



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

April 2, 2020

CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 pm

VIA TELECONFERENCE

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA – 7:00 pm

VIA TELECONFERENCE

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 April 2, 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

April 2, 2020

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on April 2, 2020 via teleconference 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 was 1 member 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. Discussion Items
8. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions
9. 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 and 7:00 pm Public Session via teleconference pending the evolving nature of COVID-19.

- 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 discussed 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**
 - COVID-19 Update
 - Referendum Update on Bid Openings
- 8. Committee Reports**

9. Discussion Items

10. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1-4, 6, 8, 10.

Motion by: Sara Drappi

Seconded by: Jim Day

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1- 4, 6, 8, 10

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>

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolution #5

Motion by: Jim Day

Seconded by: Sara Drappi

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolution #5

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>

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolution #7

Motion by: Timothy Alworth

Seconded by: Pamela Priscoe

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolution #7

Mr. Alworth X

Mr. Day X

Mrs. Drappi X

Mrs. Freschi X

Mrs. Priscoe X

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolution #9

Motion by: Jim Day

Seconded by: Pamela Priscoe

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolution #9

Mr. Alworth X

Mr. Day X

Mrs. Drappi X

Mrs. Freschi X

Mrs. Priscoe X

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 19, 2020

PERSONNEL

#2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following pending pre-employment paperwork:

2.1 New Hire

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Amanda DeCaito	FNB/BRK	Long Term Substitute - Special Education Resource	\$235 per diem	Education	Apr. 20 - Jun. 19, 2020

EDUCATION

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

HIB Case
FNB 209181
VHS 208724

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

#4 RESOLVED that the Board approve:

**RESOLUTION
VERONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
AWARDING OF PROJECT FOR
BROOKDALE ES, LANING AVE ES, & FOREST AVE ES EXTERIOR
REPAIRS AND
UPGRADES TO ASKARI CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with a published bid solicitation for work associated with Exterior Repairs at Brookdale ES, Laning Ave. ES, and Forest Ave. ES, in the Township of Verona, Essex County, New Jersey (hereinafter “the Work”), the Verona Board of Education received sealed bids on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in response to its bid solicitation for the Work, the Board received responses from (1) contractor; and

WHEREAS, after receipt of bids, the Board of Education caused an analysis of the bid responses to be undertaken by the Acting Board Secretary, consultant staff as well as the Board Attorney; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that review, the Board makes the following findings of fact:

1. Askari Construction, Inc. was the lowest prospective base bidder with a base bid of \$362,543.00.
2. The base bid submitted by Askari Construction, Inc. is the lowest responsive and responsible base bid, and does not exceed the cost estimates or the Board of Education’s budget for the Work.

WHEREAS, as a result of these findings, the contract is awarded to Askari Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$362,543.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District’s professional staff take any and all action necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Board’s resolution in this matter.

#5 RESOLVED that the Board approve:

**RESOLUTION
VERONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
AWARDING OF PROJECT FOR
BROOKDALE AVE ES, F.N. BROWN ES, LANING AVE ES, & FOREST AVE ES
ROOF REPLACEMENT
TO MAK GROUP, LLC.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with a published bid solicitation for work associated with Roof Replacement for Brookdale Ave. ES, F.N. Brown ES, Laning Ave. ES, and Forest Ave. ES, in the Township of Verona, Essex County, New Jersey (hereinafter “the Work”), the Verona Board of Education received sealed bids on March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in response to its bid solicitation for the Work, the Board received responses from (4) contractors; and

WHEREAS, after receipt of bids, the Board of Education caused an analysis of the bid responses to be undertaken by the Acting Board Secretary, consultant staff as well as the Board Attorney; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that review, the Board makes the following findings of fact:

1. MAK Group, LLC was the lowest prospective base bidder with a base bid of \$1,868,516 for all schools hereunder. Multiple alternates were also bid.
2. The base bid submitted by MAK Group, LLC is the lowest responsive and responsible base bid, and does not exceed the cost estimates or the Board of Education’s budget for the Work.

WHEREAS, as a result of these findings, the contract is awarded to MAK Group, LLC, as follows:

_____	Brookdale Ave ES Roof Replacement:	\$346,000.00
_____	F.N. Brown ES Roof Replacement:	\$381,000.00
_____	Add Alternate 1:	+\$43,900.00
_____	Laning Ave. ES Roof Replacement:	\$751,758.00
_____	Forest Ave ES Roof Replacement:	\$389,758.00
	TOTAL	\$1,912,416.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District’s professional staff take any and all action necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Board’s resolution in this matter.

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve:

**RESOLUTION
VERONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
AWARDING OF PROJECT FOR
F.N. BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT
TO PANORAMIC WINDOW & DOOR SYSTEMS, INC.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with a published bid solicitation for work associated with Window & Door Replacement for F.N. Brown Elementary School in the Township of Verona, Essex County, New Jersey (hereinafter “the Work”), the Verona Board of Education received sealed bids on March 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in response to its bid solicitation for the Work, the Board received responses from (5) contractors; and

WHEREAS, after receipt of bids, the Board of Education caused an analysis of the bid responses to be undertaken by the Acting Board Secretary, consultant staff as well as the Board Attorney; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that review, the Board makes the following findings of fact:

1. Panoramic Window & Door Systems, Inc. was the lowest prospective base bidder with a base bid of \$557,000. Panoramic Window & Door Systems, Inc. also bid “no change” for add Alternate Number 1.
2. The base bid submitted by Panoramic Window & Door Systems, Inc is the lowest responsive and responsible base bid, and does not exceed the cost estimates or the Board of Education’s budget for the Work.

WHEREAS, as a result of these findings, the contract is awarded to Panoramic Window & Door Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$557,000.00. Alternate Number One is selected at a cost of \$0.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District’s professional staff take any and all action necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Board’s resolution in this matter.

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve:

**RESOLUTION
VERONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
AWARDING OF PROJECT FOR
H.B. WHITEHORNE MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF & FASCIA REPLACEMENT
TO USA GENERAL CONTRACTORS CORP.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with a published bid solicitation for work associated with Roof and Fascia Replacement for H.B. Whitehorne Middle School in the Township of Verona, Essex County, New Jersey (hereinafter “the Work”), the Verona Board of Education received sealed bids on March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in response to its bid solicitation for the Work, the Board received responses from (5) contractors; and

WHEREAS, after receipt of bids, the Board of Education caused an analysis of the bid responses to be undertaken by the Acting Board Secretary, consultant staff as well as the Board Attorney; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that review, the Board makes the following findings of fact:

1. USA General Contractors Corp. was the lowest prospective base bidder with a base bid of \$1,327,000. USA General Contractors Corp. also bid \$75,000 for Add Alternate Number 2.
2. The base bid submitted by USA General Contractors Corp. is the lowest responsive and responsible base bid, and does not exceed the cost estimates or the Board of Education’s budget for the Work.

WHEREAS, as a result of these findings, the contract for is awarded to USA General Contractors Corp., as follows:

_____ Base bid: \$1,327,000
_____ Add Alt. 2 +\$75,000

Total: \$1,402,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District’s professional staff take any and all action necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Board’s resolution in this matter.

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve:

RESOLUTION
VERONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
AWARDING OF PROJECT FOR
H.B. WHITEHORNE MIDDLE SCHOOL WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT
TO PANORAMIC WINDOW & DOOR SYSTEMS, INC.

WHEREAS, in accordance with a published bid solicitation for work associated with Window & Door Replacement for H.B. Whitehorne Middle School in the Township of Verona, Essex County, New Jersey (hereinafter “the Work”), the Verona Board of Education received sealed bids on March 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in response to its bid solicitation for the Work, the Board received responses from (4) contractors; and

WHEREAS, after receipt of bids, the Board of Education caused an analysis of the bid responses to be undertaken by the Acting Board Secretary, consultant staff as well as the Board Attorney; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that review, the Board makes the following findings of fact:

1. Panoramic Window & Door Systems, Inc. was the lowest prospective base bidder with a base bid of \$745,000. Panoramic Window & Door Systems, Inc also bid and “no change” for add Alternate Number 1.
2. The base bid submitted by Panoramic Window & Door Systems, Inc is the lowest responsive and responsible base bid, and does not exceed the cost estimates or the Board of Education’s budget for the Work.

#9 RESOLVED that the Board approve:

**RESOLUTION
VERONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
AWARDING OF PROJECT FOR
VERONA HIGH SCHOOL, LANING AVE ES, BROOKDALE AVE ES,
& FOREST AVE ES
DOOR REPLACEMENT
TO NORTHEASTERN INTERIOR SERVICES, LLC.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with a published bid solicitation for work associated with Door Replacement for Verona High School, Laning Ave. ES, Brookdale Ave. ES, and Forest Ave. ES, in the Township of Verona, Essex County, New Jersey (hereinafter “the Work”), the Verona Board of Education received sealed bids on March 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in response to its bid solicitation for the Work, the Board received responses from (1) contractor; and

WHEREAS, after receipt of bids, the Board of Education caused an analysis of the bid responses to be undertaken by the Acting Board Secretary, consultant staff as well as the Board Attorney; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that review, the Board makes the following findings of fact:

1. Northeastern Interior Services, LLC was the lowest prospective base bidder with a base bid of \$187,000. Northeastern Interior Services, LLC also bid \$75,000 for add Alternate Number 1.
2. The base bid submitted by Northeastern Interior Services, LLC is the lowest responsive and responsible base bid, and does not exceed the cost estimates or the Board of Education’s budget for the Work.

WHEREAS, as a result of these findings, the contract is awarded to Northeastern Interior Services, LLC, as follows:

_____ Door Replacement: \$187,000.00

_____ Add Alt. 1 & 2: \$75,000.00

TOTAL: \$ 262,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District’s professional staff take any and all action necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Board’s resolution in this matter.

#10 RESOLVED that the Board approve:

**RESOLUTION
VERONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
AWARDING OF PROJECT FOR
VERONA HIGH SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT
TO MAK GROUP, LLC.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with a published bid solicitation for work associated with Roof Replacement for Verona High School, in the Township of Verona, Essex County, New Jersey (hereinafter “the Work”), the Verona Board of Education received sealed bids on March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in response to its bid solicitation for the Work, the Board received responses from (5) contractors; and

WHEREAS, after receipt of bids, the Board of Education caused an analysis of the bid responses to be undertaken by the Acting Board Secretary, consultant staff as well as the Board Attorney; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that review, the Board makes the following findings of fact:

1. MAK Group, LLC was the lowest prospective base bidder with a base bid of \$2,577,758.00.
2. The base bid submitted by MAK Group, LLC is the lowest responsive and responsible base bid, and does not exceed the cost estimates or the Board of Education’s budget for the Work.

WHEREAS, as a result of these findings, the contract is awarded to MAK Group, LLC, as follows:

_____ Verona High School Roof Replacement: **\$2,577,758.00**

TOTAL: **\$2,577,758.00**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District’s professional staff take any and all action necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Board’s resolution in this matter.

9. Public Comments - None

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Motion by: Sara Drappi

Second by: Pamela Priscoe

All in Favor: AYE

All Opposed: NONE

This meeting is adjourned at (TIME) 7:20 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Ernie Turner

**Mr. Ernest Turner
Acting Board Secretary**