

## **Regular Session Minutes July 23, 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 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. Callahan, Mr. Gabriel, Mrs. Glick, Mrs. Marintelli, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Laveson and Mr. Pacentrilli. Also present were Superintendent Bonanni, Principal Johnson, Principal Baker, Supervisors Trabin and Langford.

**II.** Mrs. Martinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. PRESENTATIONS:**

- 1. Dress Code Proposal – Mrs. Pat Simons** – Mrs. Simons, 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and Chairperson of the Dress Code Committee answered questions from the public and board members regarding proposed dress code changes for the Middle School. Among the concerns expressed were:
  - a. The late timing of the proposal.
  - b. The fact that the proposal is only for the Middle School and does not include the Elementary School.
  - c. The question of how low income students would be provided for.

Several teachers spoke in favor of the proposal.

Board President Pacentrilli then asked for a poll of the Board. Mr. Gabriel and Mrs. Glick expressed concerns as to how the proposal might affect the budget. Mrs. Callahan stated that she is in favor of a more general dress code. Mr. Laveson and Mrs. Martinelli indicated that they are not in favor of a new dress code and feel that the current code should be enforced. Mr. Morgan expressed that it is premature to make a decision on this matter. Mr. Pacentrilli felt that there are too many options available in the new code. President Pacentrilli asked that the Committee take the comments from public and board under advisement.

- 2. Discipline Plan/Code of Conduct Proposal – Mr. Kevin Burns** – Middle School teacher Kevin Burns discussed changes made in the discipline code of conduct proposal since last board meeting. Board members asked questions regarding the discipline code. Mr. Morgan asked that the Electronics Policy be more specific.

**Motion by Morgan, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by a roll call vote of Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Martinelli, Morgan, and Pacentrilli with Laveson to approve resolution to adopt the revised discipline policy.**

#### **IV. FINANCE:**

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

- 1. To approve Regular Session Minutes of June 25, 2008 as presented in Exhibit: IV-1.**
- 2. To approve Executive Session Minutes of June 25, 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 May 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 May 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 certifies that, as of May 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 May 31, 2008 as presented in Exhibit: IV-5.**
- 6. Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Martinelli, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve the following resolution:**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve line item transfers retroactive to June 30, 2008**

From 11-000-216-100 to 11-000-222-100	\$ 86.00
From 11-000-216-100 to 11-000-262-100	250.00
From 11-000-216-100 to 11-000-270-161	440.00
From 11-000-216-100 to 11-120-100-101	1,850.00
From 11-000-216-100 to 11-130-100-101	2,900.00
From 11-000-270-160 to 11-000-270-162	4,000.00
From 20-285-100-100 to 20-285-200-200	.20
From 20-285-100-300 to 20-285-200-200	197.64
From 20-285-100-300 to 20-285-200-100	112.36
From 11-000-261-420 to 11-000-262-420	2,000.00
From 11-000-216-100 to 11-000-216-320	6,000.00
From 11-000-216-600 to 11-000-216-320	1,200.00
From 11-000-216-600 to 11-000-219-320	350.00

as presented in Exhibit: IV-6

7. Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Martinelli, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve line item transfers for the month of July, 2008**

From 11-000-230-100 to 11-000-230-331	\$10,000.00
From 11-000-213-100 to 11-000-213-330	9,000.00

as presented in Exhibit: IV-7

8. Motion by Morgan, seconded by Laveson, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Martinelli, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS NJAC 6A:23-2.14 requires board approval to withdraw funds from the maintenance reserve account;**

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED to transfer \$15,300.00 into line item 12-000-400-450 to fund replacement of the VECC auditorium air conditioning unit.**

9. Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Martinelli, 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:**

<b>Jann Cohen</b>	<b>New Jersey Assoc of School Business Officials</b>	<b>Dates to be approved separately</b>	<b>Subscription – 5 workshops</b>	<b>450.00</b>
<b>Carmine Bonanni</b>	<b>NJASA Superintendent Mentorship</b>	<b>9/16, 9/17 2008</b>		<b>395.00</b>

All mileage to be reimbursed at the State reimbursement rates applicable for 2008 (31 cents per mile).

10. Motion by Morgan seconded by Glick, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Martinelli, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve the July, 2008 Bills Lists as presented in Exhibit IV-10.

11. Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Martinelli, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ventnor Board of Education enter into an agreement with the Pleasantville Board of Education to provide transportation for student ID #6 to Cape May County Special Services School District for the summer session cost of \$6,911.79.

12. Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Martinelli, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ventnor Board of Education tuition contracts with The Devereaux Foundation –New Jersey Center for Autism for student ID # 700626 for the period beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 at a cost of \$48,399.00 with an additional cost of a one-on-one aide for \$27,594.00 for same fiscal period.

Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Martinelli, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve Items 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 as a consent agenda:

13. To approve Addendum to the Pharmacy Services Agreement between Maxorplus, LTD and the Ventnor Board of Education for the year ended June 30, 2008 as presented in Exhibit: IV-13.
14. To approve submission of Three Year Bilingual/ESL Plan as presented in Exhibit: IV-14.
15. Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Martinelli, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve motion to enter into agreement with the Holy Family School to supply lunches for the 2008-2009 school year at a cost of \$2.47 per student lunch and \$3.00 for adult lunches. Holy Family will be picking up and transporting meals.

**V. PERSONNEL**

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by a roll call vote of Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Martinelli, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve items 1 thru 7 as a consent agenda:**

- 1. To approve Mary Anne Hills as a one-on-one aide for summer school at a rate of \$12.89 per hour for 3 hours 20 days.**
- 2. To approve Lara Pate and Jessica Goldstein for summer evaluations at a rate of \$220 per evaluation.**
- 3. To approve Suzette Pantejo as a one-on-one aide for summer school at a rate of \$12.89 per hour for 3 hours 20 days.**
- 4. To approve the resignation of Mrs. Mary Anne Hills as a one to one aide to special education student in first grade as presented in Exhibit: V-4**
- 5. To approve the hiring of Lynn Sorenson as a p/t instructional aide effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, at Step A-1 of the Instructional Aide salary guide \$12.89 per hour, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week, pending negotiations. No benefits.**

**Note: This aide is a replacement for aide who recently resigned.**

- 6. To approve the hiring of Klaudia Advena as a p/t one on one aide for a Special Education student in first grade for school year 2008- 2009, at Step A-1 of the Instructional Aide salary guide - \$12.89 per hour, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week, pending negotiations. No benefits.**
- 7. To approve the following substitute teachers (pending paperwork) for the 2008-09 school year:**

<b>Mary Anne Hills</b>	<b>County</b>
<b>Lynn Sorensen</b>	<b>County</b>
<b>Mike Wallace</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>Melanie Gross</b>	<b>State</b>

**Motions #8 and #9 were tabled until after Executive Session.**

- 8. To approve contract of Superintendent's Secretary for 2008-2009 through 2011-2012 as presented in Exhibit: V-8.**

9. To approve designation of the Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction as Director of Curriculum and Instruction as presented in Exhibit:V-9.

**Motion by Laveson, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Martinelli, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli by a roll call vote to approve Items #10 thru #14 as a consent agenda:**

10. **To approve Jason Mendelsohn as Grade 6 Social Studies teacher for the 2008-2009 school year at Step A (BA) \$41,619.00 of the teacher contract salary guide (salary pending negotiations).**

Jason is a graduate of Rutgers University and Stockton College. Jason taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Egg Harbor Township Intermediate School. Jason also had a 5 month permanent substitute position at Sovereign Avenue School in Atlantic City. Jason also taught 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts including ASK 8 preparation. Jason is a volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Bilingual in Spanish and English. Jason became a finalist because of his experience and because the team believed he possessed a drive to make the lives of children better. Fine interview. Enthusiastic and motivated. Reference contacted said Jason was flexible, creative and respected by his students. Jason will have earned his ESL certification by the beginning of the school year.

11. **To approve Jean Marie Drew as Instructional Aide for the Middle School for the 2008-2009 school year at Step A-1, \$20,628.00 of the support staff salary guide (pending negotiations).**

12. **To approve Voluntary Staff Transfers for the 2008-2009 school year:**

**Erin Schiavo from P/T BSI to Grade 1 Classroom Teacher  
Sharon Weinstein from P/T Basic Skills to Elementary School G/T  
Chris Kane from Elementary School G/T to Grade 8 English/Writing**

Note: Two P/T BSI positions are vacant and candidates are presently being interviewed.

13. **To approve Margate School District Nurses: Nancy Palamoro and Diane Heller to serve the student and staff of Holy Family School for the 2008-09 school year and the (funding for 2007-08 \$12,352.00) to be submitted to the Margate School for such coverage. Servicing for Holy Family School to be 2 – 2.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, including travel.**
14. **To approve non-renewal of contract of P/T Speech Therapist Jill Andreychak for the 2008-09 school year and to post/advertise for a replacement.**

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Martinelli, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve Items #15 thru #17 as a consent agenda:**

**15. To approve Voluntary Staff Transfers for the 2008-2009 school year.**

**16. To approve the following substitute teachers (pending paperwork) for the 2008-2009 school year:**

<b>Henry Marcus</b>	<b>County</b>
<b>Julie Bergman</b>	<b>County</b>
<b>Irving B. Jacoby</b>	<b>State</b>

**17. To approve with regret, the resignation of Melissa Winterbottom, Grade 1 Teacher effective immediately as presented in Exhibit V-17.**

## **VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Middle School Principal Baker presented the Board with statistics regarding tracking of test scores for each student in the Middle School.

Mr. Morgan commended Mr. Baker on the fine report. Mr. Morgan also stated that the school district needed this a long time ago. Mrs. Callahan asked Mr. Baker if the grade books were kept from the previous years.

## **VII. USE OF FACILITY**

**1. Chuck's Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

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| 1. Fire Drills for June: (1) 6/18                                |              |
| 2. Principal/Supervisor Monthly Reports                          | Item: VIII-2 |
| 3. VMS & VES Monthly Suspension Reports                          | Item: VIII-3 |
| 4. Administrators' Meeting Minutes: Next Meeting 7/24            |              |
| 5. Shared Services Meeting Minutes (Ventnor & Margate) on 7/9/08 | Item: VIII-5 |

Mrs. Martinelli stated that she would like to join the shared Services Committee.

6. "Go Green" Report

Elementary School Teacher Micki Ferranti-Martin shared with the Board how they have implemented the greening of the VECC. The teachers have established large recycling bags, are encouraging electronic communication,

recycle container for cafeteria and create organic garden and butterfly garden. There were suggestions of placing recycling containers outside the “Go Green Club”.

7. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program Notification
  8. “Minimum 15 Per Class” Update
- Item: VIII-7

There is still no clarification of the rules for class size.

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

Atlantic City High School graduation was on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The graduation went very well. Also, ACHS is adjusting schedules to comply with the 15 student rule. New dress code will be voted on at August board meeting.

## **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Building, Grounds & Transportation: Mr. Pacentrilli and Superintendent Bonanni met with Mayor Theresa Kelly. Mr. Morgan will meet next week with the mayor to discuss the condition of the fields.

## **XI. PUBLIC SESSION**

Cassandra Shober asked how the students are grouped in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Principal Baker replied high, middle and low based on Math and Language Arts. Mr. Baker also stated that there are two high, two middle, and two low groups. 6<sup>th</sup> grade is grouped by math.

Mrs. Smith, whose daughter attends Holy Spirit, expressed her concerns regarding the Safety Bus driver. She was told that the driver would be removed from the run and this did not happen. Mr. Baker will follow-up.

Middle School teacher Mr. Burns asked questions of whether the sewer odor problems have been solved. Business Administrator will continue to follow-up with the City Engineer.

## **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Martinelli, Morgan and Pacentrilli to go into Executive Session at 8:00 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 matters and negotiations.**

**Public session reconvened at 8:45 P.M.**

**Motion by Glick seconded by Morgan affirmed by Gabriel, Glick, Laveson and Pacentrilli with Callahan, Martinelli and Morgan voting no to approve designation of the Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction as Director of Curriculum and Instruction.**

Note: Superintendent and Solicitor were requested to draft statement to be signed by Ms. Langford which states that although her title will be changed, she will not be entitled to any additional compensation and that her current duties and obligation will not change.

#### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Bergman, Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson, Morgan and Pacentrilli to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.**

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Jann L. Cohen  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator