

VENTNOR CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session Meeting – September 25, 2024 – 5:00 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 17, 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
Mr. Robert Delengowski, Interim Bus. Admin/Board Sec.
Ms. Sanu Dev, Esq., School Solicitor

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PRESENTATION

1. Superintendent Update – Dr. Carmela Somershoe
2. Facility Update – Alex Pitre

Exhibit:

III-2

3. Honoring Retiree Theresa Kennish – Dr. Carmela Somershoe

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 Regular and Executive Session Minutes of August 28, 2024 as presented in:
2. Recommend to approve the Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:30-2.12 (b) that as of July 31, 2024 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:23A-2.11(a)1. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-2.11(c)2, it is certified that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts and sources for the months of July, 2024

Exhibit: V-1

Handout

Recommend to approve the Board of Education’s Monthly Certification: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-2.11(c) 4, the Ventnor Board of Education certifies that

as of July, 2024 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:23A-2.11(b), that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year and

Recommend to approve acknowledging receipt of the Statements of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and the Board Secretary’s reports which are in agreement for the periods ending July 30, 2024.

Recommend to approve line item transfers for the months ending July, 2024

3. Recommend to approve September 2024 Bill Lists as presented in:

Exhibit: V-3

4. Recommend 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:

Alex Pitre	School IPM Coordinators: 2024-2025 Training	Sicklerville, NJ	1/10/25	\$25
Chelsea Hoffman	CASCA Fall Mini Conference	Galloway, NJ	11/1/24	No Charge
Michael Capizola	Climate Change Learning Collaborative	Woodstown, NJ	10/17/24	No Charge
John Spencer	Brainstorm Educational Technology Conference	Poconos, PA	11/17/24, 11/18/24 and 11/19/24	\$688

All mileage will be paid at the applicable State reimbursement rate.

5. Recommend to approve School Business Administrator to advertise for public bid for Rooftop HVAC Units project #5350-040-24-1000-P.

6. Recommend to approve payment of \$2,352.72 Summer course 2024 reimbursement for Jenna DiMauro as per terms of the Ventnor City Education Association Agreement.

7. Recommend to approve the following transportation jointures for 2024/2025:

Exhibit: V-7

As host with the Margate Board of Education as joiner to provide transportation for Margate students as follows:

- Up to 36 students on ACM1 to Atlantic City High School at a cost of \$56,070.00
 - 22 students on HS3 to Holy Spirit High School at a cost of \$26,017.98
 - 8 students on VVT1 to Atlantic County Institute of Technology at a cost of \$17,064.72
 - 18 students on OCHS1 to Ocean City High School at a cost of \$21937.67
 - Up to 54 students on OCHS2 to Ocean City High School at a cost of \$66,097.00
 - Up to 1 student on YCH1 to Yale Cherry Hill at a cost of \$65,419.20
- Plus 5% administrative fees totaling \$12630.34, for a total contract of \$265,236.57.

As host with Atlantic City Board of Education as joiner to provide transportation for Atlantic City students as follows:

- 3 students on OCHS1 to Ocean City High School at a cost of \$3,656.28
Plus 5% administrative fees totaling \$182.81, for a total contract of \$3,839.09

As host with Brigantine Board of Education as joiner to provide transportation for Brigantine students as follows:

- 9 students on VCT1 to Charter Tech High School at a cost of \$24,768.00
- 24 students on OCHS1 to Ocean City High School at a cost of \$29,802.11
Plus 5% administrative fees totaling \$2,728.51, for a total contract of \$57,298.62.

8. Recommend to approve The Daytime Solution by Walsh Legacy, LLC to provide home instruction at the rate of \$75.00 per hour per student as presented in: Exhibit: V-8
9. Recommend to approve sick and vacation payout to employees for retirement and end-of-contract, as per the VCEA and VSSA contracts, in the amount of \$89,690.20 and as presented in: Exhibit: V-9
10. Recommend to approve 2024-2025 contract for participation in Cooperative Transportation Services with Cape May County shared services at a per diem cost of \$246.42, totaling \$44,355.60 and as presented in: Exhibit: V-10
11. Recommend to approve tuition contract with Atlantic County Special Services in the amount of \$36,425.00 and as presented in: Exhibit: V-11
12. Recommend to approve general tuition contract with Cape May Special Services school district, as presented in: Exhibit: V-12
13. Recommend to approve entry into Camden County Educational Services Commission to participate in a cooperative pricing system for goods and services, as presented in: Exhibit: V-13
14. Recommend to approve submission of projected pre-school enrollment for 2025-26, as presented in: Exhibit: V-14

VI. POLICIES

VII. PERSONNEL

ALL ITEMS ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

1. Recommend to approve Jack Baldi as Girls Track Coach for the 2024-2025 school year per the negotiated contracted stipend.
2. Recommend to approve Klaudia Advena as Site Manager for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Recommend to approve Michael Capizola for the following stipend positions:
 - Middle School Academic After School
 - Activity Site Manager
 - Middle School Detention Proctor
4. Recommend to approve Cieran McGreevy as substitute Maintenance Worker at a rate of \$35.00 per hour.

- 5. Recommend to approve Klaudia Advena as Mentor for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 6. Recommend to approve Chaperones for the 2024-2025 school year as presented in: Exhibit: VII-6
- 7. Recommend to approve FMLA leave of absence for employee #4596 effective August 26, 2024 through October 7, 2024. Leave will be a combination of paid sick days, paid personal days, and paid vacation days.
- 8. Recommend to approve Catherine Evinski for home instruction at an hourly rate of \$53.00 for student #163327 for 10 hours per week.

VIII. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- 1. Recommend to approve Field Trip Request as presented in: Exhibit: VIII-1
- 2. Recommend to approve Field Trip Request as presented in: Exhibit: VIII-2
- 3. Recommend to approve Field Trip Request as presented in: Exhibit: VIII-3
- 4. Recommend to approve Field Trip Request as presented in: Exhibit: VIII-4
- 5. Recommend to approve Field Trip Request as presented in: Exhibit: VIII-5
- 6. Recommend to approve Field Trip Request as presented in: Exhibit: VIII-6
- 7. Recommend to approve Field Trip Request as presented in: Exhibit: VIII-7

IX. USE OF FACILITY

- 1. Recommend to approve Ventnor Recreation to use the large and small gym from October 10, 2024 through May, 2025 on Thursdays from 4:30pm to 6:30pm for Soccer and as presented in: Exhibit: IX-1

X. INFORMATION

- 1. Drills: Fire Drill: 9/11/24; Security Drill: Lockdown: 9/18/24
- 2. VECC Monthly Enrollment Item: X-2
- 3. Monthly Suspension Reports Item: X-3
- 4. Elementary and Middle School Individual Incident Reports No Item
- 5. VECC Out of District Tuition Report for 2024/2025 Handout
- 6. Payroll Timesheet Report of September, 2024 Item: X-6

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XII. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

XIII. 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.

XV. ADJOURNMENT