

## **Regular Session Minutes October 24, 2007**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Early Childhood Center Atrium of the Ventnor Educational Community Complex by Board President Larry Pacentrilli. Public notice of this meeting was given to all Board Members in a notice dated May 24, 2007 and re-advertised for a time change on July 11, 2007. It was also sent to the Press and the Downbeach Current and posted in public places in compliance with the Sunshine Act.

Roll call by Business Administrator/Board Secretary Cohen indicated Board members present as: Mrs. Bergman, Mrs. Callahan, Mr. Gabriel, Mrs. Glick, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Laveson, and Mr. Pacentrilli. Also present were Superintendent Bonanni, Principals Baker and Johnson, Supervisor Trabin, and Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction Langford.

**II.** Ashlyn Laveson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Ashlyn Laveson announced that Student Council elections will be soon. She also said that the fundraiser for Alex's Lemonade Stand was a success. Ashlyn also discussed issues concerning Eighth grade students and their recess.
2. ACHS Enrollment Report – Barbara Goldberg reported to the Board that this year reflects a much lower enrollment than anticipated. The enrollment as of October 15<sup>th</sup> was 316 students. Mrs. Goldberg also explained the process that she uses to check residency for the ACHS students.

Mrs. Glick asked that the monthly enrollment reports in the Board packet include Atlantic City High School and Charter schools.

3. Violence & Vandalism Awareness Report - Mr. Baker reported there were 5 incidents in the District, four were Middle School and one incident in the Elementary School. A Kindergarten student struck another Kindergarten student. There were four drug related incidents in the Middle School.

#### **IV. FINANCE:**

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve Items 1 and 2 as a consent agenda:**

- 1. The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-1.**
- 2. The Executive Session Minutes of September 26, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-2.**

**Motion by Laveson, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve Items 3, 4 and 5 as a consent agenda:**

- 3. The Board Secretary's Monthly Certification:**  
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11(c) 3, that as of August 31, 2007, no major budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Ventnor City Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.2, and no budgetary line item has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a)1. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) 2, it is certified that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts and sources for the month of August as presented in Exhibit IV-3.
- 4. The Board of Education's Monthly Certification:**  
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6a: 23-2.11 (c)4, the Ventnor Board of Education certifies that as of August 31, 2007, and after review of the secretary's monthly financial report appropriations section as presented, and upon consultation with appropriate district officials, that to the best of the Board's knowledge no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11 (b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- 5. To acknowledge receipt of the treasurer's report and the board secretary's report which are in agreement for the period ending August 31, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-5.**
- 6. Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson, and Pacentrilli to approve the following resolution:**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve the following line item transfers for the year ending June 30, 2008:**

**From 11-190-100-610 to 12-000-240-730 \$4,000.00**  
**From 11-190-100-106 to 11-000-213-100 \$5,000.00**

as presented in Exhibit: IV-6

7. **Motion by Morgan seconded by Bergman, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve the October, 2007 Bill Lists, as presented in Exhibit: IV-7.**
8. **Motion by Glick, seconded by Bergman, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve the following resolution:**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve the following travel expenses and fees for the following conferences and workshops as per State regulation N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1:**

JoAnn Onesky Dennis Duffin Rhay Altagracia Albert Battaglia Christine Ireland Jerry Thomas Carmine Bonanni	21 <sup>st</sup> Century CCLC Conference	Princeton, NJ	11/2/07	\$136.00 \$136.00 \$136.00 \$136.00 No charge No charge
Carmine Bonanni	"Dealing with Difficult People"	Atlantic City	11/8/07	99.00
Jerry Thomas	2008 National Afterschool Association Conference	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	3/12-14/08	\$300.00
JoAnn Onesky Rhay Altagracia	Lodging and Airfare to be submitted separately			\$300.00
Frank Cerullo	Seminar for Autism & Asperger Syndrome: Classroom Strategies	Philadelphia, Pa	12/6/07	\$189.00
Carmine Bonanni Dave Laveson Joan Glick Larry Pacentrilli Jann Cohen	New Jersey School Boards Association Annual Workshop	Atlantic City	10/24-10/26-07	\$175.00 \$175.00 \$175.00 \$175.00 No charge
LeAnn Smith	Outstanding Current Ideas For Strengthening Your First Grade Classroom Program	Cherry Hill, NJ	12/4/07	\$195.00

<b>Rochelle Gimmillaro</b>	<b>Intro to Hands On Astronomy - Earth, Sun, Moon &amp; Solar System – Grades 5-12</b>	<b>NJ Astronomy Center – Raritan Community College</b>	<b>11/1/07</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Paul Kosten</b>	<b>Practical Phycopharmacology</b>	<b>Toms River, NJ</b>	<b>12/14/07</b>	<b>179.00</b>
<b>Paul Kosten</b>	<b>Managing Emotions Under Pressure</b>	<b>Atlantic City</b>	<b>12/7/07</b>	<b>99.00</b>
<b>Erin Schiavo</b>	<b>Working Successfully With Difficult and Disruptive Students</b>	<b>Atlantic City</b>	<b>12/12/07</b>	<b>\$195.00</b>
<b>Theresa Cohen Linda Renze</b>	<b>New Jersey School Nutrition Association Conference</b>	<b>Atlantic City</b>	<b>11/7, 11/8, 11/9</b>	<b>\$100.00 \$120.00</b>
<b>Erin Schiavo</b>	<b>“The Good Mentor”</b>	<b>ETTC- Mays Landing</b>	<b>11/2/07</b>	<b>5 ETTC Hours</b>
<b>Eileen Johnson</b>	<b>HQT Training/Update</b>	<b>Sewell, NJ</b>	<b>11/14/07</b>	<b>Travel Only</b>

All mileage to be reimbursed at the IRS reimbursement rate for 2007 and 2008.

Superintendent Bonanni will review whether Albert Battaglia needs to attend the conference for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century CCLC in Princeton, New Jersey.

Business Administrator Cohen thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the International Association of School Business Officials Conference in Toronto, Canada.

9. **Motion by Morgan, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve the following resolution:**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education retroactively approve a transportation jointure with Atlantic County Special Services School District to transport students during the extended school year program July 9, 2007 to August 17, 2007 as follows:**

**1 Student to ACSSSD on route #MS15 - \$1,770.00**

**1 Student to ACSSSD on route #MS24 - \$1,770.00**

**as presented in Exhibit IV-9**

10. **Motion by Glick, seconded by Bergman, to approve revised policies as presented In Exhibit IV-10.**

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Bergman, to revoke the prior Motion.**

**Motion by Morgan, seconded by Laveson, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve the following resolution:**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve the following policies as corrected (Second Reading):**

<b>Nutrition Policy</b>	<b># 5142.1</b>
<b>School Day</b>	<b># 6112</b>
<b>Curriculum Design Development</b>	<b># 6141</b>
<b>Instructional Planning/Scheduling</b>	<b># 6156</b>
<b>Guidelines for Evaluation &amp; Selection of Instructional Materials</b>	<b># 6161.1</b>
<b>Expenses and Reimbursement.</b>	<b># 9250</b>

- 11. Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve the following resolution:**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve the following District Performance Reviews (DPR) to be submitted to the Atlantic County Superintendent of Schools as part of the NJQSAC review process.**

**Operations  
Governance  
Fiscal Management  
Personnel**

**as presented in Exhibit: IV-11**

Superintendent Bonnani read and discussed each DPR with the Board.

- 12. Motion by Morgan seconded by Glick, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson, and Pacentrilli, to approve the following resolution:**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education rescind its contract with Salem County Special Services School District to provide Chapter 226 Non-public Nursing Services for the 2007-2008 school year.**

Note – This contract is being rescinded by mutual agreement.

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve Items 13 and 14 as a consent agenda:**

13. To approve the Introduction – District Mission Statement as presented in Exhibit IV-13.
14. To approve designation of \$600.00 from Title I funds to help defray the costs of the regional effort to bring a guest lecturer to speak to area parents on parenting issues.

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve Items 15 and 16 as a consent agenda:**

15. To approve Cafeteria Report for September, 2007 as presented in Exhibit IV-15.
16. To approve high school special education student being placed at Creative Achievement Academy starting 10/24/07. The student ID# 1011352. The tuition is \$33,773 annually (\$189.63) per diem. Busing will be provided through ACSSSD.

**V. PERSONNEL  
ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by a roll call vote of Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve items 1, thru 9 except #4 as a consent agenda:**

1. To approve Judy Frankel as P/T Instructional Aide for the 2007-2008 school year, retroactive to 10-8-07, Step 1 of the negotiated salary guide, \$12.89 hour. Not to exceed 19 ½ hrs. per week. No benefits.

Mrs. Frankel will serve in our Pre-Kindergarten Program.

2. To approve Donna Bradshaw as P/T School Nurse to provide non-public nursing services to St. James School for the 2007-08 school year, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week 2 hours a day, 5 hours per week, retroactive to 10-3-07 at \$12,000 a year, no benefits.

3. To approve the following substitute teachers (pending paperwork):

Patel Jayanitibhai	State
Klaudia Advena	State
Meaghan Netherby	County
Ashley Long	County
Carolyn Bucci	County
Ken Ross	County
Karen Anderson	County

**Donna Bradshaw County**

5. **To approve Occupational Therapist Job Description as presented in Exhibit: V-5**
  6. **To approve Computer Teacher Job Description as presented in Exhibit: V-6**
  7. **To approve Jeff Brinberg as a Swim Instructor for SCORE for the 2007-08 school year.**
  8. **To approve VECC 2<sup>nd</sup> Volunteer List for the 2007-08 school year as presented in Exhibit: V-8**
  9. **To approve Theresa Kennish as NJASK Coach for the 2007-08 school year at the negotiated hourly rate.**
4. **Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson, and Pacentrilli, to Table Item #4 Ventnor Board of Education Organizational Chart, until after Executive Session.**

Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction Langford explained job duties of the Middle School Computer teacher. Mrs. Glick questioned whether the computer teacher is being utilized in the most effective manner.

Mrs. Callahan expressed her concerns regarding a Swim Instructor for the SCORE Program and whether one lifeguard is enough for the Program.

**Motion by Gabriel, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by a roll call vote of Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve Items 10, 11 and 12 as a consent agenda:**

10. **To approve the following volunteers for the 2007-08 school year:**

**Stefani Nale  
Rick Bloom**

11. **To approve the following Substitute Teachers for the 2007-08 school year (pending paperwork):**

**Andrew Burns County  
Gina Palmer County**

12. **To approve to hire and to emergent hire Mayaedeh Kemeh-Gama as a part-time special education teacher at the salary**

**of \$21,809.50 prorated, (1/2 of Step 1 MA) not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week (pending paperwork).**

Mrs. Mayaedeh Kemeh-Gama is pursuing her Masters of Special Education and is certified in Elementary and Special Education. She has been a long term substitute in Galloway and has good recommendations from the Middle School principal. She will be working with 8<sup>th</sup> grade Special Education students.

- 13. Motion by Bergman, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by a roll call vote of Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to accept retirement of Bill Ryan with regret effective October 19, 2007.**

## **VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve Items 1 and 2 as a consent agenda:**

- 1. To approve field trips as presented in Exhibit VI-1.**
- 2. To approve the following revised/updated curricula in accord with Board Policy. Curricula to be approved are fully aligned with New Jersey Core Content Curriculum Standards:**
  - **Language Arts Literacy K-8**
  - **Mathematics K-8**
  - **Elementary Art**
  - **Music K-8**
  - **Content Reading 1-4**
  - **Content Writing 1-4**
  - **Technological Literacy K-8**
  - **Social Studies K-8**
  - **Science 5-8**
  - **Health/P.E. K-8**
  - **World Languages 5-7**
  - **Career Education K-8**
  - **Pre-Kindergarten (oral language, written language, mathematics)**

Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction Langford explained that all curricula will be Completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

- 3. Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve field trips as presented in Exhibit: VI-3.**

## VII. USE OF FACILITY

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve Items 1 and 2 as a consent agenda:**

- 1. To approve Atlantic County Public Health to use VECC facilities on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> (set up 2 to 4pm) and Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, (10:00 AM TO 12:00) for their annual Flu Clinic as presented in Exhibit: VII-1.**
- 2. To approve Board of Education to use Elementary School Art Room as a voting area for the 11/6/07 election.**

Mr. Morgan commented that he feels the VECC should have extra security for Election Day. Mrs. Johnson feels that the school should request a police officer.

## VIII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. Fire Drills for September: (2) 9/25, 9/26 2007
2. Principal/Supervisor Monthly Reports Item: VIII-2
3. Atlantic County Association of School Administrators' Association Workshop Item: VIII-3
4. Commentary: "School Board Weakness: The Reform Issue That Can't Be Faced" Item: VIII-4
5. VMS & VES Monthly Suspension Reports Item: VIII-5
6. Administrators' Meeting Minutes: 9/17/07, 9/27/07 Item: VIII-6
7. 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Conference Information Item: VIII-7
8. 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Recognition Item: VIII-8
9. Great Start Award (Congrats Jann) Item: VIII-9
10. Accountability Act Form Item: VIII-10
11. Guide: "Prevent Board & Superintendent Conflict" Item: VIII-11
12. FY 2005 IDEIA-B Final Expenditure Report (FER) Application Approval Item: VIII-12
13. Evans v. Atlantic City Board of Education Update Item: VIII-13
14. VECC Monthly Enrollment Item: VIII-14
15. Board & Administrator Newsletter for Board Members Item: VIII-15
16. Day Care Update
17. Core Content Class Sizes Handout
18. Syllabus: Jerkins v. Anderson (A-49-06) Item: VIII-18
19. Letter from Dennis Levinson, County Executive Item: VIII-19
20. MRSA Brochure Item: VIII-20
21. Letter from Anne Walsh, thanking Board for Aide Item: VIII-21
22. New updated Brochure Item: VIII-22

## **IX. ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL REPORT - Mrs. Glick**

Everything is going well at the high school. She indicated that a student matter will be discussed in Executive Session.

## **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson, Morgan and Pacentrilli to approve Board Committee Listing for 2007-2008.**

Mr. Morgan reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that he presented the Mayor and Commissioners with a report to review.

Mr. Morgan reported for the Transportation Committee that he toured Safety Bus with Mr. Pacentrilli. He also reported that there have been 20 incidents so far this year: twelve were with Safety Bus and eight were with VECC buses.

Mr. Morgan discussed the issue of the soccer fields. He asked Superintendent Bonanni to review. Principal Baker will contact Margate School to see if the VECC can use their fields.

## **XI. PUBLIC SESSION**

Mrs. Callahan expressed her concerns of whether the Board was receiving an update for the Middle School Schedule. Superintendent Bonanni explained that there are still some outstanding issued that are being worked on. Principal Baker informed the Board that the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers are concerned about the long afternoon schedule. It was also discussed that the windows of the school buses should be boarded up.

## **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion by Morgan, seconded by Laveson, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson, Morgan and Pacentrilli to go into Executive Session at 7:45 P.M.**

**President Pacentrilli then read the following resolution:**

**WHEREAS, the Ventnor City Board of Education finds a need to discuss matters of a legal nature and matters pertaining to its personnel, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor City Board of Education, pursuant to sections 7 and 8 of the open Public Meetings Act, reserves the right to adjourn in a session closed to the public to discuss personnel and legal matters, during which session no formal action will take place, and the results of any discussion will be made public if and when the subject matter is no longer deemed confidential. The following items will be discussed: student matters.**

Public session reconvened at 8:45 pm.

The Board discussed the bilingual/ESL Program and their implementation to properly meet AYP.

**Motion by Morgan, seconded by Bergman, approved by a roll call vote of by Bergman, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson, and Pacentrilli with Callahan abstaining, to approve the Ventnor Board of Education Organizational Chart as presented in Exhibit V-4.**

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Morgan, seconded by Bergman, affirmed by Bergman, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson, and Pacentrilli to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M.**

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Jann L. Cohen  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator