.28); eff. 1/21/13 through 5/31/13 (Repl/Hintzen)
Allison Wefer	CMPS replacement teacher; BA Step 1 - \$51,076 per diem rate (\$255.38); eff. 11/26/12 – 4/30/13 (Repl/Blanco)
Bettina Culmone	WRPS part-time aide (12:55 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.); 3.25 hours – FTE .46; eff. 11/19/12 (New/IEP driven)
Katja Mahabir	GMMS part-time aide (11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.); 3.5 hours – FTE .5; eff. 11/19/12 (New/IEP Driven)
Karen Gregory	RHPS part-time aide (11:41 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.); 4 hours – FTE .57; eff. 11/19/12 (Repl/Turner)
Christine Lucas	Substitute Nurse
Bonny Wtulich	Substitute Group I
Linda Brigham	Substitute Group I
Vicki Egerer	Substitute Group I
Florence Composto	Substitute Group II
James Branagan	Substitute Custodian

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

Prior to the vote Mr. Castellana asked how many were new employees and Dr. Alfieri answered only the IEP-driven aides were new. Mr. Sparta questioned the per diem rate and Ms. Linkenheimer explained how doing it like this means we do not have to pay benefits and they are only paid for days worked.

- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following **transfers**:

Dhalma Zeno	LHMS 10-month secretary – Step 5 to WRPS 12-month secretary – Step 5; eff. 12/19/12 (Repl/Mize)
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Brian DiNapoli	LHMS part-time custodian (7 p.m. – 11 p.m.) to GMMS part-time custodian (7 p.m. – 11 p.m.); eff. 11/19/12
Charles Fairhurst	GMMS part-time custodian (7 p.m. – 11 p.m.) to LHMS part-time custodian (7 p.m. – 11 p.m.); eff. 11/19/12
Henry Kraszewski	VTHS part-time custodian (3 p.m. – 7 p.m.) to CMPS part-time custodian (7 p.m. – 11 p.m.); eff. 11/19/12
John Locher	LHMS full-time custodian (3 p.m. – 11 p.m.) to WRPS full-time custodian (3 p.m. – 11 p.m.); eff. 11/19/12
Nicola Chirichiello	WRPS full-time custodian (3 p.m. – 11 p.m.) to LHMS full-time custodian (3 p.m. – 11 p.m.); eff. 11/19/12
Darlene Sabol	GMMS full-time aide to LHMS full-time aide; eff. 11/21/12 (transfer/IEP driven)
Gina Marie Vitrano	LHMS part-time aide (8:25 a.m. – 12:24 p.m.) FTE .57 to GMMS part-time aide (7:45 a.m. – 11:44 a.m.) FTE .57; eff. 11/19/12 (transfer/IEP driven)

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

Prior to the vote Mr. McGowan questioned the custodian transfers and it was explained that this was due to black seal coverage, cross-training and moving people to responsibilities in which they can do a better job. Mr. McGowan asked if these were “voluntary” and Mr. DeLaRosa answered that they were. There was discussion on the secretarial move. Dr. Alfieri explained how we will not be replacing the secretary at LHMS, so we are saving a 10-month salary position. Mr. DeYoung asked why this position was not posted and the answer was that it was. He also said this is a promotion and perhaps shouldn’t be listed as a transfer. Dr. Alfieri said technically it is not a promotion because it is the same job responsibility. He also explained that we do need a 12-month secretary at Walnut Ridge due to summer programs.

- e. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following stipends:

Adam Coleman	VTHS assistant boys’ lacrosse coach; Step 3 - \$5,624; eff. immediately (Repl/Stoll)
Kathryn Munley	VTHS assistant basketball coach; Step 1 - \$4,949; eff. immediately (Repl/Kuzicki)

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

- f. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following salary adjustment:

Eve Slater

MA, Level 14 plus longevity to MA+15,
Level 14, plus longevity - \$93,503 +
\$1,300

A typing error was pointed out in the agenda and has been adjusted in these minutes.

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

- g. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved a leave of absence for **Carol Bergeron**, GMMS teacher from November 26 through on or about January 21, 2013.

Motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

- h. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the October HIB, School Safety, and RDT report. ATTACHMENT B

Motion by Mr. Gilson, seconded by Mr. DeYoung and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

- i. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved 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. ATTACHMENT C

Motion by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Sparta and carried on the following roll call vote: YES: Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Sparta, Mr. Castellana. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Auberger

- j. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the second reading of the following policies/regulations: ATTACHMENT D

Policy 5512 – Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

Policy 5516 – Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices (ECRD)

Policy/Regulation 5519 – Dating Violence in School

Policy/Regulation 5600 – Pupil Discipline

Policy/Regulation 6111 – Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program

Policy 6360 – Political contributions

Policy 6362 – Contributions to Board Members and Contract Awards

Policy/Regulation 9270 – Home Schooling and Equivalent Education Outside the Schools

Before the vote, Mrs. Auberger brought up Policy 5516 and mentioned that the first paragraph mentions that pupils and staff members “should not be subject to having a video.....” She mentioned that the surveillance cameras are videotaping at the schools.

After discussion on possibly removing most of the first paragraph and starting with "The Board of Education adopts this Policy regarding use of electronic communication and recording devices". Mr. Castellana stated that his Policy is under the PUPILS section of our policies. Mrs. Auberger apologized and it was decided that the policy will remain as shown.

- k. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved a VTHS field trip to Northern Italy from Thursday, April 17, 2014 through April 26, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried on the following roll call vote:
YES: Mr. Hughes, Mr. McGowan, Mrs. Auberger, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Castellana.
NO: Mr. Sparta

Prior to voting, Mr. Castellana explained that this trip was during spring break and no school would be missed. He also stated that it is student-funded.

- l. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following part-time aide to have an increase in hours.

Laura Imbimbo

LHMS part-time aide from 3 hours -
FTE .43 to 3.25 hours – FTE .46; eff.
11/19/12 (IEP need)

Motion by Mr. Sparta, seconded by Mr. DeYoung and carried on the following roll call vote.

Assistant Superintendent's Report – Barbara Linkenheimer

1. Personnel Report ATTACHMENT E

Ms. Linkenheimer explained that this report does not include anyone approved tonight.

2. Enrollment Report ATTACHMENT F

Dr. Alfieri told the Board that currently we have two "homeless" students in Vernon.

Business Administrator's Report – Steven A. Kepnes

1. Informational Items/Discussion Items

Discussion took place regarding NORESKO. Mr. Kepnes told the Board that we had two walkthroughs this week in response to the second bid. Mr. DeYoung talked about the Wayne district and their extensive use of solar. He said it was comprehensively done and their website shows the money being saving. Mr. DeLaRosa said that we could bring Tony Pannella back so he can help explain how it can work for or destroy a district. Mr. McGowan reminded the Board of the advantages of Solar and that it was mentioned in the efficiency report done by CDM. NORESKO gave us a very small demonstration on solar because they don't do solar. Mr. Kepnes agreed about the need for Mr. Pannella to return to the district and more information will be available for the next Finance Committee meeting. We will start educating ourselves about solar.

a. Use of Buildings and Grounds

NO.	REQUESTING ORGANIZATION	BUILDING OR GROUNDS	DATE	FEES TO BE COLLECTED
108	Vernon Viking Club - Pancake Breakfast	VTHS – Cafeteria	10/6/2012	None
109	Girl Scouts - Brownie Troop 4681	CMPS – Classroom	10/5/2012 - 5/31/2013	None
110	MIIST (Glen Meadow Musical)	GMMS - Multi Purpose Room/Gym/Stage	11/8/2012	None
111	Our Lady of Fatima Church - Religious Ed. Classes	LHMS - Gym/Classrooms/Cafeteria	9/29/2012 - 3/23/2013	Custodial OT
112	Girl Scout Troop #617	CMPS – Cafeteria	10/22/2012 - 6/10/2013	None
113	Boy Scouts of America/Cub Scout Pack 283	RHPS – Classroom	10/11/2012 - 6/13/2013	None
114	Vernon PAL - Wrestling K - 8th Grade	VTHS - Mat Room/Cafeteria/Gym	11/12/2012 - 3/2013	None
115	SCA – Bingo	VTHS – Cafeteria	10/19/12, 1/25/13, 4/12/2013	None
78	Glenwood Baptist Church - Trick Tray (Rescheduled)	VTHS – Gym	3/2/2013 (DATE CHANGE)	Custodial OT
116	Girl Scouts of Northern NJ Troop 94871	GMMS – Cafeteria	10/15/2012 - 6/2013	None
117	Vernon Youth Football & Cheerleading	CMPS – Gym	11/5/2012 - 11/29/2012	None
118	Cub out Pack 183	WRPS - All Purpose Room	10/10/2012 - 6/2013	None
119	VTHS Performing Arts - Spring Musical Auditions	VTHS – Auditorium	11/26/2012 - 11/30/2012	None
120	Red Ribbon Run	GMMS - Café, Hallway & Outside	10/27/2012	None
121	Sussex County Jr. Honors Band and Chorus	VTHS - Auditorium & Classrooms	10/25, 29, 11/6,13,14, 11/15/12	None
122	Vernon Township Education Association	GMMS – Gym	11/1/2012	None
123	Vernon Youth Football & Cheerleading	GMMS – Cafeteria	11/5/2012 - 11/29/2012	None
124	Rolling Hills Mentoring Program	RHPS - Art Room	10/23/2012	None
125	Vernon Cub Scout Pack 183	RHPS - All Purpose Room	10/24/2012	None
126	Girls Field Hockey - Senior Dinner	VTHS - Senior Cafeteria	10/23/2012	None
127	Vernon PAL - Wrestling Matches	VTHS – Gym	12/13/2012 - 2/11/2013	None
128	New Jersey Blood Services	RHPS – Gym	11/28/2012	None
44	DOGS of Vernon (Rescheduled)	GMMS - Gym & Cafeteria	12/1/2012 (DATE CHANGE)	Custodial OT
129	Vernon Youth Football & Cheerleading	VTHS-Gym/Cafeteria Cheer Floor, Locker Room	11/17/2012	Custodial OT
130	World Language Dept. - Trip Meeting	VTHS - Room 117	11/14/2012	None
131	Members United for Students in Choir (MUSIC)	VTHS - Custodial Parking Lot	10/26/2012 & 10/27/2012	None
132	National Honor Society	VTHS – Auditorium	12/20/2012	None
133	Girl Scouts of Northern NJ	VTHS - Gym/Lower Library	11/30/12, 1/11, 4/19, 5/11/13	None
134	Pace Institute of Karate Inc.	VTHS – Auditorium	2/22/2013	None

b. Field Trips

DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHER	DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE 1st 3 Hrs./Each Add. Hr.
11/7/2012	VTHS	12	LoGiudice/Bray	Ramapo/Caldwell/Drew/ Seton Hall	2012 North Jersey College Tour	Student
11/5/2012	VTHS	10 -12	Flannery	Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia	Career Night w/NBA	Student
5/31/2013	LHMS	5 – 6	Young	Macungie & Allentown, PA	LH Performing Ensembles	Student
11/29/2012	VTHS	11 - 12	Trokan	Eastern State - Prison Museum	Criminal Justice Classes	Student/SS Budget Line
4/19/2013	RHPS	3	Hordych	Quiet Valley - Stroudsburg, PA	Field Trip - Colonial America	SCA
12/12/2012	VTHS	11	Huhn	NYC-Lincoln & Rockefeller Center	English 11 CP, HSPA, Creative Writing Classes	Student
2/6/2013	VTHS	10-12	Bray	NYC - Central Park, Theater	English 10 Honors	Student
3/20/2013	GMMS	7- 8	Pavlik	NYC - Theater	MIIST Theatre Group-Exposure to Broadway	Student
6/7/2013	GMMS	7 – 8	Pavlik	Boyertown HS & Dorney Park	Choral Trills and Thrills Festival	Student
12/5/2012	WRPS	K – 1	Anderson	GMMS	To See Play Willie Wonka	GMMS Student Account

c. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2, a school bus emergency evaluation drill was conducted at all Vernon Township Public Schools on October 17, 2012. ATTACHMENT G.

d. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (3) 3, I certify that as of October 31, 2012 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

2. Recommendations

a. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board approved the following list of checks for November 2012 (#59098-#59373) in the amount of \$1,678,874.11.

Motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Sparta and carried on the following roll call vote. YES: Mr. Sparta, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Castellana. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Auberger, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson.

b. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board approved the list of hand checks for October 2012 in the amount of \$4,181,610.22.

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

- c. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board approved transfers.

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

- d. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board approved the list of committed purchase orders for the month of October 2012 in the amount of \$410,954.41.

Motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. McGowan and carried on the following roll call vote. YES: Mr. Hughes, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Sparta, Mr. Castellana. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Auberger, Mr. Gilson, Mr. DeYoung.

- e. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board accepted the Report of the Secretary for Current Operating Fund for the month of October 2012 and the Report of the Treasurer for School Monies for the month of October 2012. 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 October 2012 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. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

- f. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board approved transportation as listed. ATTACHMENT H

Motion by Mr. Gilson, seconded by Mr. DeYoung and carried on the following roll call vote: YES: Mr. Gilson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Sparta, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Castellana. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Auberger.

- g. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board approved the Project Adventure Contract for inspection, installation, and/or repairs at a cost of \$2,470.00.

Motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mrs. Auberger and carried on a unanimous roll call vote. Prior to the vote Mr. DeYoung asked if we are sent a report after inspection. Mr. Kepnes replied that we do get a very comprehensive report.

- h. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board accepted the allocations for the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) FY 13 in the amounts as follows:

Basic	\$876,347.00
Pre-School	\$30,569.00

Motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mrs. Auberger and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

There was some discussion on the grant. Mr. Kepnes explained there is \$700,000 in the budget. This money will be used for the 2/5ths teachers that were hired. The monies we received for the IDEA will free up money that hopefully we can use in preparing the 2013-2014 budget. Dr. Alfieri stated that last year we received 81%.

- i. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board approved submission of the IDEA FY13 Grant for State review and approval in the amounts as follows:

Basic	\$876,347.00
Pre-School	\$30,569.00

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

Public Participation – Items on the agenda or any other business

Ms. Tara Brennan from Lake Walkkill area spoke in support of the Video Club at LHMS and asked that it be re-opened as an after-school program. She talked of how disappointed 5th graders were when they found it was eliminated. She mentioned that Mrs. Schiano did volunteer as the advisor and she put in a tremendous amount of work. Dr. Alfieri asked for a show of hands from the audience of who had attended the meeting to support this club. He promised to look into it.

Mr. Pirringer spoke of paying for the AP tests, stating that all students who can, should take the tests and some can't afford to pay for them. Therefore, they do not take tests or take only some tests even though they are in multiple AP classes.

He also spoke of the elimination of Board Docs and would like to see a searchable data base, rather than a PDF file. Dr. Alfieri stated that we are working on searchable capabilities.

Mr. Sparta brought up the subject of dedicating a room at the High School to Mr. Rudy Parrella. He would like to have a recommendation in the December meeting agenda. He spoke of the auditorium. After comments from other Board Members, it was decided that perhaps the main hallway would be the best option, as Mr. Parrella was known for being very visible in the hallways of the schools he was in. That was his philosophy. Mrs. Auberger agreed that hallway was the best choice. The Hall of Fame was also brought up.

Mr. Castellana mentioned that he had heard from Mr. Bohman who was interested in the decision on the cardiac screening he is promoting. No decision has been made yet and it will be included in the next agenda. There was discussion on liability issues. Two possible liability issues are that the child could test well, but suffers a problem anyway, or the child will not test well but the parents still want them to participate in the sport. Mr. Kepnes has spoken to our insurance company which had also brought up the subject of liability.

- j. Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board entered Closed Session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:48 p.m. on a motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Gilson, seconded by Mr. DeYoung and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Kepnes
Board Secretary

Barbara Wyble
Recording Secretary