

Regular Session Minutes May 19, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 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 April 29, 2008. 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, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Laveson, and Mr. Pacentrilli. Mrs. Glick was absent. Also present were Superintendent Bonanni, Principal Johnson, Supervisors Trabin and Langford. Principal Baker was absent.

II. Ashlyn Laveson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Student Liaison, Ashlyn Laveson reported to the Board that Hawaiian Day was May 9th and that the students raised \$700.00 for 8th Grade class t-shirts for selling lei's. The National Junior Honor Society will induct new members next week.

Mr. Pacentrilli commented that Ashlyn did a great job in the School Play.

2. "Better Speech and Hearing Month" - Lara Pate gave a presentation to the Board about Porche, the Therapy Dog who visits bi-weekly and Anna Cilarsu, MD spoke regarding the program. She thanked Mrs. Masters-Littleton for helping her start program and talked about how rewarding it is to work with children.
3. Superintendent Bonanni on June 3rd will attend the Academic Excellence Luncheon and give certificates in acknowledgement of the top 8th Grade students Ashlyn Laveson, Dominic Marinucci, Melanie Stein and John James Walker.
Rita Ritzel – Mock Trial and Cognetics were held last week. Mrs. Ritzel showed the Board the award the students received for honorable mention in the Mock Trial competition, one of the 16 schools that won throughout the State. The students also received an award for their participation at the Cognetics event.

Mr. Laveson commented that it was an honor to accompany the children to the Mock Trial exhibition.

IV. FINANCE:

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

- 1. The Regular Session Minutes of April 23, 2008 as presented in Exhibit: IV-1.**
- 2. The Executive Session Minutes of April 23, 2008 as presented in Exhibit: IV-2.**

Motion by Bergman, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli 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 March 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 March as presented in Exhibit: IV-3.**
- 4 To approve the Board of Education's Monthly Certification:
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6a:23-2.11(c) 4, the Ventnor Board of Education c certifies that, as of March 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 over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b), that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.**
- 5. To approve acknowledging receipt of the Treasurer's report and the Board Secretary's report which are in agreement for the period ending March 31, 2008 as presented in Exhibit: IV-5.**
- 6. Motion by Callahan, seconded by Bergman, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Morgan, Laveson, and Pacentrilli to approve the following resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve line item transfers for the year ended June 30, 2008

**From 20-285-100-100 to 20-285-200-100 \$ 4,100.00
From 20-285-100-100 to 20-285-200-300 \$ 500.00
From 20-285-200-200 to 20-285-100-300 \$ 2,250.00**

From 20-285-200-200 to 20-285 100-600 \$ 750.00
 From 11-000-219-105 to 11-000-211-500 \$ 1,500.00
 From 11-401-100-610 to 11-401-100-420 \$ 400.00
 From 11-000-270-503 to 11-000-270-600 \$10,000.00
 From 11-000-270-160 to 11-000-270-161 \$ 2,000.00
 From 11-000-251-100 to 11-000-251-580 \$ 200.00
 From 11-000-252-100 to 11-000-251-580 \$ 800.00

as presented in Exhibit: IV-6

7. Motion by Gabriel, seconded by Bergman, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, 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:

Chuck Gaydos	“Teacher Expectations & Student Achievement “(TESA) Coordinator Training	Atlantic City, NJ	6/5-6/6/08	\$325.00
Steven Evinski	“Teaching and Learning With Monarch Butterflies”	Sewell, NJ	8/20,21,22	\$99

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

8. Motion by Laveson, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli with Callahan abstaining to approve the May, 2008 Bills Lists as presented in Exhibit IV-8.
9. Motion by Morgan, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Gabriel, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve transportation for homeless students # 4003, #980, #150395 from Egg Harbor Township to the VECC at a cost of \$260 per week until June 18, 2008.

Motion by Callahan, seconded by Bergman, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Morgan and Laveson to approve Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 as a consent agenda:

10. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve renewal of contract with Alliance of Governmental Auditors, LLC for the 2008-2009 year to perform auditing services for the year ended June 30, 2008 at a cost of \$17,000.00.

Note: This is an increase of \$1,100 over fees for 2007-2008.

11. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve renewal of contract with Caring For Kids Therapy Services Inc, to provide physical therapy services to the district at a cost of \$100 for initial visits and \$60 for all other visits.

Note: Fees remain unchanged from 2007-2008

12. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ventnor Board of Education enter into a Joint Purchasing Agreement with the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education to purchase paper, materials and supplies.

13. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ventnor Board of Education approval of renewal of contract with CM3 Building Solutions, Inc. to provide temperature control and HVAC support services at an annual cost of \$17,219.00.

Note: This reflects an increase of \$502.00 (3%)

14. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve The Vanguard Group to be an authorized vendor for Section 403(b) employee contributions pending completion of appropriate paperwork.

15. Board was asked to review (1st Reading) Gang Policy #5131.8 as presented in Exhibit: IV-15.

Questions were asked by Board members and answered by Superintendent Bonanni. The Board advised Superintendent of the wording that may need to be changed in the contract listed as Item #1.

16. Motion by Gabriel, seconded by Callahan, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Morgan and Laveson to approve student #12104 to the MD program at ACSSSD starting 5/22/08 at the cost of \$28,288 per school year. Student will be transported by VECC.

17. Motion by Morgan, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Morgan and Laveson to approve additional bills list of May, 2008 as presented in Exhibit: IV-17.

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

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

Jann Cohen	“Audit and CAFR Preparation”	Mount Laurel, NJ	6/5/08	NJASBO subscription
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**V. PERSONNEL
ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

Motion by Laveson, seconded by Bergman, affirmed by a roll call vote of Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, with Callahan abstaining on Item #3 to approve items 1 thru 9 as a consent agenda:

1. **To approve retirement of Language Arts teacher, Linda Gussie with regret as presented in Exhibit: V-1.**
2. **To approve Mari Lynn Dobberfuhl as P/T Special Ed teacher for the 2008-09 school year at the negotiated salary of BA + 15 Step 2 of the teacher Salary guide.**

Mrs. Dobberfuhl has taught for 2 years at Oceanside Charter School and for a contracted 13 months at our VECC. Mrs. Dobberfuhl is a highly qualified candidate who has demonstrated the ability to address the academic, social and emotional needs of our at-risk population. Mrs. Dobberfuhl is respected by staff and students alike. Mrs. Dobberfuhl will be establishing a Resource Center in the Elementary School.

3. **To approve 2008 Summer School Program applications (PK-3, Grade 4-8), and Staff List for submission to the Atlantic County Superintendent’s Office as presented in Exhibit: V-3**
4. **To approve the following substitute teachers (pending paperwork):**

Tiffany Fergo	County	Zachary Ebersen	County
Tara Pierami	County	Gerald Watson	State

Michael Wright	State
Linda Gussie	State
Melvin Perry	County
Stefanie Campolo	County

- 5. To approve Rubye Eberson as Middle School Office Clerk for the 2008-09 school year at Step D6 on the 07-08 Salary guide (\$36,363).**
- 6. To approve posting for Instructional Aide to replace Mrs. Eberson.**
- 7. To approve the renewal of Nurse Jane Nahas substitute teaching certificate for the 2008-09 school year.**
- 8. To approve teachers to write curriculum this summer as presented in Exhibit: V-8.**
- 9. To approve Ventnor School District's New Teacher Mentoring Program for 2008-2011 as presented in Exhibit: V-9.**

Mr. Morgan suggested that the Board consider increasing the substitute rate for retired teachers to encourage their continued participating with our children. Board will address at June meeting.

Mrs. Callahan had questions about the extent of instruction in homebound. She questioned whether they get same tests and assignments. Superintendent Bonanni will investigate and report back to the Board.

Question was raised regarding St. James field trip, whether St. James will reimburse VECC or was transportation provided as a courtesy. Business Administrator will research and get back to the Board.

VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Motion by Laveson, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, with Morgan abstaining on Item #2 to approve items 1, 2, 3 and 4 as a consent agenda:

- 1. To approve Rochelle Gimmillaro as homebound instructor for 5th Grade student #12104, until the end of the school year, at the contracted hourly rate, effective immediately.**
- 2. To approve field trips as presented in Exhibit: VI-2.**
- 3. To approve Paige Elmer as homebound instructor for Special Ed 7th grade student #160073, 10 hours per week, until the end of the school year, as per the contracted hourly rate.**

4. **To approve home instruction for student #00130159, 5 hours per week until the end of the school year due to recent surgery. Doctor's note on file.**

VII. USE OF FACILITY

No items at this time.

1. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

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| 1. Fire Drills for April: 4/11, 4/14, 2008 | |
| 2. Principal/Supervisor Monthly Reports | Item: VIII-2 |
| 3. VMS & VES Monthly Suspension Reports | Item: VIII-3 |
| 4. Administrators' Meeting Minutes: 4/24/08 | Item: VIII-4 |
| 5. VECC Monthly Enrollment | Item: VIII-5 |
| 6. AASA Conference Talking Points | Item: VIII-6 |
| 7. Letter about a Student to J. Thomas (SCORE) | Item: VIII-7 |

Mrs. Callahan asked about #4. She expressed concern regarding Social Studies pullout and asked that a report be presented to the Board as to how it is working at the end of the 1st marking period.

Mrs. Glick arrived at 7:50 p.m.

IX. ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL REPORT - Mrs. Glick

Atlantic City High School has added holidays to their calendar and will be getting out very late in June. Graduation is Tuesday, June 24th. Mrs. Glick would like an Algebra update from Mr. Baker and would like a formal presentation in June or July.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds – Mr. Morgan

There still are questions regarding fields specifications.

Local roofer looked at our roof for a second estimate to compare with architects' estimates as to cost.

Business Administrator Cohen asked Mr. Morgan to please forward all requested changes in specifications to her as soon as possible so that she can forward them to the City Engineer.

Transportation – Mr. Morgan

Mr. Morgan presented an analysis prepared by Mr. Baker regarding ideas of expanding walking zones.

Mr. Morgan's recommendation was to table changes for a school year. Mrs. Callahan feels that we should make a decision within a year and just put this to rest. Mr. Pacentrilli polled the Board for their opinion. Then Mrs. Callahan, Mr Gabriel, Mrs. Bergman, Mrs. Glick and Mr. Laveson all agreed not to make any changes for the 2008-2009 school year.

XI. PUBLIC SESSION

Lisa Martinelli spoke in favor of shortening Easter vacation.

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 8:17 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, Laveson, Morgan and Pacentrilli to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Jann L. Cohen
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator