

**VENTNOR CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Session Meeting – June 10, 2024 – 4:00 PM**

In Compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided. On May 31, 2024 written notice was given to all Board members and posted at the Ventnor Educational Community Complex, Ventnor City Hall and the Ventnor Public Library. It was also e-mailed to the Press of Atlantic City and the Downbeach Current on that same date.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Doug Biagi  
Mrs. Kim Bassford  
Mrs. Lori Abbott  
Mr. Michael Advena  
Dr. John C. Baker  
Mr. Michael Hagelgans  
Mr. James Quinlan

Dr. Carmela Somershoe, Superintendent  
Ms. Terri Nowotny, Bus. Admin/Board Sec.  
Ms. Sanu Dev, Esq., School Solicitor

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. PRESENTATIONS:**

**IV. PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board of Education welcomes public comment on any issue at this time. Please state your name and address. Please note that public comment is not a question and answer session. Speaking is limited to three (3) minutes per individual, ten (10) minutes per topic. The Board President has the flexibility to alter these limitations. In accordance with New Jersey Statute, the Board cannot discuss matters regarding specific personnel, students or litigation matters during public comment.

**V. FINANCE**

1. Recommend to approve the 2024-2025 School Budget Resolution to appropriate \$50,346 Stabilized School Budget Aid to 11-000-219-320 Child Study Team Purchases as presented in: Exhibit: V-1
2. Recommend to approved revised service contract with Public School Accountant Nightlinger, Colavita & Volpa at an annual fee of \$25,120 at a 6.5% increase over current year. This replaces the May 16, 2024 approval at \$24,765.00 annual fee.
3. Recommend to approve payment of \$25,760.00 to Nightlinger, Colavita & Volpa for 2022/2023 audit services.
4. Recommend to contract professional services for the 2024-2025 school year:  
Architect/Engineer of Record: Remington and Vernick Engineers. No retainer, hourly fee as presented in: Exhibit: V-4

**VI. POLICIES**

**VII. PERSONNEL**

**ALL ITEMS ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

1. Recommend to appoint Robert Delengowski as Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary effective July 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024.
2. Recommend to approve contract with Robert Delengowski as Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary effective July 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024, daily per diem \$550.00, no benefits, as presented in: Exhibit: VII-2
3. Recommend to approve Robert Delengowski as purchasing agent.
4. Recommend to approve Robert Delengowski for up to 20 hours at \$60.00 per hour for orientation/training during the month of June 2024.
5. Recommend to approved 2024-2025 VCEA Staff Contracts as presented in: Exhibit: VII-5
6. Recommend to accept retirement letter of Susan Anderson, Secretary effective September 1, 2024, with regret and as presented in: Exhibit: VII-6
7. Recommend to approve Julia Iannelli, Step 1 as full-time Instructional Aide for the 2024-2025 school year at the VSSA negotiated contracted salary including 113 college credits completed, with benefits, pending fingerprint and PL 2018, Chapter 5 clearance. This is a resignation replacement.

Ms. Iannelli is a graduate of the Ventnor Educational Community Complex and has been substituting for the past several years. She is currently enrolled at Stockton for education. Ms. Iannelli previously worked at the Ventnor Montessori school as an instructional assistant. Julia is very excited to join the preschool team. Welcome home, Julia!

8. Recommend to approve Jeanne Girard Office/Residency Clerk for 2024/2025 effective August 1, 2024 at the VSSA negotiated contracted salary for Clerks Step 4 plus applicable base salary increase for 120 college credits completed, with benefits. Jeanie has been a preschool instructional aide for the district for the past three years. She has prior experience covering the elementary office.
9. Recommend to approve Ms. Michelle Guadalupe as full-time Instructional Aide for the 2024-2025 school year, step placement (2023-24 at step 4 plus 224 credits) and salary with benefits to be determined by the VSSA negotiated agreement, pending fingerprint and PL 2018, Chapter 5 clearance. This is a resignation replacement.  
  
Ms. Guadalupe joins the Ventnor Educational Community Complex as a preschool instructional aide after several years working in Absecon schools as a paraprofessional working with students in an inclusion program. Prior to becoming an instructional aide, she was a certified nurse. She has been described by her references as someone who is dedicated to her students as well as eager to help anyone. She is looking forward to being with the preschool team.
10. Recommend to approve Ms. Danielle Meeker, MA+30, Step 1 as full-time School Psychologist for the 2024-2025 school year at the VCEA negotiated contracted salary of \$65,976, with benefits. This is a resignation replacement.

Ms. Meeker is a graduate of Rowan University with a Masters including certification as NJ School Psychologist. Ms. Meeker completed a practicum experience at Davies and her internship at Mainland Regional High School. During her internship, Ms. Meeker was responsible for

testing, reviewing IEPs, meeting with student/student groups, attending I&RS and CST meetings as well as working with the 18-21 students during their weekly workdays. Ms. Meeker was described by her reference as a team player who is extremely student centered. She is looking forward to joining the child study team.

11. Recommend to approve Mrs. Julie Rotz, MA+30, Step 9 as 3/5 Speech Language Pathologist for the 2024-2025 school year at the VCEA negotiated contracted pro-rated salary of \$48,225.60, no benefits, pending fingerprint and PL 2018, Chapter 5 clearance. This replaces the itinerant SLP services provided through ACSSSD.

Mrs. Rotz graduated from LaSalle University with a Master's in Speech Language. She continued her studies to obtain a master's in special education and certification in ABA therapy. Mrs. Rotz most recently served in an itinerant SLP position here at the Ventnor Educational Community Complex working primarily with our Middle School students. Previously, she was at Atlantic County Special Services working with students from 3 years to 21 years old. Mrs. Rotz is excited to join the Child Study Team and continue to provide services to our students.

12. Recommend to approve Ms. Olivia Penza, step 1, as full-time instructional aide for the 2024/2025 school year at the VSSA negotiated contracted salary including 123.5 credits, with benefits, pending fingerprinting and PL2018, Chapter 5 clearance. This is a resignation replacement.

Ms. Penza graduated from The University of the Arts with a bachelors degree in Graphic Design. She continued her art studies at Moore College of Art in a post-baccalaureate certification program. Ms. Penza was an assistant art teacher at the Noyes Museum. Ms. Penza enjoys working with young students fostering a love of creativity. She will be joining our preschool instructional aide staff.

13. Recommend to approve Evan Shea for Summer Tech position at the hourly rate of \$20.00, not to exceed 250 hours. (Originally approved for 50 hours in error.)

## VIII. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

## IX. USE OF FACILITY

## X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Whereas the Ventnor City Board of Education finds a need to discuss matters that are exempt from public discussion pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, be it resolved that that Ventnor City Board of Education hereby adjourns to a session from which the public must be excluded for the following reasons allowable under the Act (*read or check all that apply*):

- 1. Matters rendered confidential by State or Federal law;
- 2. Matters which could impair the right to receive federal funds;
- 3. Matter which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in public;
- 4. Negotiations;
- 5. Discussions involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, the setting of bank rates, or the investment of public funds, where disclosure could adversely affect the public interest;
- 6. Discussions of tactics and techniques used in protecting the safety and property of the public;
- 7. Discussions of pending or anticipated litigation, contract negotiations, and matters falling under attorney-client privilege;

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Personnel;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Deliberations after a public hearing.

**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. Executive Session is expected to last \_\_\_\_\_ (insert number) minutes/hours (select) and action/no action (select) is anticipated afterwards.**

**X1. ADJOURNMENT**