

Regular Session Minutes December 12, 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:

Ashlyn reported that the National Junior Honor Society raised money for the Covenant House by having a bake sale. 8th Grade student Melanie Stein spoke to the Board about expanding efforts to recycle at the VECC. She presented the Board with a petition to that effect. President Pacentrilli asked Miss Stein to return in a few months to report on how the school was doing.

IV. FINANCE:

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 as a consent agenda:

- 1. The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-1.**
- 2. The Executive Session Minutes of November 28, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-2.**
- 3. To approve the Board Secretary's Monthly Certification: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3 that as of October 31, 2007, no major budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Ventnor 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 over expended 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 October 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 October 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 October 31, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-5.**
6. **Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by a roll call vote of 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 11-000-100-566 to 11-000-100-569	\$89,400.00
From 11-000-100-565 to 11-000-100-569	\$43,725.00
From 11-000-218-600 to 11-000-218-390	\$ 3,800.00
From 11-000-291-270 to 11-000-270-515	\$25,000.00

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 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:

Lyn Langford	“Building Writers With Scaffolding”	Center for Effective School Practices Somerset, NJ	2/18/08	\$160.00
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Lyn Langford	“Models and Exemplars of Quality Curriculum”	Monroe Township, NJ	1/8/08	\$150.00
Jann Cohen	“NJ Government Records Council OPRA Seminar”	Mount Laurel, NJ	1/24/08	NJASBO Subscription
Susan Slater	Conference for New Jersey First Grade Teachers	Atlantic City, NJ	2/4/08	\$199.00
Evan Shea	Music Educator’s Conference	Lakewood, NJ	2/22-23/08	\$150.00
Joe Jacobs	Music Educator’s Conference	Lakewood, NJ	2/21-23/08	\$150.00 \$100 for lodging -2 nights (contractual)

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

8. Board member Marianne Callahan will review the December bills list on Tuesday, December 18th.
9. Motion by Morgan, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to accept donation from Mrs. Lamberti of \$75.00 for 8th grade graduation awards.
10. 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 approve a tuition contract with the Atlantic City Board of Education to receive one Special Education student ID # 160470 to attend the Ventnor Schools beginning November 19, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 at a cost of \$12,509.00 to be prorated based on actual number of days attended as presented in Exhibit: IV-10.

**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 4 as a consent agenda:

1. To approve Allison Dalzell as Girls Basketball Coach for the 2007-2008 season at the negotiated stipend of \$1,640.93.

Ms. Dalzell has a Substitute Teacher’s certificate and has extensive basketball experience. Last year, Ms. Dalzell was the Coach

of the Girls Freshman Team at Holy Spirit. Ms. Dalzell has impressive references.

- 2. To approve the following substitute teacher for the 2007-2008 (pending paperwork):**

Donna Shea County

- 3. To approve Charlene Twiggs and Kristin Aponte as Yearbook Advisors and Strategic Games instructors for the 2007-2008 school year.**

Stipends for the two activities will be combined with Ms. Twiggs to receive \$300.00 and Ms Aponte to receive \$672.40 for the year. (This will replace Carol Brown, originally approved as Yearbook Advisor).

- 4. To approve Lisa Wilson to do data input for SCORE Program at a rate of \$20.00 per hour funded by the 21st Century Program Grant.**

VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

No items at this time.

VII. USE OF FACILITY

No items at this time.

VIII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- 1. Fire Drills for November: (2) 11/27/07 and 11/28/07**
- 2. Principal/Supervisor Monthly Reports – December Report to be Submitted with January’s Board Packet**
- 3. VMS & VES Monthly Suspension Reports** **Item: VIII-3**
- 4. Administrators’ Meeting Minutes: 11/29/07** **Item: VIII-4**
- 5. VECC Monthly Enrollment** **Item: VIII-5**
- 6. SCORE “Etiquette” Class Menu held at La Manna Restaurant** **Item: VIII-6**
- 7. Tapping Every Child’s Intelligence** **Item: VIII-7**
- 8. Articulation Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2007** **Item: VIII-8**
- 9. State Communication Preference before Problems Arise Brochure** **Item: VIII-9**
- 10. Administration Unveils ABC’S of New Funding Formula** **Item: VIII-10**
- 11. Atlantic County School Boards Meeting – January 10, 2008** **Item: VIII-11**
- 12. Interest in Social in January – Walt Wilkins from ACHS Guidance**

13. Lighting for canopies was discussed.

Mrs. Bergman commented that she likes the new format of the Middle School Suspension Report.

IX. ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL REPORT - Mrs. Glick

Mrs. Glick reported that it is a pleasure to sit at our board meetings where our agenda is the children. It is very difficult to sit at the Atlantic City meetings and see how they run their District. There appears not to be any accounting of where the money is being spent. There were twenty-five reports of fighting at the school so far. Uniforms appear to remain here to stay. Mr. Torres is doing a great job as principal.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds

Mr. Morgan reported that the Board is waiting for a letter from manufacturer regarding the canopy light problems. He will be meeting with Mayor Kreischer regarding solar possibilities for the building renovations.

Curriculum Meeting

Mrs. Callahan stated that their meeting went well. A lot of good information was exchanged. Math facts are being used. Kid Biz was discussed. Teachers seemed pleased with the Language Arts Program for 5th and 6th grade students. Mrs. Callahan asked that there be a transition program for Everyday Math for students coming from out of District.

Laveson - Negotiations

First meeting proposals were exchanged. Negotiator, Bill Hybbeneth, came up with ground rules for negotiation meetings. Mr. Plotkin, representing the teachers, did not wish to sign an agreement outlining the proposed ground rules. Next meeting will be held in January.

XI. PUBLIC SESSION

No one from the public spoke at this time.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Bergman, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson, Morgan and Pacentrilli to go into Executive Session at 6:30 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: personnel and legal matters.

XIII. LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY:

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gabriel, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson, Morgan and Pacentrilli to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 P.M.

Jann L. Cohen
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator