

VENTNOR CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session Meeting – June 26, 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
Ms. Terri Nowotny, 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
3. Honoring Retired Staff:

Exhibit: III-2

Carol Bergman
Bernadette Caspar
Joyce Cherry
Barbara Goldberg
Terri Nowotny
Lisa Petullo
Linda Renze
Rosemary Sarno
Mari Lynn Uliase

4. Honoring Teachers of the Year – Jenna DiMauro and Debbie Duff

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 Organization Minutes and Regular Session Minutes of May 16, 2024 and Special Session Minutes of June 10, 2024 and 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 May 31, 2024 no major budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual

Exhibit: V-1

Exhibit: V-2

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 month of May, 2024

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 May, 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 period ending May 31, 2024.

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

3. Recommend to approve June, 2024 Bill List as presented in:
4. Recommend to accept the following report: Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47, the Ventnor Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the Board of Education. These contracts are, and have been, in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18.et.seq, NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements 2CFR, Part 200. Compliance with new contracts, not listed here, will be addressed prior to Board action.

Exhibit: V-3

- Alarm Monitoring
- Architect/Engineer
- Attendance Software
- Attorney
- Auditor
- Banking and Investment
- Boiler and Generator Repairs and Maintenance
- Broadband Services
- Cable Services
- Cooperative Purchasing
- Custodial Services
- Energy Supplier
- E-Rate Services Consultant
- Financial Accounting Software
- Food Service Management Company
- HVAC Controls and Maintenance
- Insurance Agent – Benefits
- Insurance Agent – General
- Itinerant Services
- Labor Counsel
- Mobile applications
- Network and IT Support

Nutrition Education
Payroll Services
Pest Control
School Boards Association
School Physician/Medical Inspector
Special Education Compliance Software
Special Education Services – Consultants, Evaluations, Therapy Services
Student Information System
Teacher and Principal Evaluation
Technology Services including Website and Software
Telecommunications
Transportation Services
Tuition

5. Recommend to approve submission of 2023/2024 Extraordinary Aid application. If fully funded, the grant would provide \$138,262 for 4 students (90% of in district costs over \$40,000 and 75% of out of district costs over \$55,000).
6. Recommend to approve Atlantic County Special Services Extended School Year tuition contract for 6 students at a cost of \$605 per week for 5 weeks (4 days per week) plus 1 student personal aide charge of \$605 per week for 5 weeks.
7. Recommend to approve contract to provide Margate Board of Education with Cafeteria Services for the 2024-25 school year as presented in: Exhibit: V-7
8. Recommend approval of the following food service prices for the 2024/2025 school year:
LUNCH Full \$3.50; Reduced \$0.40; Student Ala Carte \$2.35; Milk \$0.65
Adult \$4.00; Adult Ala Carte \$2.65; Adult Salad \$5.00
BREAKFAST Full \$2.25; Reduced \$0.30; Adult \$2.55
9. Recommend to adopt the following resolution: Transfer of Current Year Surplus to Reserve:

WHEREAS, NJAC 6a-14.3 AND 14.4 permit a Board of Education to deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Ventnor Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into Tuition and Maintenance Reserve Accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Ventnor Board of Education anticipates total tuition costs of \$2,473,156 including tuition adjustments with Atlantic City High School for the 2024/2025 budget of \$302,000, and

WHEREAS, the Ventnor Board of Education has determined that up to \$450,000 is available for such purpose of transfers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Ventnor Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make a transfer of up to \$400,000 to Tuition Reserve and up to \$50,000 to Maintenance Reserve consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

10. Recommend to approve the 2024/2025 Itinerant/Shared Services Agreement and Rates through Atlantic County Special Services as presented in: Exhibit: V-10
11. Recommend to approve Atlantic County Special Services to provide ESY transportation to ACSSSD for up to 6 students at \$1,800 per student, total cost \$10,800.
12. Recommend to approve 2024/2025 Behavior/Educational Consultation with Brett DiNovi & Associates at costs of \$57.50 per hour Clinical Associates and \$130 per hour Behavior Consultant, \$320,000 estimated annual local cost, \$32,760 paid through preschool grant as presented in: Exhibit: V-12
13. Recommend to approve 2024/2025 Consultant Agreement with Dr. Thomas O'Reilly/Medford Family Psychiatry at a costs of \$575 per evaluation and \$300 per hour consultation, \$10,000 estimated annual cost.
14. Recommend to approve contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. to provide 2024/2025 RN/LPN for transportation to/from ACSSSD for one student at \$65.00 per hour RN and \$55.00 per hour LPN minimum 3 hours and as presented in: Exhibit: V-14
15. Recommend to approve contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. to provide 2024/2025 In-School Nursing Services at \$85.00 per hour RN services as presented in: Exhibit: V-15
16. Recommend to approve contract with MJ KIDZ Educational Services for 2024/2025 Speech-Language services up to \$6,400 at rates presented in: Exhibit: V-16
17. Recommend to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with The Cooper Health System for 2024/2025 Neurological Evaluation services at \$375 per evaluation, \$7,500 estimated annual cost.
18. Recommend to approve quoted transportation contract YCH1-ESY to Loyalty Bus Transportation for summer school to YALE Cherry Hill at a per diem cost of \$375.00 with \$1.50 per mile adjustment cost for 30 days, total cost \$11,250.00. This was the lowest responsive of 5 quotes received.
19. Recommend to approve 2024-2025 Itinerant Services Agreement with Cape May County Special Services School District as presented: Exhibit: V-19
20. Recommend to approve summer 2024 tuition for 1 Naples placement student (ID#9378992011) at Cambridge School in Mercer County at a cost of \$4,250 for four weeks plus Occupational Therapy, Speech and SCS sessions totaling an additional \$2,440.
21. Recommend to approve quoted transportation contract ESY-CAM to Paradise Transportation for summer school to Cambridge School at a per diem cost of \$497.00 with \$1.00 per mile adjustment cost for 19 days, total cost \$9,443.00. This was the lowest of 5 quotes received.
22. Recommend to approve Bluum USA, Inc. (f.k.a. Troxell Communications Inc.) for purchase of projector and lens under NJ State contract at a total cost of \$7,889.21 as presented in: Exhibit: V-22
23. Recommend to approve quoted transportation contract ESY-MDS to Loyalty Bus Transportation for summer school to Mary A Dobbins School at a per diem cost of \$390.00 for 30 days, total cost \$11,700.00. This was the lowest of 5 quotes received.

24. **Recommend to approve quoted transportation contract YNF-ESY to Loyalty Bus Transportation for summer school to YALE Northfield at a per diem cost of \$173.00 for 30 days, total cost \$5,190.00. This was the lowest of 4 quotes received.**
25. **Recommend to approve 2024-2025 tuition for 1 Naples placement student (ID#9378992011) at Cambridge School in Mercer County at the per diem rate of \$378.35 for 164 days; total \$62,050 plus related services estimated at a total cost of \$20,460.**
26. **Recommend to approve SHI for purchase of 8 APC UPS (Uninterruptible power supply) under NJSBA ACES Contract at a total cost of \$17,763.44 as presented in:** **Exhibit: V-26**
27. **Recommend to approve Intellicom Systems Inc for purchase of replacement Intercom/PA system at a total cost of \$33,857 as presented in:** **Exhibit: V-27**
28. **Recommend to approve 55 Dell Latitude computers from Ocean Computer through state contract at a total cost of \$38,492.30 as presented in:** **Exhibit: V-28**
29. **Recommend to approve Spectrum Fitness, LLC to provide Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapy Services as needed at the rate of \$85.00 per hour effective July 1, 2024 through September 1, 2024 and September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 as presented in:** **Exhibit: V-29**
30. **Recommend to approve the following insurance policies for 2024-25:**

Policy Coverage	Fund/Company	Premium
Package/Excess Liability	School Alliance Insurance Fund (SAIF)	\$163,309
Federal Flood	Assurant	\$4,254
Statutory Bonds	Travelers (Nowotny)	\$744
Statutory Bonds	Travelers (Franconeri)	\$468
Student Accident	Bollinger Ins	\$5,093
Workers Compensation	Diploma JIF	\$124,071

VI. POLICIES

VII. PERSONNEL

ALL ITEMS ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

1. **Be it resolved that the Ventnor Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement and attached salary guides between it and the Ventnor Support Staff Association dated June 10, 2024 and covering the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027; and as presented in:** **Exhibit: VII-1**
2. **Recommend to approve contract with Ronald Fenton as Supervisor of Facilities for the 2024-2025 School Year, annual salary of \$86,845.00 with benefits as presented in:** **Exhibit: VII-2**
3. **Recommend to approve contract with Janet Franconeri as Business Office Confidential Clerk for the 2024-2025 School Year, annual salary of \$45,938.00 with benefits as presented in:** **Exhibit: VII-3**
4. **Recommend to approve contract with Julio Garcia as F/T Maintenance Worker for the 2024-2025 School Year, annual salary of \$63,185.00 with benefits as present in:** **Exhibit: VII-4**

5. **Recommend to approve contract with Patricia Pettigrosso as Food Service Director for the term July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024, salary of \$8,366.25 Plus \$291.66 longevity with benefits as presented in:** **Exhibit: VII-5**

6. **Recommend to approve contract with Alex Pitre as F/T Maintenance Worker/Custodial Supervisor for the 2024-2025 School Year, annual salary of \$64,171.00 with benefits as presented in:** **Exhibit: VII-6**

7. **Recommend to approve contract with Robert Rifkin as F/T Maintenance Worker for the 2024-2025 School Year, annual salary of \$63,438.00 with benefits as present in:** **Exhibit: VII-7**

8. **Recommend to approve contract with Lisa Wilson as Superintendent's Secretary for the 2024-2025 School Year, annual salary of \$63,727.00 plus \$2,250.00 longevity with benefits as presented in:** **Exhibit: VII-8**

9. **Recommend to approve payment of compensation for unused sick leave at retirement per terms of the Agreements with the Ventnor City Education Association and Ventnor Support Staff Association (all days are pending final attendance):**
 - Carol Bergman - \$9,590.62
(75% of 170.5 days at \$75 each, lump sum payable July 2024)
 - Joyce Cherry - \$4,237.50
(50% of 113 days at \$75 each, lump sum payable July 2024)
 - Bernadette Caspar - \$650.00
(25% of 65 days at \$40 each, lump sum payable July 2024)
 - Linda Renze - \$11,295.00
(75% of 251 days at \$60.00 each, half payable July 2024, half payable January 2025)
 - Rosemary Sarno - \$10,559.22
(2/3 of \$83.83 daily wage of 188 days, half payable July 2024, half payable January 2025)

10. **Recommend to approve payment of unused vacation days at retirement per terms of agreement with Terri Nowotny (pending final attendance): 3.5 days x 1/260 x \$130,000 = \$1,750.00.**

11. **Be it resolved that the Ventnor Board of Education approves the successor collectively negotiated agreement between it and the Ventnor City Education Association covering the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, consistent with the Memorandum of Agreement dated May 16, 2024, and as presented in:** **Exhibit: VII-11**

Be it further resolved that the Board President and Board Secretary are authorized to execute the final contract document incorporating the negotiated terms, once approved by the Board Solicitor.

VIII. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. **Recommend to approve LIEP Three Year Plan for school years 2023-2027.**

2. **Intervention and Referral Services Final report for 2023-2024 as presented in:** **Exhibit: VIII-2**

3. **Recommend to approve the 2023/2024 Nursing Services Plan as presented in:** **Exhibit: VIII-3**

4. **Recommend to approve the Elementary Code of Conduct revisions as presented in:** **Exhibit: VIII-4**

5. **Recommend to approve review and submission of Student Safety Data report. presented in:**

Exhibit: VIII-5

IX. USE OF FACILITY

1. **Recommend to approve Ventnor Recreation to use one classroom from July 22, 2024 through July 26, 2024 from 8:30am to 12:30pm for Chess Camp and as presented in:**
2. **Recommend to approve use of facilities for Luke Duff, VECC Be You But Make it the Best You to use the large and small gym from June 18, 2024 through September 5, 2024 from 7:00 am to 8:30 am and 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm Monday to Saturday and as presented in:**

Exhibit: IX-1

Exhibit: IX-2

X. INFORMATION

1. **Drills: Fire Drill: 6/5/24; Security Drill: 5/31/23;**
2. **VECC Monthly Enrollment**
3. **Monthly Suspension Reports**
4. **Middle School Individual Incident Reports**
5. **Monthly School Cafeteria Report**
6. **VECC Out of District Tuition Report for 2023/2024**
7. **Payroll Timesheet Report of June, 2024**
8. **VECC Green Team 2023-2024 School Year Report**

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Item: X-6

Item: X-7

Item: X-8

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XII. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

1. 2024-2025 District Goals:

- **Ventnor Public Schools will utilize local benchmarks and online tools to monitor and enhance student performance, while also tracking growth through teacher-led Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).**
- **Ventnor Public Schools will enhance mental health and social-emotional learning, empowering students to make responsible decisions, cultivate perseverance and grit while managing their own emotions and behaviors.**

2. Superintendent evaluation

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