



CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION –6:00 pm
REVISED REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA – 7:00 pm
VERONA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
MARCH 25, 2025

Live Streaming Link: <https://youtube.com/live/AAenP7wXsKY?feature=share>

The next scheduled Regular Public Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025** beginning with a Confidential Session at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm Public Session in the Verona High School Learning Commons.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Reading of Meeting Notice**

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provision of the act, the Verona Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published in the *Star Ledger* and posted with the Township of Verona and the Verona Education Association. 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. Copies of tonight's agenda and resolutions have been made available to the public via the Board of Education Website.

IV. Roll Call Attendance

Mr. Wacha _____
Mrs. Priscoe _____

Mrs. Ferrera _____
Mrs. Verzella _____

Mr. Boone _____

V. Routine Matters

A. Approve Minutes

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the **minutes** of the following meeting;

Confidential and [Regular Session Meeting of March 11, 2025](#)

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Be it RESOLVED, the approval of Routine Matters Motion #1.

Mr. Wacha _____

Mrs. Ferrera _____

Mrs. Priscoe _____

Mrs. Verzella _____

Mr. Boone _____

VI. Superintendent Report - Diane DiGiuseppe

VII. Business Administrator Report - Jorge Cruz

VIII. Student Report - Ryan Guo

IX. Presentation- Laura Palmerezzi/Athletics Director: Winter Sports Recap

X. Committee Reports

- [Education Committee](#)
- [Facilities Committee](#)
- [Finance Committee](#)

XI. Public Comments on Agenda Action Items

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 the website, or after public comment is closed. We appreciate and thank all members of the public for your input.

XII. Discussion Items - New Business/Old Business

XIII. Correspondence

XIV. ACTION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

- A1. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following unpaid days:

Employee #	# of days	Dates
105939	2	03/14/2025, 03/19/2025
105891	1	03/14/2025
105945	2	03/13/2025, 03/18/2025
105597	2	03/17/2025, 03/18/2025
105690	1	03/18/2025
100768	2	03/19/2025, 03/21/2025

- A2. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves an **unpaid Leave of Absence** for staff member **105690** to commence on March 21, 2025 through June 9, 2025, with an expected return to work date of June 10, 2025.

- A3. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following **change of status**:

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Term of Employment on or About
Kristin Venezia	LAS	Substitute Teacher	\$150.00 / per diem	03/10/2025 - 03/20/2025
Jake Quercia	FNB	Leave Replacement Teacher	\$275.00 / per diem	04/22/2025 - 06/30/2025

- A4. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following **separation(s)**:

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective on or About
Debra Lawrence	FAS	Administrative Assistant	Retirement	06/30/2025
Julia Zambrano	District	Academic Enrichment Teacher	Resignation	06/30/2025

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- A5. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following unpaid days:

Employee #	# of days	Dates
105597	1	03/24/2025
105689	.5	03/25/2025

- A6. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following **change of status**:

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Term of Employment on or About
Noa Feldberg	District	Substitute Teacher	\$125.00 / per diem	04/10/2025 - 06/30/2025

- A7. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following new hires pending certification, criminal clearance, and successful completion of pre-employment paperwork.

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Term of Employment on or About
Angela Capuana	LAS, BAS, FNB, FAS	Academic Enrichment Teacher	\$69,560 / BA Step 10	08/28/2025 - 06/30/2026

Motion by: _____
Seconded by: _____

Be it RESOLVED, the approval of Personnel motions A1 - A7

Mr. Wacha _____ Mrs. Ferrera _____
Mrs. Priscoe _____ Mrs. Verzella _____ Mr. Boone _____

B. EDUCATION

- B1. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following attendance at a **workshop or conference for Professional Development**:

Name	School	Event/Location	Date	Cost
Robert Orr	VHS	AP Statistics Exam Grading Conference / Tampa, FL	06/01/2025 -06/09/2025	\$350.00

- B2. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves participating in a [Joint Transportation Agreement](#) with Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative, for Special Education, Athletic, and Field Trip Transportation for the 2025–2026 school year.

- B3. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves **home instruction** for student #271036 beginning 2/26/25 for up to 10 hours per week for approximately 4-6 weeks. Home instruction will be provided by Verona School District Staff, at the rate of \$48. per hour.

- B4. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves an **out-of-district placement** for student #250539 at West Orange High School for the **2024-2025 school year** from June 24, 2024 - June 18, 2025. The tuition costs are as follows:

- 2024-2025 ESY Program: Tuition- **\$8,349.46**, 1:1 Aide Cost: **\$2,145.60**
- 2024-2025 Regular School Year: Tuition- **\$65,345**, 1:1 Aide Cost: **\$32,945**

- B5. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following non-pensionable **Stipend**:

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Date
Joelle Dere	District	2025 ESY Coordinator	\$5,750	March 2025 - July 2025

- B6. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following staff members as part of the **NJ High Impact Tutoring** program, at the rate of **\$60.00 per hour**, not to exceed **4 hours per week**, for the 2024-2025 school year:

Staff Member	School
Claire Duffy	Laning
Louis Waibel	FN Brown

- B7. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following **student observer from Caldwell University** pending completion of required paperwork:

Name	School	Teacher/Grade	Duration
Melissa Erovic	FNB	Louis Waibel/4th Grade	March 26, 2025 - May 9, 2025 / 100 Hours

- B8. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following **student teacher**, pending completion of paperwork during the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	School	Teacher/Grade	Duration	Assignment
Melissa Erovic	FNB	Louis Waibel/4th Grade	9/15/2025 - 12/19/2025	Student Teacher

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- B9. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following **non-pensionable Stipends for ESY 2025:**

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Date
Derek Felano	District	2025 ESY Splash Coordinator (Reading)	\$5,750	April 1, 2025 - July 2025
Glen Stevenson	District	2025 ESY Splash Coordinator (Math)	\$5,750	April 1, 2025 - July 2025

- B10. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves **home instruction** for student #323362 beginning 3/24/25 for up to 10 hours per week for approximately 4-6 weeks. Home instruction will be provided by LearnWell, at the rate of \$64.50 per hour.

Motion by: _____
Seconded by: _____

Be it RESOLVED, the approval of Education Motions B1 - B10

Mr. Wacha _____ Mrs. Ferrera _____
Mrs. Priscoe _____ Mrs. Verzella _____ Mr. Boone _____

C. ATHLETICS/CO-curricular

- C1. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following field trip(s) for the 2024-2025 school year:

Teacher/Class	School	Club/Destination	Date
Robert Orr	VHS	DECA / Orange County Convention Center Orlando, FL	4/26/2025 - 04/30/2025
Matthew Riccitelli	VHS	History Club/American Museum of Natural History/ New York	6/6/2025

Motion by: _____
Seconded by: _____

Be it RESOLVED, the approval of Athletics and Co-Curricular Motions C1

Mr. Wacha _____ Mrs. Ferrera _____
Mrs. Priscoe _____ Mrs. Verzella _____ Mr. Boone _____

D. FACILITIES

No Items

E. FINANCE

- E1. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the enclosed checklist(s) in the following amounts:

Description	Amount	Check Register Date
General	\$1,186,286.55	March 25, 2025
Cafeteria	\$17,682.99	March 25, 2025
VHS	\$7,213.01	March 25, 2025
HBW	\$13,098.26	March 25, 2025
Total	\$1,224,280.81	

- E2. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the **Report of the Secretary** for the period(s) as follows:

Approve and Certify the Board Secretary's Report for the period ending **January 31, 2025**. The Board Secretary certifies that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a) has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- E3. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the **Report of the Treasurer of School Monies** for the following months:

Certify that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 tha after review of the board secretary's and treasurer's monthly financial reports for the period ending **January 31, 2025**, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of the Board's knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation ofNJAC 6A:23A-16.10(b). and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- E4. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the attached list of **Individual Transfer of Line Items** in the 2024-2025 budget for:

January 31, 2025

- E5. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following **2025-2026 NON-RESIDENT Tuition Rates** *space permitting* as follows:

NON-RESIDENT STUDENT RATE ENROLLED IN 2025 OR AFTER:

NON-RESIDENT STUDENT RATE	2025-2026 TUITION
Kindergarten	\$13,440.00
Grades 1 - 5	\$15,422.00
Grades 6 - 8	\$15,233.00
Grades 9 - 12	\$16,091.00

NON-RESIDENT VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RATE ENROLLED IN 2025 OR AFTER:

NON-RESIDENT VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RATE	2025-2026 TUITION
Kindergarten	\$2,688.00
Grades 1 - 5	\$3,084.40
Grades 6 - 8	\$3,046.60
Grades 9 - 12	\$3,218.20

RETURNING NON-RESIDENT STUDENT RATE ENROLLED PRIOR TO 2025:

RETURNING NON-RESIDENT STUDENT RATE	2025-2026 TUITION
Grades K-4	\$7,654.00
Grades 5-8	\$7,654.00
Grades 9-12	\$13,305.00

RETURNING NON-RESIDENT VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RATE ENROLLED PRIOR TO 2025:

RETURNING NON-RESIDENT VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RATE	2025-2026 TUITION
Grades K-4	\$1,530.00
Grades 5-8	\$1,530.00
Grades 9-12	\$2,661.00

- E6. RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a 2-year contract with [Apptegy](#) for web development services in the amount of \$18,600.00 per year for a total of \$35,400.00, effective July 1, 2025 through July 1, 2027.

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E7. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education authorizes the use of up to \$1,114,737.00 from the Capital Reserve Account for the Local Share of the Educational Facilities Construction & Financing Act Section 15 Grant (ROD) for the following:

- HVAC UPGRADES AT LANING AVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - DOE Project #: 5370-100-23-R501
 - SDA Project #: 5370-100-23-G5TU
 - Grant #: G5-6918
 - Total Project Cost: \$195,165
 - Grant Amount: \$78,066
 - Local Share Amount: \$117,099
- HVAC UPGRADES AT BROOKDALE AVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - DOE Project #: 5370-070-23-R501
 - SDA Project #: 5370-070-23-G5TR
 - Grant #: G5-6915
 - Total Project Cost: \$212,150
 - Grant Amount: \$84,860
 - Local Share Amount: \$127,290
- HVAC UPGRADES AT F.N. BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - DOE Project #: 5370-080-23-R501
 - SDA Project #: 5370-080-23-G5TS
 - Grant #: G5-6916
 - Total Project Cost: \$293,150
 - Grant Amount: \$117,260
 - Local Share Amount: \$175,890
- HVAC UPGRADES AT FOREST AVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - DOE Project #: 5370-090-23-R501
 - SDA Project #: 5370-090-23-G5TT
 - Grant #: G5-6917
 - Total Project Cost: \$232,130
 - Grant Amount: \$92,852
 - Local Share Amount: \$139,278
- HVAC UPGRADES AT VERONA HIGH SCHOOL:
 - DOE Project #: 5370-050-23-R501
 - SDA Project #: 5370-050-23-G5TQ
 - Grant #: G5-6914
 - Total Project Cost: \$925,300
 - Grant Amount: \$370,120
 - Local Share Amount: \$555,180

Motion by: _____
Seconded by: _____

Be it RESOLVED, the approval of Finance Motions E1 - E7

Mr. Wacha _____ Mrs. Ferrera _____
Mrs. Priscoe _____ Mrs. Verzella _____ Mr. Boone _____

F. GOVERNANCE & POLICY

F1. RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the HIB report for March 12, 2025 through March 24, 2025.

Motion by: _____
Seconded by: _____

Be it RESOLVED, the approval of Governance and Policy Motions F1

Mr. Wacha _____ Mrs. Ferrera _____
Mrs. Priscoe _____ Mrs. Verzella _____ Mr. Boone _____

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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XVI. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION IF NECESSARY

XVII. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

- 1. RESOLVED** that the Board meet in a 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 according to Sections 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: _____

Second by: _____

All in Favor: _____

All Opposed: _____

This meeting is adjourned at (TIME) _____ P.M.