

Regular Session Minutes April 23, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Early Childhood Center Atrium of the Ventnor Educational Community Complex by Vice President Dave Laveson. 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. Laveson and Mr. Morgan. Mr. Pacentrilli was absent. Also present were Superintendent Bonanni, Principals Baker and Johnson, Supervisor Trabin, and Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction Langford.

II. Ashlyn Laveson, Student Liaison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATIONS:

Ashlyn Laveson, Student Liaison reported to the Board that the National Junior Honor Society conducted tutoring, homework classes and helped out with Read Across America. They also distributed fliers the night of the Author Visit and demonstrated the Teenbiz program for literacy. Earth Day, they cleaned the school grounds during their lunch period. Student Council has been selling lollipops to raise money for the Class of 2008 T-Shirts. The school will also be having a "Hawaiian Day" and sell Lei's for \$1.00. The Student Council raised \$500.00 for a defibrillator. Chief Sabo from the fire department said that the school may be getting two instead of one. The Student Council will keep the board posted.

Principal Johnson reported that the Master Schedule for 2008-09 in the Elementary School would be the same as last year, ninety minutes uninterrupted Language Arts and sixty minutes Math.

Principal Baker reported that for the 2008-2009 Middle School the 6th grade will move back to a 7th and 8th grade schedule format. They had moved to a 5th grade format in 2007-2008.

Mr. Laveson opened the meeting for public comment. Ms. Rosenberg-Anmuth expressed concern regarding what children will be missing in Social Studies if they are in a pull-out program.

Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson and Morgan to approve Master Schedules for 2008-2009.

IV. FINANCE:

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

- 1. The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2008, as presented in Exhibit IV-1 with changes as noted.**
- 2. The Executive Session Minutes of March 19, 2008, as presented in Exhibit IV-2.**

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

- 3. To approve the Board Secretary's Monthly Certification: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3 that as of February 29, 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 February 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 February 29, 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 over-expended 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 February 29, 2008, as presented in Exhibit IV-5.**
- 6. Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by a roll call vote of Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson and Morgan 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 11-215-100-101 to 11-120-100-101 \$ 10,000.00
 From 11-130-100-100 to 11-120-100-101 \$ 10,000.00
 From 11-000-252-100 to 11-120-100-101 \$ 5,000.00
 From 20-285-200-100 to 20-285-200-580 \$ 1,500.00
 From 20-285-200-100 to 20-285-200-600 \$ 2,000.00
 From 20-285-200-100 to 20-285-100-600 \$ 1,000.00
 From 20-285-200-100 to 20-285-200-500 \$ 1,500.00
 From 11-000-251-330 to 11-000-251-580 \$ 1,000.00
 From 11-000-230-100 to 11-216-100-101 \$10,000.00

as presented in Exhibit: IV-6

Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson and Morgan to approve Items 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as a consent agenda:

7. 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:

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| Jessica Goldstein | “Strategies to Jump Start Learning in Children with Sensory Dysfunction” | Atlantic City, NJ | 5/9/08 | \$189.00 |
| Lee Ann Smith | “Response to Intervention” | Voorhees, NJ | 5/20/08 | \$199.00 |
| Rosalie Maldonado Carmen Jacobo | NJ Teachers of English to Speakers of English of Other Languages/NJ Bilingual Educators 2008 Spring Conference | Somerset, NJ | 5/20 & 5/21/08 5/21/08 | \$190.00 \$130.00 |
| Robert Braverman | NJ Technology Educators Annual Technology Conference & Expo | New Brunswick, NJ | 5/1/08 | \$110.00 |
| Michelle Laughlin | “From My Classroom to Yours” Workshop | Pomona, NJ | 5/14/08 | ETTC Hours |
| Jann Cohen | NJASBO Annual Workshop | Atlantic City, NJ | 5/8/08 | \$135.00 |
| Lyn Langford | NJAFPA Annual Conference | Atlantic City, NJ | 5/20/08 | \$229.00 |
| Mari Lyn Dobberfuhl | Southern Regional School District -Social Skills Training | Manahawkin, NJ | 4/29/08 | \$50 |
| Regina Worth | NJSACC – Lights, Camera, Action: Afterschool Digital Filmmaking | Gloucester County Institute of Technology | 4/18/08** | \$30 |
| JoAnn Onesky | Excel | Atlantic Cape Community College-AC Campus | 5/1/08 | \$59 |

****Board was polled for approval**

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

- 8. To approve the April, 2008 Bills Lists as presented in Exhibit IV-8.**
- 9. To approve the 2008-09 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule as presented in Exhibit: IV-9.**
- 10. To approve tuition for student #00160138 to attend Atlantic County Special Services in the MD class starting 4/7/08. The tuition is \$28,880 yearly and will be prorated. VECC will provide transportation.**
- 11. To approve payment for home instruction (2 hours per day, \$52.00 an hour) at Vantage Health System-Touchstone Hall for high school student #150409. This a drug and alcohol rehab and the instruction is provided from Bergen County Special Services school district. The student may remain at this facility from 3-6 months.**

Business Administrator commented to the Board that the next Board meeting will be on a Monday.

- 12. Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by a roll call vote of Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson and Morgan to approve the revised Non-Residents Policy #5118 as presented in Exhibit IV-12.**

Mrs. Glick commented that the previous policy stated that only 8th grade students would remain in Ventnor as a courtesy to finish out the year for their graduation. This policy did not specify this. Policy will be revised for next Board meeting.

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Bergman to have Motion #12 tabled for presentation at next board meeting.

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

- 13. 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:

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| Robert Baker | Cape Atlantic Principals and Supervisors Association | Galloway Township, NJ | 5/1/08 | \$35.00 |
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14. Approval of tuition for student #7813 to begin YALE School in Northfield starting 4/23/08 at a cost of tuition is \$184.93 per day and transportation will be provided by ACSSSD.

V. PERSONNEL

ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

1. Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by a roll call vote of Bergman, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson and Morgan with Callahan voting no, to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve staff contracts for the 2008-2009 school year as presented in Exhibit V-7.

Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson and Morgan to approve Items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 as a consent agenda:

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

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| Michele Goddard | State |
| Mark Walter | State |
| Kaitlyn Sutor | County |
| Celeste Bryz-Gornia | County |
| Danielle Sanzone | County |
| Kerrin O'Neill | County |

2. To approve Maria Montes (pending paperwork) as bi-lingual instructor for Latin Culture Club for the SCORE Program to be funded by the 21st Century Program Grant.

3. To approve the following on-call substitute cafeteria kitchen workers (pending paperwork):

Ana Rivera
Janet Shover
Valerie Gerner

4. To approve the following on-call substitute cafeteria kitchen worker (pending paperwork):

Clara Lora

5. To approve the following substitute teacher (pending paperwork):

Justin Muenker

VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- 1. Motion by Bergman, seconded by Glick, affirmed by a roll call vote of Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, and Laveson to approve adoption of the Glencore/McGraw Hill textbook series for Grades 6-8 Science for the 2008-2009 school year.**
- 2. Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel Glick, and Laveson, with Morgan voting no, to approve field trips as presented in Exhibit VI-2.**

VII. USE OF FACILITY

N/A

VIII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

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| 1. Fire Drills for March: (2) both on 3/31/08 | |
| 2. Principal/Supervisor Monthly Reports | Item: VIII-2 |
| 3. VMS & VES Monthly Suspension Reports | Item: VIII-3 |
| 4. Administrators' Meeting Minutes: 4/10/08 | Item: VIII-4 |
| 5. VECC Monthly Enrollment | Item: VIII-5 |
| 6. Article from None of the Above Books: "The New Yorker" | Item: VIII-6 |
| 7. Letter from State of New Jersey; Travel Regulations | Item: VIII-7 |
| 8. Letter from Strike Zone Lanes | Item: VIII-8 |
| 9. Article: "Responding to Board Member Requests for Information" | Item: VIII-9 |
| 10. Email from Micki Martin – Green Team Meeting April 1, 2008 | Item: VIII-10 |
| 11. Letter from Department of Health and Senior Services | Item: VIII-11 |
| 12. Awards Event for Atlantic County Students | Item: VIII-12 |

IX. ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL REPORT - Mrs. Glick

No report at this time.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds – Mr. Laveson reported that the committee is still researching the fields bid as they feel that they are in need of clarification. They are also looking for more information as to cost of the proposed school renovation project.

Negotiations – Mr. Laveson reported that a miscommunication caused cancellation of a scheduled negotiations meeting. This meeting has now been rescheduled for May 27th.

XI. PUBLIC SESSION

No one from the public spoke at this time.

Mr. Laveson commented that he attended author's presentation and thought it went well.

Superintendent Bonanni commented that he gave each board member a manilla folder with a summary of his goals and the forms for his evaluation.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan and Laveson to go into Executive Session at 7:05 P.M.

Vice President Laveson 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 Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan and Laveson to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

Jann L. Cohen
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator