

Regular Session Minutes January 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 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.

This meeting represented the first attempt at paperless Board packets.

II. Ashlyn Laveson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATIONS:

- 1. “Students In Space” – Technology Teacher Bob Braverman gave a presentation regarding the NASA program in which the signatures of the 5th thru 8th grade students from our school year of 2003 were sent into space in 2007. The signed posterboard went up in the shuttle in June, 2007. The posterboard will hang near Mr. Braverman’s classroom.**
- 2. Student Liaison – Ashlyn Laveson read a Proclamation by Governor Corzine that declares January to be School Board Recognition Month. Ashlyn also reported about the Hopeline Program which rebuilds cell phones for battered women. There will be a Valentine’s Day fundraiser for the American Heart Association. The Honor Society will be tutoring students in grades 1, 2 and 3. The Student Council received a thank you from the Covenant House for the holiday donations.**

IV. FINANCE:

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

- 1. The Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-1.**
- 2. The Executive Session Minutes of December 12, 2007, 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 November 30, 2007, 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 November 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 November 30, 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 November 30, 2007, as presented in Exhibit IV-5.**
6. **Motion by Morgan, seconded by Gabriel, affirmed by a roll call vote of 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:

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| From 11-130-100-101 to 11-120-100-101 | \$102,000.00 |
| From 11-212-100-101 to 11-213-100-101 | 70,800.00 |
| From 11-240-100-101 to 11-213-100-101 | 6,000.00 |
| From 11-212-100-106 to 11-213-100-101 | 4,300.00 |
| From 11-212-100-106 to 11-000-217-100 | 1, 087.00 |
| From 11-000-291-270 to 11-000-217-100 | 14,013.00 |
| From 11-000-291-270 to 11-230-100-101 | 33,000.00 |
| From 11-000-270-160 to 11-000-270-161 | 4,000.00 |
| From 11-000-100-565 to 11-216-100-101 | 20,000.00 |
| From 11-000-100-565 to 11-216-100-320 | 34,000.00 |
| From 11-150-100-320 to 11-216-100-320 | 3,000.00 |
| From 11-000-291-270 to 11-216-100-320 | 7,000.00 |
| From 11-000-216-100 to 11-000-216-320 | 10,000.00 |
| From 11-000-100-561 to 11-000-216-320 | 3,000.00 |
| From 11-000-291-270 to 11-000-216-320 | 16,000.00 |

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| From 11-000-291-270 to 11-000-291-241 | 3,018.40 |
| From 11-000-230-600 to 11-000-230-590 | 300.00 |
| From 11-000-252-600 to 11-000-252-330 | 1,000.00 |
| From 20-285-100-600 to 20-285-200-600 | 1,500.00 |
| From 20-285-200-500 to 20-285-200-600 | 1,500.00 |

as presented in Exhibit: IV-6

7. 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:

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| Anne Walsh | “Current Best Strategies for Creating an Outstanding Preschool Program” | Cherry Hill, NJ | 2/8/08 | \$185.00 |
| Lyn Langford | Aspiring School Leaders Seminar | Monroe Twshp, NJ | 1/25/08 | \$25.00 |
| Anne Walsh Jane Garbutt | Conference for NJ Pre-Kindergarten Teachers | Atlantic City, NJ | 2/28/08 | \$199.00 \$199.00 |
| Denise Madonna Lisa Wilson Rita Taliaferro | Central Office Administrative Secretaries | Mt Laurel, NJ | 2/6/08 | NJASBO subscription |
| JoAnn Onesky | Effective Collaborations with Parents, Community Members and Organizations | Gloucester County Board of Education | 4/4/08 | Mileage and tolls only |
| Melissa Winterbottom Lori Collins | Strengthening Your Inclusive Classroom | Cherry Hill, NJ | 2/12/08 | \$195.00 \$195.00 |
| Scottie Van Duyne | Teaching & Learning Celebration | New York, NY | 3/7-3/8/08 | \$450.00 |
| Margie Master Paul Kosten | “Mean Girls- A Second Helping of Insights and Strategies” | Atlantic City, NJ | 3/10/08 | \$129.00 \$129.00 |

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

Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Morgan, Laveson and Pacentrilli to approve Items 8, 9, 10, and 11 as a consent agenda:

8. To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve offering the following retired buses for sale at public auction on January 31, 2008 in Atlantic City:

1994 54 Passenger International School Bus – Serial # 1HVBAZRM6RH564440
1994 54 Passenger International School Bus – Serial # 1HVBAZRM6RH564439
1998 Thomas 54 Passenger School Bus – Serial # 1T88P3B12W1163238
1994 GMC 16 Passenger School Bus – Serial # 1GBHG31Y2RF182321

- 9. To retroactively approve the December 2007 Bills Lists as presented in Exhibit: IV-9**
- 10. To approve the January 2008 Bills Lists as presented in Exhibit: IV-10**
- 11. To approve the Atlantic County AVA assessment for 2008-2009 of \$5,877.33 as presented in Exhibit: IV-11**
- 12. Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to affirm the Washington Township Public Schools resolution as presented in Exhibit: IV-12**
- 13. Discussion of December 10, 2007 Edvocate report presented in Exhibit: IV-13**
- 14. Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve the following resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventnor Board of Education approve contracting with Atlantic County Special Services School District for a personal aide for student #47 who has been diagnosed with a seizure disorder and put on special medication at a cost of \$160.83 per day for the period ending June 30, 2008.

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

- 15. To approve Memorandum of Agreement between Local Law Enforcement and School Officials. (Copy of MOA available in CB's Office).**
- 16. To review revised Residency Policy # 5118 (1st Reading) as presented in Exhibit: IV-16**
- 17. To review revised Absences and Excuses Policy #5113 (1st Reading) as presented in Exhibit: IV-17**

Mrs. Callahan has concerns with the student absences portion of the policy. Superintendent Bonanni explained revisions of the policy.

There was a discussion of potential changes for the policy. Changes to be submitted to the Board for review and approval at February meeting.

18. Review of cafeteria report as of December 31, 2007 as presented in Exhibit: IV-18

19. Budget Timelines Handout
Superintendent Bonanni and Business Administrator Cohen discussed a preliminary timetable.

20. 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 regulations N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1:

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| Lyn Langford | Response to Intervention | Monroe Township, New Jersey | 2/26/08 | \$135 |
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All mileage to be reimbursed at the IRS reimbursement rates applicable for 2008.

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

Motion by Glick, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by a roll call vote of Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve items 1 thru 5 as a consent agenda:

1. To approve JoAnn Farhood and Linda Lee as homebound instructors for a grade 7 student I.D. # 7284. Total 5 hours a week for 10 weeks.

3. To approve the following substitute teachers (pending paperwork):

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| Chris Noreen | County |
| Dana Carland | County |
| Le Sher Harvey | County |
| Azza Ghanem | County |
| Dustin Donham | County |
| Megan Howarth | County |

4. To approve Elyssa Glenn as Craft Instructor for the SCORE Program to be funded by the 21st Century Program Grant.

5. To approve Paige Elmer as Reading Tutor for the Score Program to be funded by the 21st Century Program Grant.

VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Motion by Gabriel, seconded by Morgan, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson and Pacentrilli, to approve field trips as presented in Exhibit: VI-1

VII. USE OF FACILITY

No items at this time.

VIII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. Fire Drills for November: (2) 12/11/07, 12/12/07
2. Administrators' Meeting Minutes Item: VIII-2
3. Principal/Supervisor Monthly Reports Item: VIII-3
4. VECC Monthly Enrollment Item: VIII-4
5. VMS & VES Monthly Suspension Reports Item: VIII-5
6. Letter from Carmine Bonanni to Melanie Stein Item: VIII-6
7. QSAC sent to County and review to State

IX. ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL REPORT - Mrs. Glick

Mrs. Glick reported that ACHS is working on adding honors classes more advanced than but not as challenging as AP classes. She also reported that the school is working on getting the guidance department to help students in August with their schedules.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation

Mr. Morgan discussed the bus incident report which lists reported problems since the beginning of the year. He also indicated that no decisions have been made on transportation changes for 2008-2009 at this time.

Building and Grounds

Mr. Morgan is scheduling a meeting with Mayor Kreisler to finalize the scope of a proposed renovation of the VECC.

Residency

Superintendent Bonanni reported that there were 10 students removed from Atlantic City High School rolls. The residency investigator is working on resolving issues regarding some homeless students.

XI. PUBLIC SESSION

No one from the public spoke at this time.

Business Administrator asked Board members to contact her regarding suggestions for the paperless board meeting.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson, Morgan and Pacentrilli to go into Executive Session at 6:59 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 Gabriel, seconded by Glick, affirmed by Callahan, Gabriel, Glick, Laveson, Morgan and Pacentrilli to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 P.M.

Jann L. Cohen
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator