

VENTNOR CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session Meeting – March 26, 2025 – 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. Lori Abbott
Mr. Michael Advena
Dr. John C. Baker
Mr. Michael Hagelgans
Mr. James Quinlan

Dr. Carmela Somershoe, Superintendent
Mrs. Beth Steinen, Business 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
3. Budget Public Hearing – Beth Steinen

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 Session Minutes of March 6, 2025 and March 18, 2025 as presented in: Exhibit: V-1
2. Recommend to approve a tuition contract for 3/3/2025 to 6/30/2025 with Gloucester County Special Services School District for \$16,839.07, as well as a one-to-one aide contract for \$16,401, for a total of \$33,240.07.
3. Recommend to approve March 2025 Bill Lists as presented in: Exhibit: V-3
4. Recommend to approve 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented in: Exhibit: V-4
5. Recommend to approve quoted transportation contract for Route BB1 (Ventnor to Gloucester County Special Services School District) from 3/11/2025 to 5/27/2025 at a daily rate of \$496.95, which includes a one-to-one bus aide, for a total of \$24,350.55. This was the lowest of four received quotes.

6. Recommend to approve a tuition contract with Cape May County Special Services School District for the following:

- \$38,750 tuition plus a non-resident fee of 11,000, for a total of \$\$49,750 for each student for the 2025/2026 school year
- \$30,240 cost for each one-to-one aide for the 2025/2026 school year
- \$3500/student, plus one-to-one aide at \$3,025 for ESY from 7/1/25 to 7/31/25

7. Recommend to approve the Resolution for Participation in Joint Transportation Agreement with Atlantic County Special Services School District. Specific routes will be brought to the Board for approval as they develop.

8. 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:

Beth Steinen	NJASBO Audit Review	Whippany, NJ	4/15/2025	\$145
Beth Steinen	NJASBO Conference	Atlantic City	6/4/25-6/6/25	\$500

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

9. Recommend to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford F350 truck with stainless steel dump body and plow for \$84,113.28 from Cherry Hill Winner Ford (under state contract). Current 2015 F350 truck is rusted throughout; repairs to body will cost more than value of truck. Also recommend to approve listing current truck on Govdeals (or similar auction site) to highest bidder and as presented in: Exhibit: V-9

VI. POLICIES

VII. PERSONNEL

ALL ITEMS ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

1. Recommend to approve the following substitute teachers for the 2024-2025 school year pending paperwork:

Joya Roy	County
Deborah Ribeiro	State

2. Recommend to approve the 2024-2028 Memorandum of Agreement between the Ventnor Administrators Association and the Ventnor City Board of Education. Exhibit: VII-2

3. Recommend to approve AJ Reynolds at a rate of \$18.00 an hour as a substitute bus aide.

4. Recommend to approve an intermittent FMLA for employee #4826 from 4/10/2025 through the end of the current school year.

5. Recommend to revise the previously approved Family Leave request for employee #4917 to begin 3/17/2025.

6. Recommend to approve Chaperones for the 2024-2025 school year as presented in: Exhibit: VII-6

VIII. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

IX. USE OF FACILITY

1. Recommend to approve the Ventnor Recreation to use the new and old gyms for Youth Soccer from March 11, 2025 through June 19, 2025 on Mondays from 5:00pm to 7:30pm and as presented in: Exhibit: IX-1
2. Recommend to approve Park Avenue Worldwide busing company to use the large parking lot on weekends to drop off and pick up people from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend and as presented in: Exhibit: IX-2

X. INFORMATION

1. Drills: Fire Drill: 3/11/25; Shelter in Place: TBD
2. VECC Monthly Enrollment Item: X-2
3. Monthly Suspension Reports Item: X-3
4. Elementary School Individual Incident Reports Item: X-4
5. VECC Out of District Tuition Report for 2024/2025 No Item
6. Payroll Timesheet Report of March, 2025 Item: X-6
7. Geezer Basketball Donation Letter Item: X-7

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