



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

June 29, 2020

CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 pm

VIA TELECONFERENCE

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA – 7:00 pm

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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 June 29, 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.**

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PUBLIC MEETING

June 29, 2020

The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on June 29, 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 were 3 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. Discussion Items
8. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions
9. 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. **Presentations - None**

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

- **Referendum Update**
- **The district has organized COVID Action Committees for the following areas: Facilities - Governance - Instruction - Operations - Technology - Wellness.**
- **Graduation details finalized this afternoon and will be emailed tomorrow to senior graduates and families. This event will be a senior graduate only ceremony and families will not be permitted to attend based on management of the public health situation and individual screenings. The event will be live streamed.**

8. Discussion Items - None

9. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions

Motion by: Mr. Day

Seconded by: Mr. Alworth

Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1 - 10.

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:

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PERSONNEL

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

2.1 Summer hours

Name	Days/Hours of Work	Rate	Position
Emerida Radek	not to exceed 20 days	\$207.03/per diem	Administrative Assistant - Athletics
Dina Rizzuto-Francis	not to exceed 80 hrs.	\$56.60/hr.	VHS School Nurse
Jason Calo	not to exceed 25 days	\$453.85/per diem	Athletic Trainer

#3 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

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

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

#6 RESOLVED that the Board approve to accept the resignation of Employee #105354 effective August 31, 2020.

#7 RESOLVED that the Board approve the terms and conditions of Employee #105354 as stated in the Settlement Agreement and Release.

ATHLETICS

#8 RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached Fall Coaches for the 20-21 school year.

FINANCE

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

April, 2020

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

April, 2020

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

9. Public Comments - None

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

#11 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: X

This meeting is adjourned at (TIME) 7:14 P.M.

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