

VENTNOR CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Session Meeting – March 6, 2024 – 3:30 pm

In Compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided. On January 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, President
Mrs. Kim Bassford, Vice-President
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. 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.

IV. FINANCE

1. Recommend to approve of the following:

Be it resolved to approve the tentative 2024-2025 school budget of the Ventnor School District for submission to the Executive County Superintendent as follows:

General Fund: \$20,699,837
Special Revenue Fund: \$2,749,137

Total budget: \$23,448,974

Tax Levy

Be it further resolved to acknowledge that the 2024-2025 tentative budget described above results in a general fund tax levy of \$16,530,371

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 travel and expense reimbursement for the 2024-2025 school year, now therefore be it resolved that the Ventnor Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2024-2025 school year at the sum or \$50,000.00, excluding Federal funds, and the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded. The travel amount spent year to date for 2023-2024 is \$10,548.54 as of March 1, 2024.

Professional Services Limits

Pursuant to 6A:23A-5.2, the Board of Education establishes the following limits for professional services for the 2024-2025 school year:

Auditor	\$30,000.00
Solicitor	\$75,000.00
Architect/Engineer	\$300,000.00
Public Relations	\$0.00

2. **Recommend to approve Preschool Education Aid 2024-25 District Enrollment and Planning and Budget Narrative as presented in:**

Exhibit: IV-2

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Board of School Estimates – March 28, 2024 – 4:30pm**
2. **Recommend to Luke Duff's proposal to lead employee workout sessions in the small gym as presented in:**

Exhibit: V-2

VI. ADJOURNMENT