

**VENTNOR CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Session Meeting – August 28, 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 – Ron Fenton

Exhibit: III-2

**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 July 24, 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 June 30, 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 June, 2024 and 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 June, 2024, 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 June 30, 2024.

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

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

Exhibit: V-3

4. Recommend to approve renewal contracts with Safety Bus Services Inc. for the 2023-2024 School Year as follows:

- AC1 to Atlantic City High School at a cost of \$56,464.20
- AC2 to Atlantic City High School at a cost of \$76,514.00
- HS3 to Holy Spirit High School at a cost of \$60,314.00
- Routes A-1, A-2 and A-3 After School at per diem of \$95.71 each; 72 days;
- ACM1 to Atlantic City High School at a cost of \$56,070.00
- AC3 to Atlantic City High School at a cost of \$56,464.00
- VEC1/VEC2/VEC3/VEC4 to VECC at a cost of \$44,672.00 each
- VVT to ACIT at a cost of \$84,524
- VCT to Charter Tech High School at a cost of \$55,040.00
- OCHS1 to Ocean City High School at a cost of \$65,613.00
- OCHS2 to Ocean City High School at a cost of \$66,097.80
- LP to Ross and Tighe Schools at a cost of \$48,247.00
- Total annual contract price \$825,453.36

5. Recommend to approve the following Purchase Orders in excess of \$6,600:

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| • SHI – 12 month subscription Microsoft Security (per user) | \$5,100           |
| • SHI – 12 month subscription Unified Edu Sub (per user)    | <u>\$8,100</u>    |
|   | \$13,100          |
| • Blum, USA -GoGaurdian Admin with Fleet, DNS& AdDeflect    | \$4,047.75        |
| • Blum, USA – GoGaurian Teacher with Video Conferencing     | <u>\$4,047.75</u> |
|   | \$8,095.75        |
| • CM3 – Replacement of split system in room 215             | \$10,552.00       |
| • CDW Interactive Flat Panels                               | \$11,792.78       |

**6. 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:**

Carmela Somershoe	ACASA	Various	9/20/24, 10/25/24, 11/22/24, 12/13/24, 1/17/25, 2/28/25, 3/2/25, 4/11/25, 5/16/25, 6/13/25	No charge
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All mileage will be paid at the applicable State reimbursement rate.

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

**VI. POLICIES**

**VII. PERSONNEL**

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

1. Recommend to accept resignation of Ronald Fenton, Director of Facilities effective October 1, 2024, with regret and as presented in: Exhibit: VII-1
2. Recommend to approve Janet Franconerri for the Free and reduced lunch stipend of \$2000.
3. Recommend to approve Jaime Smith as a mentor teacher for the 2024-25 school year.
4. Recommend to approve Erin Schiavo and Catherine Eviniski for home instruction for student #163134 at a rate of \$53 per hour for 5 hours a week.
5. Recommend approve the revised job description for Supervisor of Facilities and Custodial as presented in: Exhibit: VII-5
6. Recommend to approve Alex Pitre as the Supervisor of Facilities and Custodial at an annual salary of 78,000 pro-rated to start date with benefits, pending fingerprint and PL 2018, Chapter 5 clearance.
7. Recommend to approve contract with Cieran McGreevy as full-time Maintenance Worker with annual salary of \$60,000.00 pro-rated to start date with benefits, pending fingerprint and PL 2018, Chapter 5 clearance.
8. Recommend to approve Laura Jenner for the following Stipend positions:
  - Middle School Academic After School
  - Detention Proctor
9. Recommend to approve Volunteer/Chaperone List for the 2024-2025 school year and as presented in: Exhibit: VII-9
10. To approve contract for Beth Steinen, as School Business Administrator for the period of September 3, 2024 thru June 30, 2025 per the attached contract, pending approval by the Atlantic County Superintendent and as presented in: Handout

11. Recommend to approve Jill Lombardi placement from the B.A.+30 scale to the M.A.scale effective September 1, 2024.

## 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 the District Mentoring Plan as presented in: Exhibit: VIII-3

## IX. USE OF FACILITY

1. Recommend to approve use of facilities for the old gym on Thursdays from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and Saturdays from 1:00pm to 3:00pm for the Geezers Basketball for the 2024-2025 school year and as presented in: Exhibit: IX-1
2. Recommend to approve use of facilities for the community room on Saturdays (semi-monthly) from 10:00am to 11:00am from September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for Daisy Girl Scout troop for activities and as presented in: Exhibit: IX-2

## X. INFORMATION

1. Drills: Fire Drill: 8/7/24; Security Drill: Lockdown: 8/19/24
2. VECC Monthly Enrollment Item: X-2
3. Monthly Suspension Reports No Item
4. Elementary and Middle School Individual Incident Reports No Item
5. Monthly School Cafeteria Report No Item
6. VECC Out of District Tuition Report for 2024/2025 No Item
7. Payroll Timesheet Report of August, 2024 Item: X-7
8. Recommend to approve VHSA 2024-2025 Calendar of Events Item: X-8

## 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**