

## **Regular Session Minutes September 26, 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. Laveson, and Mr. Pacentrilli. Mrs. Bergman and Mr. Morgan were absent. Also present were Superintendent Bonanni, Principals Baker and Johnson, Supervisor Trabin, and Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction Langford.

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

### **III. PRESENTATIONS:**

Student Liaison, Ashlyn Laveson reported that the 2007-2008 school year is off to a great start. This year's theme is Superstars. The only complaint the students have is that they want their recess back. Student Council and National Honor Society begins on Thursday. They will discuss opportunities for service to school and community.

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan Laveson, and Pacentrilli to go into Executive Session at 6:02 pm.**

**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: legal matters.**

Nelson Morgan arrived at 6:05 pm during Executive Session.

Public Session resumed at 6:17 pm

Pat Simons, Denise Tinucci and Amy Brilliant gave presentation regarding the American History Project that they designed over the summer for the school year with suggested themes for each month. These will be passed on to the teachers and the team will be available to help them incorporate at different grade levels. President Pacentrilli requested that the teachers return at some date later in the year to provide an update.

#### **IV. FINANCE**

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

- 1. The Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-1.**
- 2. The Executive Session Minutes of August 22, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-2.**
- 3. The Board Secretary's Monthly Certification:  
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11(c) 3, that as of July 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 July 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 July 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.**
- 5. To acknowledge receipt of the treasurer's report and the board secretary's report which are in agreement for the period ending July 31, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-5.**
- 6. Motion by Glick, seconded by Laveson, 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 for the year ending June 30, 2008:**

<b>From 11-000-270-160 to 11-000-270-511</b>	<b>\$ 70,000.00</b>
<b>From 11-000-170-443 to 11-000-270-511</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>
<b>From 11-000-291-270 to 11-000-270-511</b>	<b>\$ 35,000.00</b>
<b>From 11-000-291-270 to 12-000-400-450</b>	<b>\$ 23,000.00</b>

**As presented in Exhibit IV-6**

- 7. Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve the September, 2007 Bill Lists, as presented in Exhibit: IV-7.**
- 8. 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 travel expenses and fees for the following conferences and workshops as per State regulation N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1:**

<b>Carmine Bonanni</b>	<b>AASA Conference</b>	<b>Tampa, Florida</b>	<b>2/13-2/17/08</b>	<b>Registration \$599 Airfare \$329 Lodging, meals and mileage to be submitted separately</b>
<b>Robin Resnick</b>	<b>New Jersey School Counselor Association Fall Conference</b>	<b>Long Branch, NJ</b>	<b>10/21-10/22/08</b>	<b>Registration \$185 Lodging \$134</b>
<b>Bridget Littleton</b>	<b>ALC FLL Symposium "Staying Informed: Assessment Strategies"</b>	<b>Bridgewater, NJ</b>	<b>10/26/07</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Vickey Persiano</b>	<b>"Establishing Differentiated Reading Instruction"</b>	<b>Cherry Hill, NJ</b>	<b>10/17/07</b>	<b>\$199</b>
<b>Jolie Trabin</b>	<b>"Special Education – The New Regulations and Beyond"</b>	<b>Atlantic City, NJ</b>	<b>12/7/07</b>	<b>\$217</b>

All mileage to be reimbursed at the IRS reimbursement rate for 2007 and 2008.

9. **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 Taylor, Whalen and Hybbeneth for labor relations consulting services at a cost of \$145.00 per hour.**

**As presented in Exhibit IV-9.**

10. **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 submittal of the 2007-2008 NCLB Consolidated Application as follows:**

**Title I – Part A - \$356,844**

**Title II – Part A - \$51,706**

**Title II – Part D - \$2,516**

**Title III - \$31,886**

**Title IV - \$8,871**

**Title V - \$ 2,397**

**As presented in Exhibit IV-10**

Superintendent Bonanni indicated the complete application is available for Board review.

11. **Motion by Morgan 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 renewal of the contract with Atlantic Human Resources, Inc. to provide Breakfast, Lunch and Snack to the Margate Head Start program at a rate of \$1.31 for Breakfast, \$2.47 for Lunch, and .63 for Snack, as presented in Exhibit: IV-11.**

12. **Motion by Morgan, 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 2007-2008 salaries to be supplemented with grant funds as presented in Exhibit IV-12.**

13. **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 tuition for the following students:**

**ID # 160150 to ACSSD at a tuition of \$28,288 prorated beginning 9/12/07. ID #700623, 700624, 700625 to Katzenbach School for the Deaf in Trenton at a cost of \$44,375 per student for a total of \$133,125 prorated. Starting date 9/19/07.**

**ID #700626 to Devereaux School for the Deaf in Bridgeton at a cost of \$85,456 prorated for the extended year ending August 31, 2008. Starting date 9/19/07.**

14. **Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve the IDEIA funds for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$297,269 for Basic and \$8,790 for Preschool.**
15. **Motion Glick, seconded by Laveson, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve the District Mission Statement as presented in Exhibit IV-15.**
16. Goals Meeting Agenda from September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting held with Edvocate and TMC was presented for review (Exhibit IV-16).
17. The following policies were presented for first reading (Exhibit IV-17). Board members discussed possible revisions to these policies.

Curriculum Design/Development	#6141
Instructional Planning/Scheduling	#6156
Nutrition Policy	#5142.1
Guidelines for Evaluation & Selection of Instructional Materials	#6161.1
School Day	#6112

as presented in Exhibit: IV-17

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

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by a roll call vote of Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve items 1 through 14 as a consent agenda:**

1. To approve the resignation of P/T Instructional Aide, Denise DiMaio, effective 8-30-07 as presented in Exhibit V-1.
2. To approve Chris Sooy as P/T Instructional Aide for the 2007-2008 school year, retroactive to 9/10/07, at the negotiated salary of \$12.89 hour. Not to exceed 19½ hours per week. No benefits.
3. To approve the resignation of F/T Instructional Aide, Janet Shepler, effective 9-4-07 as presented in Exhibit V-3.
4. To approve Mary Anne Hills as P/T Instructional Aide for the 2007-2008 school year, retroactive to 9/10/07, at the negotiated salary of \$12.89 hour. Not to exceed 19½ hours per week. No benefits.
5. To approve the following on-call cafeteria substitutes (pending paperwork):

Grace Ducatelli  
Maria Rodriquez

Ruth Quinones  
Lucy Elustondo

6. To approve the following SCORE Program staff (pending paperwork) for the 2007-08 school year to be funded by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program Grant:

Chris Sooy

Stephen Kyle

7. To approve the following substitute teachers for the 2007-08 school year (pending paperwork):

Christine Stabile-Baltzell	County
Danielle Ballew	County
Carmine C. Bonanni, III	County
Isabelle Mosca	County
Nelson Carreno	County
Amanda Perez	County
Mirelise Garcia	County
Constance Kirk	State
Candice Corea	State

8. **To approve Laura Rosenberger as Field Hockey Coach for the 2007-2008 school year at the negotiated stipend rate of \$1,606.90 per teacher's contract.**
9. **To approve Jeff Brinberg as Soccer Coach for the 2007-08 school year at the negotiated stipend rate of \$1,606.90 per teacher's contract.**
- 11 **To approve the 2007-2008 school year Volunteer List as presented in Exhibit V-11.**
12. **To approve Ms. Audrey Farrell 2 days per week at a cost of \$300 per day, beginning 1/2/08. Ms. Farrell is a retired LDTC from Atlantic City who will work in the district during Mrs. Littleton's recuperation from foot surgery. Mrs. Littleton is expected to return on or about February 11, 2008.**
13. **To approve John DeRose as Transportation Co-coordinator for the 2007-2008 school year, at a negotiated stipend of \$1,312.50.**
14. **To approve for Family Leave for Grade 2 teacher, Jaimee Barrie beginning November 22, 2007 to January 22, 2008 as presented in Exhibit V-14.**

Mr. Morgan commented that he thought the Board should conduct staff exit interviews.

**Motion by Laveson, seconded by Callahan to Table Item #10 - Ventnor Board of Education Organizational Chart as presented in Exhibit V-10.**

## **VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. **Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve field trips as presented in Exhibit VI-1.**
2. Supervisor of Instruction Mrs. Langford presented information regarding cluster Analysis for the Spring 2007 testing results.

## **VII. USE OF FACILITY**

1. **Motion by Morgan, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve the usage of facility for Cub Scout Sign-ups (retroactive) on 9-19-07 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the VECC cafeteria as presented in Exhibit: VII-1.**

## **VIII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

1. Principal/Supervisor Monthly Reports - Item: VIII-1
2. SCORE After School Program “Lights on After School” information - Item: VIII-2
3. Article: “Intelligent Teaching” - Item: VIII-3
4. Article: “Making Testing Better” - Item: VIII-4
5. Article: “New Law Enhances Retirement Security”- Item: VIII-5
6. Administrators’ Meeting Minutes: 8/30/07 - Item: VIII-6
7. Board & Administrator Newsletter for School Board Members - Item: VIII-7
8. Article: “The Downside of Diversity” - Item: VIII-8
9. Article: “The Impoverishment of American Culture” - Item: VIII-9
10. VECC Monthly Enrollment - Item: VIII-10

Superintendent Bonanni noted that the Preschool has reached maximum enrollment. He is recommending hiring two part-time aides for Pre-K.

Mrs. Glick discussed her concern that there are so few students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade bilingual. Mrs. Johnson commented that she feels the district should hire a consultant to evaluate the VECC program.

**Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by a roll call vote of Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve hiring one part-time aide for pre-school and a part-time Special Ed teacher for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

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

Mrs. Glick reported that things at Atlantic City High School are going well.

## **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Morgan reported for the Transportation Committee that there were the normal opening of school problems.

Mr. Morgan reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. The Committee met to work on elements of what will be presented to the City to fund renovation.

Mr. Laveson reported on behalf of the board members that attended the board member training on 9/22 at ACCCC. This training will satisfy mandatory training requirements. He indicated that they discussed the NJQSAC monitoring process in detail. He submitted his report as part of these minutes.

## **XI. PUBLIC SESSION**

Amy Rosenberg would like teachers to teach novels along with new book series. Mr. Bonanni thanked Mrs. Rosenberg for her donation of books to Mrs. Swartz’s GT class.

Mr. Pacentrilli called for a “sense of the board”. The sense of the Board is that in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts novels still be used as part of the curriculum. Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli all replied in the affirmative.

## **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion by Morgan, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson, Morgan and Pacentrilli to go into Executive Session at 8:15 P.M.**

**President Pacentrilli then read the following resolution:**

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## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Morgan, seconded by Callahan, affirmed by Bergman, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson, and Pacentrilli to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 P.M.**

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Jann L. Cohen  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator