



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

June 23, 2020

CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 pm

VIA TELECONFERENCE

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA – 7:00 pm

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PUBLIC MEETING

June 23, 2020

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on June 23, 2020 via teleconference at 7:02 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 32 members of the public present. There were 0 members of the press present.



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

NOTE: The next scheduled Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 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**
- 6. Superintendent Report - Dr. Rui Dionisio, Superintendent of Schools**
- 7. Committee Reports - Finance - Mr. Alworth reported**
- 8. Discussion Items**
- 9. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions**
- 10. Public Comments - Hannah Meer - Associated with BLM. Concerned that racism is not taught in the home. Concerned that students of color will not have their concerns addressed.**

Mr. DiGeronimo - Spoke about updating the curriculum.



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4. Roll Call Attendance

Mr. Alworth X

Mr. Day X

Mrs. Drappi X

Mrs. Freschi X

Mrs. Priscoe X

5. Public comments on Agenda Items

6. Presentations - None

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

- Referendum Update
- Graduation & End of Year Update - 4th Grade Farewells & 8th Grade Promotion was a success and special thank you to our principals, administrators, custodians and maintenance staff, and teachers and staff. VHS Graduation was superb and we received positive feedback on how special and memorable the event was as well as the quality and attention of the live stream video staff Mr. Posner. Hats off to Mr. Cogdill for his efforts on this project and his design of the event to make it special for our graduates. A senior graduate, student only in-person ceremony will be held on July

8th, with a rain date of July 9th. Parents and family will not be permitted to to mass gathering limits.

- The district has organized COVID Action Committees for the following areas: Facilities - Governance - Instruction - Operations - Technology - Wellness. There is no DOE guidance yet and the district is coordinating planning based on CDC recommendations and known guidelines including social distancing. We are making our plans as to what school may look like in September but it is highly unlikely it will be school as we used to know it as social distancing will limit us in classrooms with 10-12 students max in a classroom. Therefore, we will explore a hybrid schedule. Additional PPE and facility needs to reopen school preliminarily estimated be in excess as well as technology and operational needs which could amount to over \$400-500k in totality in order to effectively reopen and deliver instruction. Potential budget impact to prepare for COVID and potential additional loss of state aid pending Governor address in late August.
- Dr. Dionisio followed up with details on the district commitment to engage community stakeholders on racism and a review of curriculum and educational practices. As a district, we want to ensure that our students, staff, and community understands that the lives of all black people matter. As a result, I have recommended that the Verona Public Schools coordinate a new committee which will be represented by black students, staff, and families, and will also be inclusive of other people of all colors including white people in our community. We will also be exploring partnerships with professionals in the area of race at the college and university level to assist us in this important work. In my humble opinion, this is the only way to work toward systemic, societal improvements through listening, empathy, and education. This work will be important to provide our stakeholders an opportunity to review where we currently stand as a district to identify what we are doing well, while at the same time empowering important voices on the steps we must take to make necessary strides.

The BOE will hold a special meeting next week June 29, 2020 to approve some items that we anticipate regarding our attention to referendum, personnel, and the business office.

8. Committee Reports - Finance

9. Discussion Items

10. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions

Motion by: Mr. Day

Seconded by: Mrs. Priscoe

Be it RESOLVED the tabling of Resolutions #10, 23 (second on list) and 24

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1 - 74.

Mr. Alworth X

Mr. Day X

Mrs. Drappi X

Mrs. Freschi X

Mrs. Priscoe X

BOARD RENEWAL RESOLUTIONS

#1 RESOLVED that the Board has read and discussed the Code of Ethics for School Board members in accordance with NJSA 18A-12-24.1. Specifically,

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.

- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
 - e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the Board.
 - f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
 - g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
 - h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
 - i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their Duties.
- I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

#2 RESOLVED that Lisa Freschi be appointed delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association for one year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the policy authorizing the duties of the delegate to the New Jersey Schools Boards Association be approved as follows:

- a. Represent the Board at meetings of the New Jersey School Boards Association.
- b. Study and report to the Board all proposed State and Federal Legislation of interest and relevance.
- c. At the direction of the Board, prepare a proposed resolution for submission to the State School Boards Association.

This policy shall not prohibit or discourage other Board Members from active participation in Legislative affairs.

- #3 **RESOLVED** that the Verona Board of Education approve the establishment of the following Board of Education Committees. Appointments to the Committees will be made by the Board President:

Buildings and Grounds-James Day/Lisa Freschi
Finance-Tim Alworth/Lisa Freschi
Education-Timothy Alworth/Sara Drappi
Community Resources-Sara Drappi/Pamela Priscoe
Athletics & Co-Curricular-James Day/Pamela Priscoe

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Ernest Turner as Acting Board Secretary.

- #5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve Michael Gross, Esq. of the firm of Kenney, Gross & Kovats as Board Attorney for the 2020-2021 school year at a \$400 per month retainer. Additional time for Special Education will be billed at \$145 per hour and all other legal work will be billed at \$155 per hour.

- #6 **RESOLVED** that the official newspapers for the Board of Education be the Verona Cedar Grove Times and The Star Ledger for the school year 2020-2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary be permitted to use his/her discretion with regard to any and all publications required by law.

- #7 **RESOLVED** that the following be and the same are hereby designated as depositories of The Board of Education:

**INVESTORS BANK
NJ/ARM**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until further notice from the Board of Education, any funds of the Board deposited in said depositories may be subject to withdrawal at any time, or from time to time, upon checks or instruments or orders for payment of moneys when signed on behalf of the Board of Education by the following officers: President or Vice President, Secretary/Business Administrator or Superintendent of Schools and Treasurer of School Moneys.

- #8 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt all existing policies, curriculum and textbooks for the 2020-2021 school year which have been in effect during the present school year, subject to revision and constant review by the Board.
- #9 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the facsimile signatures for the President, Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies to facilitate debt payments.
- TABLED #10 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 school year reappointment of Cheryl A. Nardino Business Administrator as follows:
- a. Purchasing Agent, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:-3a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.
 - b. the Designated Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)
 - c. Custodian of Record
- #11 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 school year appointment of Joseph Higgins, responsible for the following:
- a. District's Right-to-Know Coordinator
 - b. District's Indoor Air Quality Coordinator
 - c. District's Pest Management Coordinator
 - d. Asbestos Management Officer
 - e. AHERA Coordinator
- #12 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Matthew Laracy as Treasurer of School Monies for the 2020-2021 school year at a salary of \$6,200.
- #13 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Dr. Vincent K. McInerney as the school physician for football games for 2020-2021 at a cost of \$300 per game.
- #14 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Dr. Robert M. Palacios as the school physician for the 2020-2021 school year at a salary of \$4,000.
- #15 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education establish Petty Cash Funds as listed below for the 2020-2021 school year. No single expenditure to

exceed \$25.

Verona High School	\$200
H. B. Whitehorne Middle School	100
Board/Superintendent's Office	100
Brookdale Avenue School	25
F. N. Brown School	25
Forest Avenue School	25
Laning Avenue School	25
Special Services	100
Pre-School Intervention Program	50

#16 RESOLVED that the Board approve the participation in the Public Employer Insurance Trust, and Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors as the Trust Brokers for the 2020-2021 health and dental plan.

#17 RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Tax Shelter Annuity Companies as listed below:

MetLife	Equitable
Valic	Prudential
Vanguard	Lincoln Investment

#18 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached 2020-2021 Tax Payment Schedule for Monies due the school district and need to meet the obligations of this Board

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary notify the Municipal Collector of this Tax Payment Schedule in order for The Tax Collector to Plan accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Verona is hereby requested to Place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Monies these amounts, Accordance with statutes relating thereto.

#19 RESOLVED that the form of Cafeteria Plan including a Premium Expense Account Health Care Reimbursement Plan and a Dependent Care Assistance Program established on July 1, 2005, and effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, presented to this meeting is hereby approved and adopted and that the proper officers of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the Plan.

Further resolved, that the Administrator shall be instructed to take Such actions that are Deemed necessary and proper in order to implement the Plan, and to set up adequate accounting and administrative procedures to provide benefits under the Plan.

Further resolved, that the proper officers of the Board shall act as soon as possible to notify the employees of the Board of the adoption of the Cafeteria Plan by delivering to each employee a copy of the summary description of the Plan in the form of the Summary Plan Description presented to this meeting, which form is hereby approved.

#20 RESOLVED that the Premium Expense Account (voluntary waiver of medical insurance), should an employee elect to waive the applicable insurance coverage, the employee choosing to do so must provide written representation of alternate insurance coverage. If an employee chooses to waive the coverage, he or she will receive a payment the lesser of 25% of the cost of the plan or \$5,000, whichever is less. Employees who are not employed during the full year (September 1 – August 31) and choose the waiver shall have their payments prorated accordingly. This applies to new hires after September 1 and any employment termination that is effective prior to August 31. Employees who choose the waiver and are on unpaid leave of absence without medical benefits shall have their payments prorated as well. The employee retains the ability to opt back into the former plan at the next enrollment period or within thirty (30) days if any of the following occur:

- (a) termination of spouse's employment;
- (b) divorce;
- (c) death of spouse; or
- (d) termination of the other plan coverage.

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

#21 RESOLVED that the Board approves the minutes of the following meetings:

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting June 9, 2020

PERSONNEL

#22 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following for the 2020-21 school year:

22.1 New Hire

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Lynn Schussel	HBW	Guidance Counselor	MA 30/ Step 8 \$65,801	Education	Sept. 1, 2020 - Jun. 30, 2021
Taylor Ross	FNB	LOA Kindergarten Teacher	\$235 per diem	Education	Sept. 1, 2020 - Jun. 30, 2021

22.2 Resignations

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective on or About
Albaliz Tello	HBW	Social Worker	Resignation	Aug. 10, 2020
Yolanda Mathurin	FNB	Paraprofessional	Resignation	Jun. 19, 2020
Michelle Ferrara	FOR	Paraprofessional	Resignation	Jun. 19, 2020
Corrine Sullivan	VHS	Paraprofessional	Resignation	Jun. 19, 2020

22.3 Leave of Absence

Name	Reason	Begin Date on or before	Estimated Return Date on or about
#102948	Maternity Leave	Sept. 22, 2020	February 5, 2021

22.4 Staff Changes

Name	Current Location/Position	New Location/Position	Effective Date on or about	Amount	Notes
Catherine King	Elementary/ Social Worker/70%	BRK/FNB/ Social Worker/100%	Sept. 1, 2020 - Jun. 30, 2021		RESCIND
Lakendra McFadden	District/HIB School Safety Specialist .70%	District/HIB School Safety Specialist 100%	Sept. 1, 2020 - Jun. 30, 2021		RESCIND

Catherine King	Elementary/ Social Worker/70%	BRK/FNB/ Social Worker/70%	Sept. 1, 2020 - Jun. 30, 2021	\$42,828	APPROVE
Lakendra McFadden	District/HIB School Safety Specialist .75%	District/HIB School Safety Specialist 75%	Sept. 1, 2020 - Jun. 30, 2021	\$42,813	APPROVE

#23 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following salaries for staff members for the 2020-2021 school year:

	Dr. Rui Dionisio	Superintendent of Schools	\$231,931
TABLED	Cheryl Nardino	Business Administrator	\$170,930
	Charles Miller	Director of Curriculum	\$154,793
	Frank Mauriello	Director of Special Services	\$146,098
	Joshua Cogdill	Principal – VHS	\$144,894
	Tom Lancaster	Assistant Principal - VHS	\$125,538
	Robert Merkler	Director of Athletics and District Special Programs	\$122,656
	Yvette McNeal	Principal - HBW Olmsted	\$161,895
	Dave Galbierczyk	Principal – HBW Carnegie	\$134,894
	Dr. Anthony Lanzo	Principal – FNB	\$147,900
	Nicole Stuto	Principal – BRK	\$119,656
	Jeff Monacelli	Principal – FOR	\$138,313
	Howard Freund	Principal – LAN	\$132,394
	Gina Venezia	Supervisor for Special Ed. K-12	\$138,752
	Glen Stevenson	Supervisor – STEM	\$126,178
	Donna Cook	Payroll	\$58,638
	Anna Marie Marzullo	Accounts Payable	\$55,583
	Emerida Radek	Receptionist/Clerk	\$41,407
	Cheryl Sluberski	Central Office Admin. Asst.	\$61,068

	Eltion Ballaj	Manager Information Technology	\$107,517
	Steven Schels	Supervisor - Humanities	\$125,975

TABLED #24 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached 2020-2021 contract for Cheryl Nardino, School Business Administrator at a salary of \$170,930.

#25 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached 2020-2021 contract for Charles Miller, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at a salary of \$151,793.

#26 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached 2020-2021 contract for Frank Mauriello, Director of Special Education at a salary of \$146,098.

#27 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached 2020-2021 contract for Eltion Ballaj, Manager Information Technology at a salary of \$102,517.

#28 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached District Statistical Report for the month of May 2020.

#29 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached New Jersey Department of Education Statement of Assurance District Professional Development Plan and District Mentoring Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

#30 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve Lisa Torchia for 3 comp days for the 2020-21 school in lieu of summer registration.

EDUCATION

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

31.1 **Stipend**

Name	School	Stipend	Position	Employment Date	Notes
Albert Palazzo	HBW	\$10/hr./not to exceed 20 hrs.	Locker Maintenance		
Danielle Kelly	HBW	\$378.01	Kind Club Advisor	SY 19-20	RESCIND

31.2 VFEE Grants

Grant Recipients	School	Name of Grant	Grant #	Amount of Grant
Elissa Freda/Corisa Walker	Forest Ave., Laning Ave., Brookdale Ave., F.N. Brown	Lightbox for Remote Learning and Beyond	2020-4	\$7,000
Julia Zambrano	H.B. Whitehorne	Grade 8 Robotics Level 2	2020-05	\$8,315.68

#32 RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the submission of the ESEA application for Fiscal Year 2021, and accepts the grant award of these funds upon the subsequent approval of the FY 2021 ESEA Application.

#33 RESOLVED that the Board approve not to apply for Title III funds under the ESEA Grant for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

#34 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached New Jersey Department of Education Statement of Assurance District Professional Development Plan and District Mentoring Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

#35 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following for the 20-21 school year:

35.1 Book Adoption

Name	Location	Course	Grade
The Sword and the Shield: The Revolutionary Lives of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr.	VHS	AP History	11

#36 RESOLVED that the Board approve to renew the contract with Summit Management Solutions, LLC for the 2020-21 school year under the terms and conditions of the original contract.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

#37 RESOLVED that the Board approve for an out-of-district placement for Student #100606 for the 2020 – 2021 school year, commencing July 6, 2020, at a tuition rate of \$74,042.

#38 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
#221545	VHS	10	12 hrs./6 weeks	Jun. 22, 2020

ATHLETIC/CO-CURRICULAR

#39 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights District and School Grade Report 2019-2020.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

#40 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2020-2021 lease agreement between the YMCA of Montclair and the Verona Board of Education.

#41 RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2020-2021 lease agreement between Executive Kids Pre-School and the Verona Board of Education.

REFERENDUM

#42 RESOLVED that the Board approve that a contract in the amount of \$25,062.20 be awarded to Shaw's Complete Security as per proposal #94471 to replace all cylinder cores with restricted key systems in the H.B. Whitehorne Middle School. This contract is being awarded as part of the State Contract purchasing system.

#43 RESOLVED that the Board approve a contract in the amount of \$21,736.00 be awarded to Shaw's Complete Security as per proposal #94460 to replace all cylinder cores with restricted key systems in Verona High School. This contract is being awarded as part of the State Contract purchasing system.

#44 RESOLVED that the Board approve Change Order No. 001 for Northeastern Interior Services, LLC for fire safety codes upgrades at HBW in the following manner:

Original Contract Amount:	\$1,717,500.00
Change Order No. 001	\$23,881.00
New Contract Total	\$1,741,381.00

#45 RESOLVED that the Board approve Change Order No. 001 in the amount of \$6,000.00 be awarded to Lilich Corporation for the Asbestos Removal Project at H.B. Whitehorne Middle School in the following Manner:

Original Contract Amount	\$47,600.00
Change Order No. 001	\$6,000.00
New Contract Total	\$53,600.00

#46 RESOLVED that the Board approve Change Order No. 001 in the amount of \$3,902.87 be awarded to Picerno-Giordano Construction LLC for the Playground Upgrades at Brookdale Ave.; FN Brown; Laning Ave. and Forest Ave. Elementary Schools in the following manner:

Original Contract Amount	\$796,238.00
Change Order No. 001	\$3,902.87
New Contract Total	\$800,140.87

#47 RESOLVED that the Board approve Change Order No. 002 in the amount of \$1,580.72 be awarded to Picerno-Giordano Construction LLC for the Playground Upgrades at Brookdale Ave.; FN Brown; Laning Ave. and Forest Ave. Elementary Schools in the following manner:

Revised Contract Amount	\$800,140.87
Change Order No. 001	\$1,580.72
New Contract Total	\$801,721.59

- #48 RESOLVED** that the Board approve a contract be awarded to KIN Contractors LLC in the amount of \$21,342.00 to perform the removal and replacement of 400 LF 8' high chain link fence and install two double gates at the HB Whitehorne Middle School. This contract is being awarded as part of the State Contract purchasing system.
- #49 RESOLVED** that the Board approve a contract be awarded to Degler-Whiting Inc. in the amount of \$8,500.00 for demolition work on the bleachers at Verona High School.
- #50 RESOLVED** that the Board approve a contract be awarded to Degler-Whiting Inc. in the amount of \$6,200.00 for demolition work on the Gym Dividing Door at the HB Whitehorne Middle School.
- #51 RESOLVED** that the Board approve a contract be awarded to Commercial Interiors Direct Inc. in the amount of \$2,711.81 for rug installation work at the FN Brown Elementary School.
- #52 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Change Order No. 003 in the amount of \$1,024.65 be awarded to Picerno-Giordano Construction LLC for the Playground Upgrades at Brookdale Ave.; FN Brown; Laning Ave. and Forest Ave. Elementary Schools in the following manner:
- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Revised Contract Amount | \$801,721.59 |
| Change Order No. 001 | <u>\$1,024.65</u> |
| New Contract Total | \$802,746.24 |
- #53 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Change Order No. 004 in the amount of \$1,500.00 be awarded to Picerno-Giordano Construction LLC for the Playground Upgrades at Brookdale Ave.; FN Brown; Laning Ave. and Forest Ave. Elementary Schools in the following manner:
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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Revised Contract Amount | \$802,746.24 |
| Change Order No. 001 | <u>\$1,500.00</u> |
| New Contract Total | \$804,246.24 |
- #54 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Change Order No. 001 for Northeastern Interior Services, LLC for the Locker Room Upgrades at H.B. Whitehorne Middle School in the following manner:

Original Contract Amount:	\$1,256,500.00
Change Order No. 001	<u>\$5,376.00</u>
New Contract Total	\$1,261,876.00

- #55 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Change Order No. 002 for Northeastern Interior Services, LLC for the Locker Room Upgrades at H.B. Whitehorne Middle School in the following manner:

Original Contract Amount:	\$1,261,876.00
Change Order No. 002	<u>\$1,552.50</u>
New Contract Total	\$1,263,428.50

- #56 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Change Order No. 003 for Northeastern Interior Services, LLC for the Locker Room Upgrades at H.B. Whitehorne Middle School in the following manner:

Original Contract Amount:	\$1,263,428.50
Change Order No. 002	<u>\$1,138.50</u>
New Contract Total	\$1,264,567.00

- #57 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Change Order No. 001 in the amount of \$6,585.04 be awarded to MAK Group, LLC for Roof Replacement at Brookdale Ave.; FN Brown; Laning Ave. and Forest Ave. Elementary Schools in the following manner:

Original Contract Amount	\$1,912,416.00
Change Order No. 001	<u>\$6,585.04</u>
New Contract Total	\$1,919,001.04

FINANCE

- #58 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the enclosed checklist in the following amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$3,889,274.60	Vendor Checks	June 23, 2020

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

March, 2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:20-2.13(e), that as of January 31, 2020 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.

- #60 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the following month:

February, 2020
March, 2020

- #61 RESOLVED** that the Board authorize the **Mr. Ernie Turner**, Acting Board Secretary to pay all bills and claims, including payroll, from the period following June 20, 2019. Said lists will be reaffirmed at the August 25, 2020 Board Meeting.

- #62 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the appropriation of funds from General Fund to Capital Reserve or Maintenance Reserve in an amount up to the maximum amount allowable.

- #63 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Phoenix Advisors, LLC for the Continuing Disclosure Agent Services for the 20-21 school year in the amount of \$1,000.

- #64 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the participation in the 2020-2021 Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council in the amount of \$1,250.
- #65 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Genesis Student Information System for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$9,158.
- #66 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the 2020-2021 renewal contract for web hosting for Schoolwires (dba Blackboard) at a cost of \$11,803.57.
- #67 RESOLVED** that the Board approve Frontline Technologies, DBA, Aesop, to provide substitute placement, absence management, IEP Direct and Applitrack at a cost of \$334,484.93 for the school year 2020-2021.
- #68 RESOLVED** that the Board approve E-Rate Partners, LLC to provide E-rate services for the funding years 2020 and 2021 at a cost of \$2,250, respectively.
- #69 RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following tuition reimbursements for the 2019-2020 school year:

Name	Reimbursement
Julia Albretsen	\$9,456.84
Kathleen Amora	\$3,152.28
Alyssa Boldurian	\$1,576.14
Patrick Bresnan	\$922.50
Julianne Curro	\$450
Spencer D'Alessio	\$6,304.56
Raquel Grasso	\$3,152.28
Amy Heckel	\$618.75
Helene McKelvey-McLaughlin	\$598.50
Steven Munoz	\$4,590
Nicole Shanley	\$1,576.14
Bridget Sullivan	\$903.00
Melissa Tempesta	\$4,728.38
Karen Tully	\$6,304.50
Josh Cogdill	\$9,674
Frank Mauriello	\$11,747

Charlie Miller	\$12,912
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- #70 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve 2019-2020 sick day payments for the staff listed below:

Name	
Stanley Bozeman	\$6,346.36
Terry Sherman	\$13,287.69
Carol Thomas	\$8,098.22
Doris Peim	\$6,643.85
Diane Newman	\$6,676.90
Anna Collins	11,767.21
Grace Boyle	\$2,179.77

- #71 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following companies for voluntary benefits for the 2020-2021 school year:

Prudential
Aflac
New York Life
Colonial Life

- #72 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC. as Bond Counsel.
- #73 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Certificate of Implementation as of June 30, 2019 and that all corrective actions have been completed.
- #74 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve to submit the application for the New Jersey Department of Education's "Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)" and CARES Act Grant in the amount of \$147,638.00. And further, upon approval accept the funds in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

10. Public Comments - George Cavercheck - will email be used to communicate the commencement. Dr. Dionisio responded and indicated that he will respond in his Superintendent report.

Marla - 36 Martin Rd. - was an organizer of the BLM. Want to know what is being done to incorporate minority interests in the curriculum. Dr. Dionisio will respond in his Superintendent report.

Monday, June 29, 2020 - Special Meeting - 6:30 pm confidential and 7:00 pm public

ADDENDUM RESOLUTIONS
June 23, 2020

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

Motion by: Mrs. Drappi

Seconded by: Mr. Day

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Addenda Resolutions #1 -6.

Mr. Alworth X

Mr. Day X

Mrs. Drappi X

Mrs. Freschi X

Mrs. Priscoe X

PERSONNEL

#1 RESOLVED that the Board approve the following:

1.1 New Hire

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Committee	Term of Employment on or about
Lynn Schussel	HBW	Guidance Counselor	MA/30 Step 8 \$65,801	Education	Sept. 1, 2020 - Jun. 30, 2021
Taylor Ross	FNB	LOA Kindergarten Teacher	\$235 per diem	Education	Sept. 1, 2020 - Jun. 30, 2021
Erica Pelusio	VHS	Math Teacher	MA/Step 16 \$86,485	Education	Sept. 1, 2020 - Jun. 30, 2021

EDUCATION

#2 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following for the 20-21 school year:

Curriculum Writing 20-21 (Rate: \$45.00)	# of Teachers	# of Hours for Each Teacher	Total # of Hours	Teachers Who Interested
ELA 10 Revision	2	10	20	Ashley Enste, Steven Munoz
ELA 12 Revision	2	15	30	Dr. Marie Meyer, Allison Quick
Elementary	1	5	5	Brandon Adler

ATHLETICS

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

3.1 Coach

Name	Location	Position	Stipend	Term of Employment	Notes
Nadia Domenick	VHS	Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach	\$4,000	SY 19-20	Paid by Lacrosse Parents Association

REFERENDUM

#4 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve a contract be awarded to Global Industrial in the amount of \$16,975.00 for ceiling tiles to be installed at Verona High School as per quote #5626739.

#5 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve a contract with Degler-Whiting, Inc. in the amount of \$14,950.00 to install new porter center roll motorized curtain with 25' graphics at the H. B. Whitehorne Middle School. This award is being made through Ed Data Contract #9760.

FINANCE

#6 **RESOLVED** that the Board approve that Cheryl Nardino and Dorothy Trimmer are no longer “Key Executives” for the Verona Board of Education for Banking purposes and that Ernest J. Turner is the new “Key Executive” for the Verona Board of Education and can act on behalf of the agency for all Banking purposes effective immediately.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

#75 **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 by: Mr. Day

Second by: Mrs. Priscoe

All in Favor: 5

All Opposed: 0

This meeting is adjourned at (TIME) 7:49 P.M.

NOTE: The next scheduled Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 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.

Ernie Turner

**Mr. Ernest Turner
Acting Board Secretary**