

## **Regular Session Minutes February 27, 2008**

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. Student representative Ashlyn Laveson reported to the Board that Student Council is selling candy grams, raffle tickets and sponsoring face painting to raise money for the Heart Heroes program. This is a program for the American Heart Association to raise money for a defibriliator. Ashlyn also reported that there will be a St. Baldrick's benefit to raise money for children who have cancer. Teachers will have a wingeating contest to be held on March 20. There will also be a coin drive for all of the participants who are willing to shave their heads. The goal for the teachers and students to reach is \$5,000. Principal Baker has agreed to shave his head if this goal is reached. National Junior Honor Society is lending a hand with the Read Across America program. They are decorating the auditorium and will be hall monitors. They are also planning to help out with their school by cleaning around the grounds once it becomes nice outside.
2. School Business Administrator Cohen and Superintendent Bonanni presented a power-point outlining the proposed 2008-2009 School Budget. Board members and some members of the public asked questions. Business Administrator Cohen explained the new state funding formula and why, because of the wealth of the municipality and decreased enrollment, Ventnor received a very small increase in state aid. Superintendent Bonanni discussed primary considerations in funding the budget and cost savings measures implemented for 2007-2008 and being explored for 2008-2009. Staff additions were discussed as well as enrollment projections. The proposed 2008-2009 budget will increase taxes by 2.1 cents. Included in this budget is \$126,255 in an emergency reserve to offset future tuition increases.

### **IV. FINANCE:**

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, 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 January 23, 2008, as presented in Exhibit IV-1.**
2. **The Executive Session Minutes of January 23, 2008, 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 December 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 December 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 December 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 December 31, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-5.**
6. **Motion by Morgan, seconded by Gabriel, 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 ended June 30, 2008, retroactive to January 31, 2008:**

<b>From 11-000-262-42- to 11-000-230-530</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>From 11-000-230-530 to 11-000-230-610</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>
<b>From 11-000-291-220 to 11-000-230-100</b>	<b>\$ 8,500.00</b>
<b>From 11-000-291-220 to 11-000-252-100</b>	<b>\$ 4,200.00</b>
<b>From 10-000-100-560 to 11-000-252-100</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
<b>From 10-000-100-560 to 11-000-240-105</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>

From 11-190-100-610 to 11-000-240-105 \$35,000.00  
 From 11-000-211-100 to 11-000-251-100 \$19,300.00  
 From 10-000-100-560 to 11-000-100-566 \$ 550.00  
 From 11-190-100-640 to 11-240-100-101 \$ 6,000.00  
 From 11-000-222-600 to 11-230-100-101 \$ 1,000.00  
 From 11-000-222-600 to 11-000-222-100 \$ 600.00  
 From 11-000-230-530 to 11-000-230-580 \$ 1,200.00

as presented in Exhibit: IV-6

7. 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 approve the following travel expenses and fees for the following conferences and workshops as per State regulation N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1:

Robert Baker	“The Rights of School & Police Personnel: Managing Your School Environment”	Cherry Hill, NJ	3/4/08	\$195.00
Albert Battaglia	New Jersey Prevention Network Annual Conference	Lakewood, NJ	3/3/08	\$35.00
Denise Madonna	Mistake-free Grammar and Proofreading	Atlantic City, NJ	4/10/08	\$99.00
Pat Simons	“Social Studies – More Important Than Ever”	Bridgeport, NJ	3/14/08	\$126.00
Rhay Altagracia Bob Reese	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Afterschool Science Project Regional Training	Toms River, NJ	2/29/08	Mileage and tolls only
James Pacanowki	“From Classroom to Yours” Conference	Pomona, NJ	5/14/08	\$125.00
Eileen Johnson	New Jersey Conference for Women	Cherry Hill, NJ	4/28/08	\$149.00
Robert Baker	Leadership Development and Team Building	Atlantic City, NJ	04/25/08	\$199.00
Kelly Kooperman	“Motivating Defiant and Disruptive Students”	Cherry Hill, NJ	04/11/08	\$199.00
Jill Andreychak	Speech Symposium for Speech Language Specialists	Rowan University Glassboro, NJ	3/19/08	\$154.00
Rhay Altagracia Jorge Altagracia	“Race: Are We So Different”	Liberty Science Center	3/8/08	Mileage and tolls only

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

8. Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve the February, 2008 Bills Lists as presented In Exhibit IV-8.

Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve Items 9, 10 and 11 as a consent agenda:

9. To approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve tuition for student #6429 to attend ACSSSD in the Multiply Disabled program beginning 2/11/08 at a tuition cost of \$29,880 per year (prorated).

Note: Student will be transported by the VECC.

10. To approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ventnor Board of Education retroactively approve tuition for student #00150409, who attended the Strang School from July 1 to July 29 2007 at a cost of \$6,393.80.

This student attended the Ranch Hope Strang School in July. We just received the contract for his tuition.

11. On Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, approved by a roll call vote of Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson, and Pacentrilli, the board approved the following resolutions:

**APPROVAL OF BASE BUDGET**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the 2008-2009 school district budget of the Ventnor School District for submission to the County Superintendent and the Board of School Estimate as follows:

General Fund	\$19,082,659.00
Special Revenue Fund	<u>851,372.00</u>
Total Base Budget	<u>\$19,934,031.00</u>

**Deposit into Emergency Reserve**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that included in the general fund appropriations is \$ 126,255 for deposit into the board of education's approved Current Expense Emergency Reserve account to finance unanticipated general fund current expenses necessary to ensure provision of a thorough and efficient education, with withdrawals from the account during the year subject to approval of the Commissioner.

**Tax Levy**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2008-2009 budget described above results in a general fund tax levy of \$15,801,653**

**Travel Limits**

**Whereas, school district policy 9250 and NJAC 6A:23B-1.2(b) provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2008-2009 school year.**

**Now Therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2008-2009 school year at the Sum of \$40,000,**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.**

Superintendent Bonanni thanked Business Administrator Cohen for her efforts.

- 12. Motion by Gabriel, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve the revised Absences and Excuses Policy #5113 as presented in Exhibit: IV-12.**
- 13. Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve and enter into a transportation jointure with the Margate Board of Education to provide transportation for one student to Atlantic County Vocational School at a cost of \$826.00.**
- 14. Motion by Gabriel, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve Resolution to apply for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Continuation Grant for the 2008-09 school year for the amount of \$535,000 as presented in Exhibit: IV-14.**

**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, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve items 1 thru 5 as a consent agenda:**

- 1. To approve retroactively to distribute stipend of \$1500 provided by the REBEL grant to Albert Battaglia for coordinating the program for the 2007-2008 school year.**

2. **To approve the following Substitute Teachers (pending paperwork):**

<b>Jodi Money</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>Julie Morris</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>Joy Brilliant</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>Donna Hehre</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>Leni Elkaim</b>	<b>County</b>
<b>Kasper Jesiotr</b>	<b>County</b>

3. **To approve and to emergent hire (pending all paperwork) AJ Russo as Girl's Softball coach for this season at the negotiated stipend of \$1,606.90.**

Mr. Russo is an excellent coach and eager to do a great job. He did a superb job last year as Girl's Basketball coach.

4. **To approve Jorge Altagracia as bi-lingual instructor for Latin Culture Club for our 7th and 8th grade students for SCORE program funded by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Grant.**
5. **To approve Mrs. Bonny Fuller to provide homebound instruction for approximately three weeks for student # 0160082 who is awaiting surgery.**

This will be 10 hours a week at the contractually agreed upon rate.

## **VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. **Motion by Morgan, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve field trips as presented in Exhibit: VI-1.**
2. **Motion by Morgan, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve 2008-2009 Professional Development Plan. The Atlantic County Professional Development Board approved this Professional Development Plan for 2008-2009 at its 1/15/08 meeting as presented in Exhibit: VI-2.**

### **3. USE OF FACILITY**

No items at this time.

### **4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

1. Fire Drills for January: (2) 1/8/08, 1/31/08; Code Blue (1) 1/25/08
2. Administrators' Meeting Minutes: 1/24/08, 2/8/08 Item: VIII-2
3. Principal/Supervisor Monthly Reports Item: VIII-3
4. VECC Monthly Enrollment Item: VIII-4

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| 5. VMS & VES Suspension Reports  | Item: VIII-5  |
| 6. Articulation Meeting Minutes – 1/11/08  | Item: VIII-6  |
| 7. Letter to Carmine from State of New Jersey, Ofc. of Special Education   | Item: VIII-7  |
| 8. Letter to Carmine from Joe Jacobs – All South Jersey Band   | Item: VIII-8  |
| 9. Inservice Schedule – January 18, 2008   | Item: VIII-9  |
| 10. Presentation: New Directions in New Jersey’s Statewide Assessments   | Item: VIII-10 |
| 11. Superintendent’s Goals 07-08 Status Report – Carmine Bonanni   | Handout       |
| 12. AASA Convention Report   | Item: VIII-12 |
| 13. Meeting with Margate on School Services Report – Larry Pacentrilli   |               |
| 14. Letter announcing merger of LDP and Brown and Brown Insurance  | Item: VIII-14 |
| 15. Thank you letter to Mrs. Lamberti for donation   | Item: VIII-15 |
| 16. Parenting event 3/6/08 at Beth Israel. Four seats available for anyone to attend the dinner. Mr. Pacentrilli, Superintendent Bonnani and Board member Mrs. Bergman will attend and a teacher will be asked also. |               |

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

ACBOE is working on budget with no controversy. Tomorrow night there will be Open House for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mrs. Glick asked that the school notify ACHS students we know who are not going to ACHS. Only students who meet with guidance counselor should be listed in communications with the high school.

**X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Building and Grounds – Mr. Morgan

Specs for the fields are in the process.

Capital improvements – HVAC improvements due to partial wing would not receive debt service aid. We need to revisit.

Mr. Pacentrilli reported on Shared Service meeting with Margate Board President and Superintendent. There was a discussion of a “Downbeach District”. There was also a discussion of sharing Special Services. Sense of the Board to approve further discussions.

Transportation – Mr. Morgan

Mr. Morgan gave the Board members an analysis to review regarding the transportation options for the future.

Budget – Mr. Laveson

Mr. Laveson complimented Superintendent Bonnani and Business Administrator Cohen on a job well done and nice effort in preparing and presenting the Budget.

Negotiations – Mr. Laveson

Discussion will take place in Executive Session.

**XI. PUBLIC SESSION**

No one from the public spoke at this time.

Business Administrator Cohen asked if there could be a change in the meeting time due to the fact that the Board of School Estimates will also be on March 19. The Commissioners will be asked if the meeting can be held at the VECC before the Regular Board Meeting.

**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 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: personnel and legal matters.**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson, Morgan and Pacentrilli to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 P.M.**

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Jann L. Cohen  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator