

**Regular Session Minutes
March 24, 2010**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Auditorium of the Ventnor Educational Community Complex by Board President Dave Laveson. Public notice of this meeting was given to all Board Members in a notice dated May 6, 2009. It was also sent to the Press and posted in public places in compliance with the Sunshine Act.

Roll call by Business Administrator/Board Secretary Cohen indicated Board Members present as: Mr. Biagi, Mrs. Callahan, Mr. Gabriel, Mrs. Martinelli, Mr. Pacentrilli and Mr. Laveson. Also present were Superintendent Bonanni, Supervisor Salomon-Lowden, Principal Johnson and Principal Baker. Board member Mrs. Glick was absent.

II. Morgan Bassford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Student Liaison Morgan Bassford reported on the various fundraisers and activities the Student Council held during March. Read Across America was a great success. The National Junior Honor Society members served as guides for the readers. There was a St. Baldricks fundraiser held in the Elementary and Middle Schools, raising over \$5,000.00. Principal Rob Baker shaved his head, which was very popular with the students. The VCPD joined the teachers for a dodge ball tournament. The teachers were victorious. There was also a collection of cell phones delivered to the Ventnor Heights Verizon store to help victims of domestic violence. This month the Student Council will be participating in helping to raise Autism Awareness. Students will also be getting ready for NJASK. March was a very busy month.
2. Recognition of Doris Zheku – Teacher Pat Simons spoke about 7th grade student Doris Zheku and her winning 1st place in the DAR Essay. She then read her essay to an appreciative audience.
3. Visiting Author James Howe Information – Teacher Debbie Brahmi gave a handout with information regarding the visiting author who will come to the VECC on April 14th.
4. 2010-2011 Budget Presentation was held until after the business portion of the meeting.

IV. FINANCE:

Motion by Martinelli, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Biagi, Callahan, Gabriel, Martinelli, Pacentrilli and Laveson to approve Items 1 thru 8 and 11 thru 14, with Callahan abstaining as to Item# 1 and Item #2 and Callahan and Martinelli voting no to #6, as a consent agenda:

1. **To approve Regular Session Minutes of February 24, 2010, as presented in Exhibit: IV-1.**
2. **To approve Special Session Minutes of February 24, 2010, 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 January 31, 2010, 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 January 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 January 31, 2010, 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 January 31, 2010 as presented in Exhibit: IV-5.**

6. **To approve March, 2010 Bills List as presented in Exhibit: IV-6.**

7. **To approve line item transfers for March, 2010 as presented in Exhibit: IV-7**

From 11-000-270-442 to 11-000-270-503	\$ 800.00
From 11-000-240-105 to 11-000-240-104	\$ 5,900.00
From 11-000-219-104 to 11-000-219-105	\$ 500.00
From 11-000-100-565 to 11-000-100-561	\$ 1,000.00
From 11-000-262-610 to 11-000-262-441	\$ 1,700.00
From 11-000-211-600 to 11-000-211- 500	\$ 50.00

as presented in Exhibit: IV-7

8. **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:

Jann Cohen	NJASBO Annual Conference	Atlantic City, New Jersey	6/2/10 – 6/4/10	\$150.00
Gary Brinberg	Health Minds in Motion	Hammonton, New Jersey	4/30/10	\$25.00
Kelly Winesickle	Practical Strategies for Maximizing the Effectiveness of Differentiated Small Group Lessons	Cherry Hill, New Jersey	5/4/10	\$199.00

All mileage to be reimbursed at the State reimbursement rates applicable for 2010.

- 11. To approve out of district placement for student #11137 to ACSSSD starting March 15, 2010 at a rate of \$32,040 (prorated).**
- 12. To approve homebound instruction for student #160996 currently residing at Daytop Pittsgrove as mandated by court order at a rate of \$108.00 per day.**
- 13. To approve homebound instruction for student #0018 as mandated by court at a rate of \$44.91 per hour, 10 hours per week for up to an additional six weeks.**
- 14. To approve homebound instruction for student #0310 (ACSSSD To provide) starting March 25, 2010 at a rate of \$42.00 per hour, 10 hours per week for educational instruction, and two times per Week, physical therapy, for 20 minutes at a rate of \$81.00 per hour.**

V. PERSONNEL

ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Motion by Martinelli, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Biagi, Callahan, Gabriel, Martinelli, Pacentrilli and Laveson by a roll call vote to approve Items 1 through 6 as a consent agenda:

- 1. To approve to maternity leave for Gina Perkins for the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Perkins will return for the 2011-2012 school year.**
- 2. To approve the following Substitute Teachers for the 2009-2010 school year (pending paperwork):**

Julie Funk	County
Kathleen Williamson-Abott	State
Lisa Thieberger	County
Daniel McGhee	Certificate of Eligibility

3. To approve the following Substitute Bus Drivers for the 2009-2010 school year (pending paperwork):

Debra Lynch

4. To approve Marion Damiani as Part-time Security Aide for the Remainder of the 2009-2010 school year at the negotiated contract Rate of \$7.59 per hour (not to exceed 19½ hours per week) effective 3/17/10.
5. To approve Kathleen Abbott as Substitute Maternity Leave Teacher for Grade 2 teacher Jennifer Brown for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year at the negotiated contracted substitute rate of \$80.00 per day effective 5/1/10.
6. To approve the following Substitute Teachers for the 2009-2010 school year (pending paperwork):

Meghan Wileczek

County

VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Motion by Marintelli, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Biagi, Callahan, Gabriel, Martinelli, Pacentrilli and Laveson to approve field trips for the 2009-2010 school year as presented in Exhibit VI-1.
2. Motion by Marintelli, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Biagi, Callahan, Gabriel, Martinelli, Pacentrilli and Laveson to approve field trips for the 2009-2010 school year as presented in Exhibit VI-2.

VII. USE OF FACILITY

VIII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION – Carmine C. Bonanni, Jr.

1. Fire Drills for March:
2. Principal/Supervisor Monthly Reports Item: VIII-2
3. VMS & VES Monthly Suspension Reports Item: VIII-3
4. VECC Monthly Enrollment Item: VIII-4
5. Administrators' Meeting Minutes: Next Meeting 3/29/10
6. 2009 Subaru Adopt a School Garden Program – Year End Report Item: VIII-6

Board Member Lisa Martinelli thanked Teacher Steve Evinski for his hard work.

IX. ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL REPORT - Mrs. Glick

No report at this time.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Superintendent Bonanni and School Business Administrator Cohen gave a presentation regarding the 2010-2011 School Budget.

XI. PUBLIC SESSION

Many staff and parents spoke against the proposed 2010-2011 Budget cuts.

ADDITIONAL FINANCE ITEMS:

- 9a. Motion by Martinelli, seconded by Pacentrilli, by a roll call vote of Biagi, Callahan, Gabriel, Martinelli, Pacentrilli and Laveson all voting not to approve the following resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to comply with mandated timeline requirements, the Ventnor Board of Education is submitting the latest operating draft of the Budget to the County Superintendent, with the option of further revising that budget before the Board of School Estimate meeting, at which time the final approved budget will be submitted.

The preliminary Budget of the Ventnor School is as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2010-2011 school district budget of the Ventnor School District for submission to the County Superintendent as follows:

General Fund	\$19,886,446
Special Revenue Fund	\$ <u>1,251,037</u>
Total Base Budget	\$ <u>21,137,483</u>

Tax Levy

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2010-2011 budget described above results in a general fund tax levy of \$17,487,661.

Travel Limits

Whereas, school district policy 9250 and NJAC 6A:23B-1.2(b) provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2010-2011 school year.

Now Therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2010-2011 school year at the sum of \$50,000,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

- 10. Motion by Martinelli, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by Biagi, Callahan, Gabriel, Martinelli, Pacentrilli and Laveson by a roll call vote to approve the following resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ventnor Board of Education award a contract for Partial Reroofing and Window Replacement at the Ventnor Educational Community Complex to the lowest responsible bidder, D.A. Nolt, Inc. in the amount of \$1,094,404 base bid plus all five alternates totaling \$1,437,034 as presented in Exhibit: IV-10.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pacentrilli, seconded by Gabriel affirmed by Biagi, Callahan, Gabriel, Martinelli, Pacentrilli and Laveson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Jann L. Cohen
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator