

Regular Session Minutes March 19, 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 and Mr. Pacentrilli. Mr. Laveson was absent. Also present were Superintendent Bonanni, Principals Baker and Johnson, Supervisor Trabin, and Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction Langford.

II. Larry Pacentrilli, Board President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATIONS:

Ashlyn Laveson, Student Liasion was not available to present a report for this meeting.

IV. FINANCE:

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

- 1. The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2008, as presented in Exhibit IV-1.**
- 2. The Executive Session Minutes of February 27, 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 January 31, 2008, 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 January 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 January 31, 2008, 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 January 31, 2008, as presented in Exhibit IV-5.**
6. **Motion by Bergman, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by a roll call vote of Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan 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,

From 11-000-240-105 to 11-000-211-500	\$ 5,000.00
From 11-000-230-600 to 11-000-251-330	\$ 3,500.00
From 11-000-240-105 to 11-000-240-600	\$ 1,000.00
From 11-000-240-105 to 11-230-100-101	\$ 5,000.00
From 12-000-400-450 to 12-000-219-730	\$ 3,000.00

as presented in Exhibit: IV-6

7. **Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan 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:

Nadine Brenner Carol Bergman	“Practical Co-teaching Strategies”	Atlantic City, NJ	4/30/08	\$199.00 \$199.00
Christine Dougherty	“Excelling as a First-time Manager or Supervisor”	Atlantic City, NJ	4/28/08	\$199.00
James Pacanowski	“Lights, Camera Action: After-school Digital Filmmaking”	Gloucester County Institute of Technology	4/12/08	\$30.00

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

8. Motion by Morgan, seconded by Bergman, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan and Pacentrilli to approve the March, 2008 Bills Lists as presented in Exhibit IV-8.
9. Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan and Pacentrilli to approve the 2008-09 School Calendar as presented in Exhibit: IV-9.

Superintendent Bonanni thanked the staff for their input in compiling the calendar.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education authorizes submission of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B (IDEAB) amendment application for Fiscal Year 2008 to incorporate \$106 of carryover monies from 2006-2007 into the 2007-2008 grant.

11. Discussion of Transportation options for 2008-2009 – Held for Committee reports.
12. Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by a roll call vote of Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan and Pacentrilli to approve the following resolution:

The Ventnor and Margate Boards of Education recognize and support the concept of sharing services with each other in order to provide appropriate programming at the most reasonable cost.

To that end, the Margate and Ventnor Boards of Education have set a goal of sharing the services of our respective Departments of Special Education and Related Services. The goal is to begin shared services under this agreement by September 2008. The administrations of both districts are charged with the task of carrying out this vision.

In addition both districts shall move expeditiously to expand shared services in other areas as they are identified.

13. Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan 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:

Alyse Skeele Tito Reyes	EPA Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Training	Manahawkin, NJ	4/0808	\$100.00 no charge
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V. PERSONNEL

ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by a roll call vote of Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan and Pacentrilli, to approve items 1 and 2 as a consent agenda:

- 1. To approve JoAnn Farhood as Homebound Instructor for a Grade 5 student ID# 00160057 for a total of 5 hours a week for 2 weeks.**
- 2. To approve the following substitute teachers (pending paperwork):**

Neysha Ocasio	County
Colleen Brady	County
Kendall Verna	County

VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

- 1. To approve After School Conflict Resolution Program to address student conflict issues in the Middle School. Costs not to exceed \$1000.00 for staff and materials, funded by Title I as presented in Exhibit: VI-1**
- 2. To approve field trips as presented in Exhibit: VI-2**

VII. USE OF FACILITY

No items at this time.

3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- 1. Fire Drills for February: 2/6/08, 2/25/08**
- 2. Principal/Supervisor Monthly Reports** **Item: VIII-2**
- 3. VMS & VES Monthly Reports** **Item: VIII-3**
- 4. Letter to the Board of Education from Janis Albuck** **Item: VIII-4**
- 5. Letter to Child Study Team from Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Iannelli** **Item: VIII-5**
- 6. ESL Classes at the VECC** **Item: VIII-6**
- 7. VECC Monthly Enrollment** **Item: VIII-7**
- 8. Letter To Carmine Bonanni From Gayle Gross,
Chairperson for Dr. Wendy Mogel** **Item: VIII-8**
- 9. Article: "Understand What Constitutes Meeting by E-mail"** **Item: VIII-9**

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| 10. Report from the National Center on Education and The Economy | Item: VIII-10 |
| 11. SCORE Newsletter | Item: VIII-11 |
| 12. Letter to Mr. Gober from Jerry Thomas, Project Director | Item: VIII-12 |
| 13. Letter to Mrs. Weatherby from JoAnn Onesky, Project Coordinator | Item: VIII-13 |
| 14. Administrators' Meeting Minutes: 2/28/08 | Item: VIII-14 |
| 15. 2007-08 Application for Special Education Extraordinary Aid | Item: VIII-15 |
| 16. Letter from Mayor Kreisler to Dr. Dominick Potena | Item: VIII-16 |
| 17. Letter to the Board of Education from Mary Elizabeth Beckley | Item: VIII-17 |

IX. ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL REPORT - Mrs. Glick

ACBOE had their meeting tonight so Mrs. Glick was unable to attend. All aspects went smoothly for Budget hearing. ACHS is trying to add more honors classes before next year and also expand summer guidance. ACBOE is hiring a residency investigator to help make sure that students legitimately belong at ACHS.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Mousaw gave a presentation on the proposed new science series. The Middle School staff has been using the samples in their classrooms and prefer the Glencoe Science Series. Mrs. Mousaw said she would offer her services after school to give a refresher course on the key points of the science curriculum.

Transportation – Mr. Morgan

Mr. Morgan gave a presentation regarding his analysis of transportation options for the future.

XI. PUBLIC SESSION

Several people spoke in support of keeping in-house staff for busing. Those who spoke included Mrs. Ricciotti and Mrs. Morgano representing the Ventnor Supportive Staff Association, Mr. Plotkin and Mr. Murphy from NJEA, a Charter Tech student who informed the Board that his contracted bus is late for school everyday. Several parents spoke as well.

Mrs. Carroll spoke regarding a residency investigation that the district is conducting regarding her child. She feels that she is being unjustly investigated. Superintendent Bonanni indicated that the District is in the process of trying to verify residency. President Pacentrilli offered to attend the meeting which will be held to discuss this issue.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan and Pacentrilli to go into Executive Session at 7:00 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 Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan and Pacentrilli to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 P.M.

Jann L. Cohen
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator