

## **Regular Session Minutes July 25, 2007**

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. Callahan, Mr. Gabriel, Mrs. Glick, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Laveson, and Mr. Pacentrilli. Mrs. Bergman was absent. Also present were Superintendent Bonanni, Principals Baker and Johnson, Supervisor Trabin, and Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction Langford.

**II.** Mr. Laveson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. PRESENTATIONS**

- 1) Student representative for 2007-2008, Ashlyn Laveson was introduced to the board.

### **IV. FINANCE**

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

- 1. To approve the Special Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-1.**
- 2. To approve the Regular Session Minutes of June 27, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-2.**
- 3. To approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 27, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-3.**

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

- 4. The Board Secretary's Monthly Certification:  
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11(c) 3, that as of May 31, 2007, no major budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated**

by the Ventnor City 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 overexpended 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-4.

- 5. **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, 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.
- 6. **To acknowledge receipt of the treasurer’s report and the board secretary’s report which are in agreement for the period ending May 31, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-6.**

- 7. **Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, 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 line item transfers retroactive to June 30, 2007:**

<b>From 11-000-270-161 to 11-000-270-162</b>	<b>\$ 3,400.00</b>
<b>From 11-000-240-103 to 11-000-240-105</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>From 11-130-100-101 to 11-240-100-101</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>From 11-130-100-101 to 11-120-100-101</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>From 11-000-100-566 to 11-120-100-101</b>	<b>\$ 2,300.00</b>
<b>From 11-000-219-320 to 11-000-216-100</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>
<b>From 11-000-100-566 to 11-000-216-100</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>From 11-000-100-566 to 11-150-100-101</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>From 11-000-219-104 to 11-000-216-320</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b>From 11-000-262-420 to 11-000-261-420</b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>
<b>From 11-000-291-220 to 11-000-291-290</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>

**As presented in Exhibit IV-7**

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

**From 11-190-100-610 to 11-190-100-440                   \$ 818.00**  
**From 20-282-200-500 to 20-282-200-300               \$1828.00**

**as presented in Exhibit: IV-8.**

- 9. Motion by Glick, seconded by Laveson, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson, and Pacentrilli, to approve the July 2007 Bill Lists, as presented in Exhibit: IV-9.**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve a contract with Sunny Days Early Childhood Development Services, Inc. to provide occupational and physical therapy services for student id # 40772 at a rate of \$108.00 per hour, with an increase to \$110.00 per hour as of September 1, 2007, as presented in Exhibit: IV-10.**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Ventnor Board of Education approve a tuition contract with the Atlantic City Board of Education as follows:**

**Tuition for 330 Regular Education Students at a cost of \$15,301.00 per student for a total of \$5,049,330.00 less an adjustment of \$278,438.00 for the 2004-2005 school years for a total charge of \$4,770,892.00 for the 2007-2008 school years.**

**Tuition for 22 Special Education Students at a cost of \$20,498.00 per student for a total of \$450,956.00 less an adjustment of \$182,488.00 for the 2004-2005 school year, for a total charge of \$268,468.00 for the 2007-2008 school year.**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Ventnor Board of Education approve the 2007-2008 Cafeteria Fund Budget as presented in Exhibit: IV-12.**

- 13. Motion by Morgan, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson, and Pacentrilli, to approve a contract with The Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired to provide services for three students ( Id # 00120192,407772,00150238) at a cost of \$1400.00 each for the year ended June 30, 2008.**

- 14. Review of Cafeteria Report for June 30, 2007, as presented in Exhibit: IV-14.**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve a jointure with the Margate Board of Education to provide busing for Margate students as follows:

Up to 162 students to Atlantic City High School at a cost of \$118,584.00  
52 students to Holy Spirit High School at a cost of \$42,952.00  
6 students to Charter Tech High School at a cost of \$4,956.00  
10 students to Trocki Hebrew Academy at a cost of \$8,260.00

For a total cost of \$174,752.00 as presented in Exhibit IV-15.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve a jointure with the Longport Board of Education to provide busing for Longport students as follows:

10 Students to Atlantic City High School at a cost of \$8,260.00  
9 Students to Holy Spirit High School at a cost of \$7,434.00

For a total cost of \$15,694.00 as presented in Exhibit: IV-16.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ventnor Board of Education accept the grant allocation for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant (RFP # 07-EK09) for the 2007-2008 School Year in the amount of \$535,000 as presented in Exhibit: IV-17.

18. Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by 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 retroactive to June 30, 2007:

From 12-000-240 -730 to 12-000-400-450 \$3168.93  
From 12-000-252-730 to 12-000-400-450 \$ 20.00  
From 12-000-270-732 to 12-000-400-450 \$ 331.00  
As presented in Exhibit IV: 18.

**V. PERSONNEL  
ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

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

- 1. Recommend to approve the following substitute teachers (pending paperwork):**  
  
**Chris Sooy                      County**
- 2. Recommend to approve the following substitute bus drivers (pending paperwork for the 2007-08 school year):**  
  
**Nancy Tillis  
Ray Newkirk**
- 3. Recommend to approve extension of maternity leave of Reading teacher Jen Brown through December 2007 to return January 2, 2008. Mrs. Brown will be utilizing the New Jersey Family Leave Act (Title 34:11B-1-16) as presented in Exhibit: V-3.**
- 4. Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson, and Pacentrilli, to approve the resignation of Grade 8 Social Studies teacher, Karen Cavalieri, with regret, effective August 3, 2007, as presented in Exhibit: V-4.**

Ms. Cavalieri spoke to the Board in appreciation for the time she has spent in Ventnor.

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson, and Pacentrilli, with Callahan voting no on items 5 and 6, to approve Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 as a consent agenda:**

- 5. To approve transfer of Grade 7 Science teacher Kevin Burns to Grade 8 Social Studies teacher replacing Karen Cavalieri.**
- 6. To approve Special Education teacher Marge Master to fill vacated positions by Karen Cavalieri of SIR Committee Member and Student Council Coordinator for the 2007-2008 school year.**
- 7. To approve resignation of World Languages teacher Nicole Salvia, with regret, effective June 30, 2007 as presented in Exhibit: V-7.**

- 8. To approve Jane Garbutt as Pre-Kindergarten teacher for the 2007-2008 school year at the contractually negotiated salary of \$41,619.00 (Step A, BA)**

Mrs. Garbutt graduated from Temple University in May 1999. She is certified in general and special education. She was employed at the VECC as a Pre-School teacher and Kindergarten teacher from June 2000 through November 2001 leaving for maternity leave. She has been employed with "Play Groups Plus" since 2005. Mrs. Garbutt topped the list of seven interviewed candidates. Staff members contacted regarding Mrs. Garbutt all expressed their highest regard for Mrs. Garbutt in both professional and personal realms. Both Mrs. Garbutt and current Pre-Kindergarten teacher Ann Walsh would make a formidable tandem of teachers for our Pre-Kindergarten children.

- 9. To approve Holly Pierami as Transportation Coordinator (half stipend) for the 2007-2008 school year. (We are still seeking an interested candidate to share the responsibilities with Ms. Pierami) as presented in Exhibit: V-9.**

- 10. To approve Marylyn Dobberfuhl as maternity leave substitute for teacher Jen Brown on maternity leave from September-December 30 at a salary of \$41,019 prorated - BA Step A on the teacher salary guide (No benefits).**

- 11. To approve Pat Simons to work on the Summer American History Project, replacing resignee Karen Cavalieri.**

- 12. Recommend to approve Mary Elizabeth Beckley as Middle School Art teacher for the 2007-2008 school year at a salary of \$41,619 (Step A, BA).  
NOTE: This is a one year position for extended leave teacher Janis Albuck.**

Ms. Beckley graduated with distinction from Stockton State College in Spring 2005 with Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Education and Visual Arts. Her cumulative GPA was 3.7. Ms. Beckley holds a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing as a NJ Art Education K-12 teacher. She passed the Praxis II (Art Content) and Praxis II (MS Social Studies) as well. Reference contacted characterized Ms. Beckley as sensitive, diligent, knowledgeable and a teacher who will do whatever it takes to reach her students.

## **VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Elementary Principal Johnson gave a report on the preliminary NJASK Scores. The District did not make AYP in Language Arts. She feels that the subgroups need extra attention. She is pleased with the scores in Math.

Middle School Principal Baker gave a report regarding the preliminary GEPA scores. He was very pleased with the improvements made and complimented his teaching staff. He felt that they had worked hard with the reading and “WISE” programs.

Mrs. Callahan asked the Principals to please provide actual numbers of students instead of percentages in their reports to the Board after the Cycle 2 results.

It was decided that grade 5 groupings will be homogenously arranged for the 2007-2008 school year. Superintendent Bonanni stated that this decision was done with reservations.

## **VII. USE OF FACILITY**

N/A

## **VIII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

1. Principal/Supervisor Monthly Report - Item: VIII-1
2. Updated Board Member List – Item: VIII-2
3. Administrative Meeting Minutes: 6/28/07 – Item: VIII-3
4. VMS,VES Suspension Reports – Item: VIII-4
5. Letter to Albert Monillas – Item: VIII-5
6. Heterogenous Grouping Research – Item: VIII-6
7. Commentary: “Up Against the Wall” – Item: VIII-7
8. Article: “What Kind of Math Matters” – Item: VIII-8
9. Back to School Nights: VMS – 9/25; VED – 9/27 (7:00)
10. Brinkerhoff Environmental Monitoring Report – Item: VIII-10
11. “ Board & Administrator for Board Members” – Item: VIII-11
12. Evans v. Atlantic City Board of Education Update – Item: VIII-12
13. Letter from Bob Wallace – Item: VIII-13.

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

Mrs. Glick had nothing to report.

## **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Callahan reported that she and Mrs. Bergman met with Superintendent Bonanni to discuss his goals for 2007-2008. Their recommendation was that his goals be more student- focused.

## **XII. PUBLIC SESSION**

Ms. Amy Brilliant, who is employed as a part-time music teacher in the District, spoke to the Board regarding her desire to be considered for the full-time position made available by the resignation of a teacher who was teaching part-time Spanish and part-time Special Education.

Mr. Morgan asked the Business Administrator to contact the County Sewage Authority regarding the seepage issues.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion by Morgan, seconded by Laveson, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson, and Pacentrilli to go into Executive Session at 7:20 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.**

Public session resumed at 10:05 P.M

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Gabriel, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson, and Pacentrilli to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 P.M.**

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Jann L. Cohen  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator