



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

March 19, 2020

CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 pm

Board of Education Conference Room

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA – 7:00 pm

Verona High School Learning Commons

151 Fairview Avenue Verona, NJ 07044

Based on the recent attention with COVID-19, also known as Coronavirus, and the potential impact on our community, the Verona Public Schools will be conducting the March 19, 2020 Verona Board of Education meeting remotely via teleconference. This meeting is scheduled to occur with public access and participation availability to ensure the continued regular operation of government and the health, safety, and well-being of our community members. **The next meeting of the Verona Board of Education will be held via conference call. The public shall utilize the following instructions to call into the meeting:**

- 1) Dial (857) 799-9782 via telephone.
- 2) **Anyone from the public wishing to address the Verona Board of Education on any matter, when prompted by the Verona Board of Education will be able to press * (star) 6 on your key pad, then the number 1 when prompted and you will be placed in queue. When you are advised it is your turn to address the Verona Board of Education, please state your name and address for the record. You will have time to address the Verona Board of Education. At the conclusion of your comments the Verona Board of Education and/or the Superintendent of Schools may address your comments and/or questions.**

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs recently stated that “the Division of Local Government Services reminds local units that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq., (the “Open Public Meetings Act,” or “Act”), public meetings may be held in person or by means of communication equipment, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), to include streaming services and other online meeting platforms. All meetings, including those held using communications equipment, must be noticed in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Act, unless the meeting is for emergent circumstances and held in a manner consistent with the requirements set forth at N.J.S.A. 10:4-9(b). Local units should also provide guidance to the public for remotely accessing and providing comment at a meeting. Local units should still have an advertised meeting place, which is connected to the meeting through communications equipment, unless otherwise directed by state or local emergency management or health officials, consistent with Executive Order 103 (Murphy 3/9/2020).”

PUBLIC MEETING

March 19, 2020

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on March 19, 2020 in the Verona High School Media Center at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ernest Turner. 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, Vice President, Mr. Jim Day, Mr. Timothy Alworth, Mrs. Pamela Priscoe and Mrs. Sara Drappi. Also present was Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Mr. Ernest Turner, Acting Board Secretary.

There were 0 members of the public present. There were 0 members of the press present.



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1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of Meeting Notice

4. Roll Call Attendance
5. Public comments on Agenda Items
6. Superintendent Report - Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent of Schools
7. Committee Reports
 - Finance
 - Community Resources
8. Discussion Items
9. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions
10. Public Comments

NOTE: The next scheduled Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 beginning with a Confidential Session at 6:00 pm in the Board Conference Room pending the evolving nature of COVID-19.

RESOLUTIONS

- 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 7, 2020. 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 Herald News, Township of Verona and the VEA. Postings of this meeting setting forth the time location and agenda were posted in each of Verona's six schools, Board Office and Town Hall. This posting was also sent to the above newspapers all SCA presidents and SCA liaisons, the VBOE operates under a consent agenda format, any board member has the right to have an item pulled to be voted upon or cussed separately. Copies of tonight's agenda and resolutions have been made available to the public and press.

4. Roll Call Attendance

Mr. Alworth	<u> X </u>	Mr. Day	<u> X </u>
Mrs. Drappi	<u> X </u>	Mrs. Freschi	<u> X </u>
		Mrs. Priscoe	<u> X </u>

5. Public comments on Agenda Items – None

6. Presentations – None

7. Superintendent Report - Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent of Schools

1. COVID-19 Statement by Superintendent
2. Preliminary Budget update

Mr. Turner reported on the Budget

8. Committee Reports

- Community Resources - Pamela Priscoe & Sara Drappi reported on the community response to the Coronavirus issue.

Discussion Items – None

9. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions

Motion by: Mr. Timothy Alworth

Seconded by: Mrs. Pamela Priscoe

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1- 14 and Addenda Item #1.

Mr. Alworth	<u> X </u>	Mr. Day	<u> Absent </u>
Mrs. Drappi	<u> X </u>	Mrs. Freschi	<u> X </u>
Mrs. Priscoe	<u> X </u>		

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

#1 **RESOLVED** that the Board approves the minutes of the following meetings:

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting March 10, 2020

PERSONNEL

#2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following personnel recommendations pending the completion of pre-employment requirements for the 2019-2020 school year:

2.1 Resignation

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective on or About
Angela Toscano	HBW	Paraprofessional	Resignation	Mar. 16, 2020

2.2 Without Pay

Name	Date/s	No. of Days/Reason
#106218	Mar. 10, 11, 12, 2020	3 Unpaid Days
#105233	Mar. 9, 11, 2020	2 Unpaid Days
#105274	Mar. 13, 2020	Half Unpaid Day

#3 **RESOLVED** that the Board approves **Eltion Ballaj** for overtime hours at his daily rate not to exceed 50 hours for the 2019-2020 school year.

EDUCATION

#4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approves the Superintendent's presentation of HIB report as follows:

HIB Case
FNB 208704
VHS 208471

#5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

5.1 Attendance at Conference

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Raquel Grasso	HBW	Oppositional Defiant & Disruptive Children and Adolescents/ Parsippany, NJ	May 19, 2020	\$169.99

ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

Advisor	Club Name	Location	Stipend	Term of Employment
Ellis Jasenovic	Spring Musical Pit Band Coordinator	VHS	\$1,200.00	SY 19-20
Ellis Jasenovic	Spring Musical Pit Band Performance	VHS	\$450.00	SY 19-20
Paul Salierno	Spring Musical Music Direction	VHS	\$1,500.00	SY 19-20
Paul Salierno	Spring Musical Pit Band Conducting	VHS	\$500.00	SY 19-20
Brian Michalowski	Spring Musical Pit Band Performance	VHS	\$450.00	SY 19-20
Max Morden	Spring Musical Pit Band Performance	VHS	\$450.00	SY 19-20

FINANCE

#7 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed checklist(s) in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$2,931,327.88	Checks	March 18, 2020

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of individual transfers of line items in the 2019-2020 budget for:

September, 2019
October, 2019
November, 2019
December, 2019

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

September, 2019
October, 2019
November, 2019
December 2019

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of December 31, 2019 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.

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month(s):

September, 2019
October, 2019
November, 2019
December, 2019

#11 RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the district's tentative 2020-2021 budget and the submission of the budget to the County Superintendent of Schools for their review and approval.

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
General Fund	\$38,376,591	\$34,935,440
Special Revenue Fund	\$1,035,573	\$0
Debt Service Fund	\$4,125,446	\$3,518,509

Total Base Budget	\$43,537,610	\$38,453,949
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BE IT RESOLVED that the Verona Board of Education includes the proposed budget a withdrawal from the Capital Reserve in the amount of \$456,381. The purpose of this withdrawal is to fund the replacement of corridor lockers, asbestos abatement, classroom floor replacement, and classroom windowsill renovations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Verona Board of Education includes in the proposed budget a withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve in the amount of \$150,000. The purpose of this withdrawal is to fund the upkeep and maintenance of all school buildings in accordance with required maintenance standards.

#12 RESOLVED that the Board approve the travel expenditures maximum of \$10,000 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3.

#13 RESOLVED that the Board approve Ernie Turner, Acting Board Secretary of the Verona Board of Education, Verona, New Jersey to invest funds in the New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Verona Board of Education as follows:

1. The Verona Board of Education hereby finds and determines that the Acting Board Secretary has received and reviewed (i) the Information Statement dated as of March 19, 2020 describing the New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program (“NJ/ARM”) and (ii) the Amended and Restated Interlocal Services Investment Agreement governing the NJ/ARM Program (“Program Agreement”) and (b) the Acting Board Secretary has been afforded the opportunity to discuss NJ/ARM with the Investment Administrator and Special Council to NJ/ARM and the Verona Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interests of the Verona Board of Education to authorize the Verona Board of Education to participate in NJ/ARM.
2. The Program Agreement is hereby approved and the Acting Board Secretary is authorized to execute the Program Agreement on behalf of the Verona Board of Education.
3. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Custodian for the NJ/ARM Program, is hereby approved to act as a depository of Public Funds for the Verona Board of Education, Verona, New Jersey, Essex County and the Verona Board of Education Management Plan is hereby amended to provide the same.

4. The Verona Board of Education acknowledges that its decision to authorize the participate in NJ/ARM is based solely on the information set forth in the Information Statement and in the Program Agreement.

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent and Ernest J. Turner, Acting Board Secretary be approved as the “Contact” persons for the investment program with NJ/ARM (Asset and Rebate Management Program). This appointment is for the funds associated with the 2019 referendum.

- #14 RESOLVED** that the Verona Board of Education approves Legacy Construction Management Inc. per attached proposal (attached).

ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS

March 19, 2020

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

PERSONNEL

- #1 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following:

1.1 New Hire

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment
Kelly Pannullo	VHS	Varsity Girls Soccer	Step 3/\$9,805	SY 20-21

- #11 Public Comments - None**

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Motion by: Mrs. Pamela Priscoe

Second by: Mr. Jim Day

All in Favor: AYE

All Opposed: X

This meeting is adjourned at (TIME) 7:35 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

**Mr. Ernest Turner
Acting Board Secretary**