

PUBLIC MEETING

March 22, 2022

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 22, 2022 at 7:08 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jorge Cruz. A statement was made that the meeting had been properly advertised in the designated newspapers and the agendas were posted at the appropriate locations.

The following members of the Board were present: Mrs. Lisa Freschi, President, Mrs. Pamela Priscoe, Vice President, Mrs. Sara Drappi, Mr. Jim Day and Mr. Christopher Wacha was absent. Also present was Dr. Lydia Furnari, Interim Superintendent and Mr. Jorge Cruz, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

There were 71 members of the public present. There was 1 member of the press present.



CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION –6:00 pm
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA – 7:00 pm
VERONA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
March 22, 2022

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of Meeting Notice
4. Roll Call Attendance
5. Superintendent Report
6. Business Administrator Report - Preliminary Budget Presentation
7. Presentations - Charlene Peterson - NJSBA - training on Roles & Responsibilities and Ethics
8. Committee Reports
 - Finance
9. Public Comments on Agenda Action Items
10. Discussion Items
11. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions
12. Public Comments

Live streaming link: <https://youtu.be/06iN9drUwbM>

The next scheduled Special Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022** beginning with Confidential Session at 6:00 pm, followed by Public Session at 7:00 pm in the Verona High Auditorium.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Reading of Meeting Notice**

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

4. Roll Call Attendance

Mr. Wacha ABSENT Mr. Day X

Mrs. Drappi X Mrs. Priscoe X

Mrs. Freschi X

5. Superintendent Report - Dr. Lydia Furnari

Good evening. I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Cruz for his diligence in overseeing the development of the 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget for the Verona Public Schools. As you will see during the presentation, there is a great deal of detail in this budget that was gathered with the help of many others in the District. Thank you to the entire administrative team, the Board of Education Finance Committee and to the Board as a whole, for their collaboration and support in this process.

I hope you have all heard already about this year's One Verona, One Book initiative. This year's book is Toys Go Out by Emily Jenkins. I know a few of us have a copy with us this evening. Our elementary school library program is once again fostering the love of reading through this initiative. Thank you to Detective Joel Martin for his wonderful video contribution, introducing Toys Go Out to our families. Thanks also to the Verona Education Association for providing the books for this wonderful initiative and to all those who are providing the read aloud videos for our children and families to view. Don't forget to say thank you to our school librarians for all they do!

In order to further clarify where we are with next steps in our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives, I share the following:

The Board of Education will be provided with a motion to retain the services of Grand River Solutions, as I have mentioned previously, at our next meeting.

In line with the modified proposal, Ms. Jody Shipper, co-founder of Grand River Solutions, would lead the work provided by the firm. Among her many experiences and credentials, Ms. Shipper has in her career served as the Director of the Office of Equity and Diversity at the University of Southern California, has experience as a Senior Employment Law Associate, and has done extensive work with Title IX. Ms. Shipper will, if approved, be working with us both on site and virtually as our needs dictate. The role of the consultant is to help us by gathering qualitative and quantitative data regarding HR practices, as well as climate and culture data, that will be analyzed. They will then make suggestions/recommendations to the District, then the DEI Committee, Board of Education and sub-groups will discuss. Tasks that will be implemented will come out of these discussions.

The District has been working on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives for several years. It is a best practice for organizations to be reflective of current practice and to adjust based on feedback. Similar to our independent fiscal audit, the District's special education review of services, NJQSAC reviews, strategic planning initiatives, and federal & state monitoring, this process utilizes an independent entity to help us to find what is working and what work may still need to be done.

I have received a number of questions about the makeup of the DEI Committee and how it functions. So I thought I would provide some of that information as well. The DEI Committee is an internal group of administrators, that is led by Dr. Miller, in his capacity as DEI Coordinator. DEI Facilitators are Mr. Freund, Mr. Galbierczyk, Mrs. Peter and Mr. Stevenson. They work closely with Dr. Miller and with me in order to support the schools. We also have approximately 100 volunteers who are members of the 6 DEI sub-groups that I described in my presentation given on December 7, 2021. Half of these participants are members of the public (our parents and community members). The rest of the participants are school District administrators and staff. We are holding meetings with the sub-groups next week.

- 6. Business Administrator Report - Preliminary Budget Presentation**
- 7. Presentations - Charlene Peterson - NJSBA - training on Roles & Responsibilities and Ethics**

8. Committee Reports

- Finance - Mr. Cruz provided an update regarding the discussion in Finance Committee.

9. Public Comments on Agenda Action Items

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Raiza Czupak - 7 Durrell St. - Parent shared concern about student bathroom privileges at HBW

Derrick Czupak - 7 Durrell St. - shared concerns about not allowing students to use the bathroom.

Monica Vincent - 36 Montclair Ave. - asked the board to look into the curriculum and these tax funded pro

Laura Morowitz - 38 Morningside Rd - shared support of Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and the board's work and the board review of the Grand River proposal.

George Kozachuk - 100 Morningside Rd. - requested the contact information from Grand River Solutions to vet the organization.

Ketoula Xanthakos VHS Student- Shared support of hiring a diversity consultant.

Alba Kilian - VHS Student - brought awareness of racism and need for diversity in our schools.

Lucia Kilian - Freshman at VHS - shared support of DEI consultant to bring the inclusion and diversity to our schools

Isabelle Perez - Sophomore at VHS - shared the need for DEI to welcome students of

Naizha Wegesa - VHS Senior - supports DEI consultant to ensure that our district brings inclusion for students of color especially being a

Ashley Duhaney. - Senior at VHS - asked for the need of education and representation to address DEI and the inclusion of students of color.

Nandi Webb - Junior at VHS - as a black student in VHS, administrators are difficult in addressing racism to address the need

Nicholas Canal - Junior at VHS - voice support for DEI and the support of students at VHS to support students that are underrepresented such as the LGBTQ population.

Palma Quagliata- 71 Newman Avenue - shared that Verona has the best school system and supports taxes for our schools to give our students the best programs. Also supports DEI and programs

Mark Kilian - 46 Marley Ave.- Cedar Grove - DEI is needed to ensure that we're preparing our students for success.

Reese Sahadow - Sophomore at VHS - shared support for DEI in our schools and the board should move forward with implementing the program.

Christine Donahue - 31 So. Prospect St. - shared support for DEI and transparency in the process.

Gina Signorelli - 26 ValleyView Rd - Concern about substitute coverage at FNB and quarantine policy. Shared mental health research impact on children.

George Kozachuk - 100 Morningside Rd. - shared thoughts on the DEI process.

Chris Barrows - 219 Linden - echoed the students voice on the need to support the need for DEI.

Cory Wegesa - 19 Hillside Avenue - proud of the work of our students that spoke tonight and thanked teachers for supporting our students to give them the encouragement they need to come tonight.

Please note that the public participation portion of the meeting affords an opportunity for the public to share thoughts and comments about school related topics. By law, administrators and Board of Education members are not permitted to publicly discuss personnel matters, student discipline, or other issues requiring confidentiality. While we may not respond to comments during the meeting, all input that is shared with the Board of Education is taken very seriously, and helps inform future deliberations and work by the Board and its committees. Answers appear in many forms including, but not limited to: email, Superintendent/ Committee reports, Board statements, FAQs on website, or after public comment is closed. We appreciate and thank all members of the public for your input.

Motion by: Mr. Day

Seconded by: Mrs. Drappi

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1 - 11.

Mr. Wacha ABSENT Mr. Day X

Mrs. Drappi X Mrs. Priscoe X

Mrs. Freschi X

VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTIONS
March 22, 2022

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

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

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting March 8, 2022

PERSONNEL

#2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following pending pre-employment paperwork based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent:

2.1 New Hires

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about	Notes
Taylor Barrett	FNB	Extension of LTS Secretary	\$150/per diem	Education	Mar. 24 - Apr. 8, 2022	RESCIND
Taylor Barrett	FNB	Extension of LTS Secretary	\$230/per diem	Education	Mar. 24 - Apr. 8, 2022	APPROVE

2.2 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective on or About
Nicole Shanley	VHS	Physical Education Teacher	Resignation	Jun. 30, 2022
Miques Valle	FNB	Head Custodian	Resignation	Apr. 8, 2022

2.3 Extra Class

Name	Location	Course	Amount	Term of Employment on or about	Notes
Janan Wehbeh	VHS	Chemistry	\$7,598.88	Feb. 28 - Jun. 23, 2022	RESCIND
Janan Wehbeh	VHS	Chemistry	\$7,958.88	Feb. 28 - Jun. 23, 2022	APPROVE

2.4 Extra Pay

Name	Dates From/To	Pay rate	Reason
Samantha Melillo	Feb. 24, 2022	2 hrs./\$60.00/per hr./ \$120.00	HBW Math Night
Jacqueline Dilkes	Feb. 24, 2022	2 hrs./\$60.00/per hr./ \$120.00	HBW Math Night
Heather Darata	Feb. 24, 2022	2 hrs./\$60.00/per hr./ \$120.00	HBW Math Night
Susan Gugger	Feb. 24, 2022	2 hrs./\$60.00/per hr./ \$120.00	HBW Math Night

2.5 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date	Estimated Return Date on or about
#105428	Medical Leave of Absence	Mar. 11, 2022	Apr. 4, 2022

2.6 Reallocation of Days

Employee #	Explanation
#100885	1.5 Personal Illness Days to 1.5 Family Illness Days

EDUCATION

#3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent’s presentation of HIB first reading report as follows:

1st Readings
HWC229106
HWC229359

#4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Superintendent’s presentation of HIB second reading report as follows:

2nd Readings
VHS28271
HWO228373
HWO228271

#5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent:

5.1 Home Instructors

Name
Robert Orr
Patrick Bresnan
Erik Lynch
Steven Munoz

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent:

6.1 NJSLA Portfolio

Name	Location	Course	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment
Jonathan Thai	VHS	NJSLA Portfolio	\$46/per hr. not to exceed 15 hrs.	Education	Mar. 23 - Apr. 20, 2022
Jessica Groff	VHS	NJSLA Portfolio	\$46/per hr. not to exceed 15 hrs.	Education	Mar. 23 - Apr. 20, 2022
Christine Garson	VHS	NJSLA Portfolio translator	\$55.26/per hr./not to exceed 15 hrs.	Education	Mar. 23 - Apr. 20, 2022

6.2 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Dr. Frank Mauriello	Spec. Svcs.	NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Leadership Conference/Atlantic City, NJ	May 18 - May 20, 2022	Registration \$599.99 Lodging \$237.26 Mileage \$77.50 Meal \$197.50 Total Cost 1,112.25

SPECIAL EDUCATION

#7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve Golden Advantage Education, LLC based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent as a vendor for the Verona Public Schools to provide educational services as needed

FINANCE

#8 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed checklist(s) in the following amounts based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$691,080.92	General	March 18, 2022
\$ 2,569.46	Athletics	March 18, 2022
\$ 4,468.09	HBW	March 18, 2022
\$ 43,908.42	Food Service	March 18, 2022
\$ 235.00	VHS	March 18, 2022

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve **Jorge Cruz, School Business Administrator** to attend the NJASBO conference June 6 - 10, 2022 based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Lodging	4 nights	\$382.00
Mileage Reimbursement -	268 miles	<u>\$ 83.08</u>
Total		\$465.08

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve Recapture Technologies Corporation as our E-rate Consultant for the 2022-2023 funding year based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

#11 RESOLVED that the Verona Board of Education approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent the Preliminary Budget for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2022-2023 Total Expenditures	\$40,577,236	\$1,316,408	\$4,876,225	\$46,769,869
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>\$ 3,935,849</u>	<u>\$1,316,408</u>	<u>\$ 1,079,125</u>	<u>\$ 6,331,382</u>
Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$36,641,387</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,797,100</u>	<u>\$40,438,487</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2022-23 Budget includes adjustments for the use of banked cap, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b), in the amount of \$294,555.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Verona Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves to deposit a combined total not to exceed \$500,000 into Capital Reserve and/or Maintenance Reserve and/or Emergency Reserve, if determined to be prudent given the need for long term financial planning and budgeting, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41/N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14-3. The actual amounts to be deposited will be determined as part of the actual FY22 audit.

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2022-2023 School Year using the 2022-2023 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

And to advertise said tentative budget in the *Star Ledger* in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on April 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the H. B. Whitehorne Middle School auditorium for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2022-2023 School Year.

1. Approve Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2022-2023

WHEREAS, the Verona 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:23A-7et seq. requires Board members to receive 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, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7, to a maximum expenditure of \$50,000, for all staff and Board members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

#12 Public comments

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Board and its committees. Answers appear in many forms including, but not limited to: email, Superintendent/ Committee reports, Board statements, FAQs on website, or after public comment is closed. We appreciate and thank all members of the public for your input.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION IF NECESSARY

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

#12 RESOLVED that the Board meet in private session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss the topics of negotiations and personnel or potential litigation which private discussion is being held pursuant to Section 7b and 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act. The matters under discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as final decisions are made and voted upon.

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Motion by: Mrs. Drappi

Second by: Mrs. Priscoe

All in Favor: AYE

All Opposed: None

This meeting is adjourned at (TIME) 9:40 P.M.

VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS

March 22, 2022

The following resolutions have been recommended by the Superintendent to the Board of Education. (Table Resolutions 3-6)

Motion by: Mrs. Drappi

Seconded by: Mr. Day

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Addenda Resolution #1-2 & 7- 9.

Mr. Wacha ABSENT Mr. Day X

Mrs. Drappi X Mrs. Priscoe X

Mrs. Freschi X

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

PERSONNEL

#1 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent:

1.1 New Hire

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Paul Pinto	FNB	Sub Paraprofessional	\$15.25/per hr.	Education	Mar. 23 - Jun. 23, 2022

SPECIAL EDUCATION

#2 RESOLVED that the Board approve to contract based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent with KDDS Too, Inc. t/a North Jersey Outreach to provide CBI Compensatory Services for student #201183 for the remainder of the 2021 – 2022 school year at the rate of \$125.00 per hour for a maximum of 30 hours for a total not to exceed \$3,750 in accordance with the IEP.

FINANCE

TABLED #3 RESOLVED that the Report of the Secretary for the period(s) as follows be approved:

January 2022

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of January 31, 2021 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund, has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

TABLED #4 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month:

January 2022

TABLED #5 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2021-2022 budget for:

January 2022

TABLED #6 RESOLVED that the Board approve the transfer of funds exceeding the 10% transfer limit for the General Administration accounts and Central Services & Administrative Information Technology with the approval of the Executive County Superintendent in order to meet fiscal operating obligations.

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of the Verona Board of Education (FIXED PRICING) AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF electricity SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, Verona Board of Education (FIXED PRICING) has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order procure electricity for Verona Board of Education (FIXED PRICING); and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the “Act”) authorizes the purchase of electricity supply service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, Verona Board of Education (FIXED PRICING) will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at www.energymarketexchange.com; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, if the auction achieves a price of \$0.1430/kWh or less for a 12 month term, a price of \$0.1350/kWh or less for a 18 month term, a price of \$0.1360/kWh or less for a 24 month term; Verona Board of Education (FIXED PRICING) may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator of the Verona Board of Education (FIXED PRICING) be and [he/she] hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Verona Board of Education (FIXED PRICING) any electricity contract proffered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the EMEX Reverse Auction if the auction achieves a price of \$0.1430/kWh or less for a 12 month term, a price of \$0.1350/kWh or less for a 18 month term, a price of \$0.1360/kWh or less for a 24 month term; Verona Board of Education (FIXED PRICING) may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of the Verona Board of Education ((CAPACITY & TRANSMISSION PASSED-THROUGH PRICING)) AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF electricity SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, Verona Board of Education ((CAPACITY & TRANSMISSION PASSED-THROUGH PRICING)) has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order procure electricity for Verona Board of Education ((CAPACITY & TRANSMISSION PASSED-THROUGH PRICING)); and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the “Act”) authorizes the purchase of electricity supply service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, Verona Board of Education ((CAPACITY & TRANSMISSION PASSED-THROUGH PRICING)) will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at www.energymarketexchange.com; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, if the auction achieves a price of \$0.0865/kWh or less for a 12 month term, a price of \$0.0795/kWh or less for a 18 month term, a price of \$0.0800/kWh or less for a 24 month term; Verona Board of Education ((CAPACITY & TRANSMISSION PASSED-THROUGH PRICING)) may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator of the Verona Board of Education ((CAPACITY & TRANSMISSION PASSED-THROUGH PRICING)) be and [he/she] hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Verona Board of Education ((CAPACITY & TRANSMISSION PASSED-THROUGH PRICING)) any electricity contract proffered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the EMEX Reverse Auction if the auction achieves a price of \$0.0865/kWh or less for a 12 month term, a price of \$0.0795/kWh or less for a 18 month term, a price of \$0.0800/kWh or less for a 24 month term; Verona Board of Education ((CAPACITY & TRANSMISSION PASSED-THROUGH PRICING)) may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent Verona Board of Education AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF natural gas SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, Verona Board of Education has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order to procure natural gas for Verona Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the “Act”) authorizes the purchase of natural gas supply service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, Verona Board of Education will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at www.energymarketexchange.com; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, if the auction achieves a price of \$0.8900/therm or less for a 12 month term, a price of \$0.8400/therm or less for an 18 month term, a price of \$0.8100/therm or less for a 24 month term, a price of \$0.7700/therm or less for a 36 month term; Verona Board of Education may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator of the Verona Board of Education be and [he/she] hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Verona Board of Education any natural gas contract proffered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the EMEX Reverse Auction if the auction achieves a price of \$0.8900/therm or less for a 12 month term, a price of \$0.8400/therm or less for an 18 month term, a price of \$0.8100/therm or less for a 24 month term, a price of \$0.7700/therm or less for a 36 month term; Verona Board of Education may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.