

VENTNOR CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session Meeting – July 24, 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 June 26, 2024 as presented in:
2. No item.
3. Recommend to approve June and July, 2024 Bill Lists as presented in:
4. Recommend to approve the Title 1 District-School Parent and Family Engagement Pact FY25 as presented in:
5. Recommend to approve submission of the 2024-2025 ESEA Grant Application.

Exhibit: V-1

Exhibit: V-3

Exhibit: V-4

Title IA	\$427,641
Title IIA	\$ 35,522
Title III	\$ 2,715
Title IV	\$ 29,267

6. Recommend to approve Memorandum of Agreement for 2024-2025 for Title III Consortium and as presented in:

Exhibit: V-6

7. Recommend to approve submission of 2024-2025 IDEA Grant application as presented in:

Exhibit: V-7

IDEA Basic \$189,763
IDEA Preschool \$ 7,524

8. Recommend to approve group registration for NJSEA Workshop in Atlantic City, on October 22-25, 2024 at a cost of \$2,200 for up to 25 attendees.

9. Recommend to approve and accept the Food Service Management Company (FSMC) proposal, upon the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee, from Nutri-Serve Food Management, Inc.

EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBER NAME	POSITION
Dr. Carmela Somershoe	Superintendent
Robert Delengowski	Interim SBA
Lisa Wilson	Administrative Asst. to Superintendent

WHEREAS, proposals for the operation and management of the Ventnor City School District food service program were solicited and received in accordance with the public school contract law; and

WHEREAS, Nutri-Serve Management. Inc. was the only company that responded; and

WHEREAS, the committee of the Board reviewed the proposal submitted by Nutri-Serve for consistency with the specifications advertised;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved to award a contract to Nutri-Serve Food Management, Inc., for food service management services for the 2024-2025 school year with a management fee of \$40,000.00. A Guaranteed Return of \$10,000.00 and a total cost to the district of \$278,613.21.

VI. POLICIES

VII. PERSONNEL

ALL ITEMS ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

1. Recommend to accept resignation of Ashley Eiler, Elementary Teacher, with regret effective June 30, 2024 and as presented in:

Exhibit: VII-1

2. Recommend to approve Chenia Diaz at the hourly rate of \$15.13 per hour for ESY Summer School security, no more than 16 hours per week.

3. Recommend to approve FMLA request for employee number 4943 for 12 weeks beginning 9/1/24.

4. Recommend to approve Colette Ritzel as the Data Collection and Reporting Secretary at Step 6, \$48,583 per VSSA negotiated agreement, pending fingerprint and PL 2018, Chapter 5 clearance.

Colette has been working as a substitute here in Ventnor during this past school year. Her previous experience includes working as a financial analyst for The Federal Reserve and Harrah's as well as operating an online selling platform.

5. Recommend to approve FMLA for Holly Kennedy effective August 20, 2024 through November 19, 2024. Mrs. Kennedy will use all of her sick days, family sick days, 5 comp days and 8 vacation days and as presented in:

Exhibit: VII-5

6. Recommend to approve Stockton University student Victoria Povall for 80 hour Fall 2024 Clinical Practice I from September 9- December 17, 2024 with Mrs. Winesickle.

7. Recommend Ms. Anna Elmer for Anticipated Child Study Team secretary leave of absence beginning August 12, 2024 to on or about December 20, 2024. Step 1 secretary with benefits pending fingerprint and PL 2018, Chapter 5 clearance.

8. Recommend to approve 2024-2025 Substitute List as presented in:

Exhibit: VII-8

9. Recommend to approve Rachel Roda as an elementary teacher on Step 1 at \$ 63,076 per VSSA negotiated agreement, pending fingerprint and PL 2018, Chapter 5 clearance. Ms. Roda graduated from Rowan University with a bachelor's degree in Inclusive Education. She has NJ Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing in both Elementary Education K-6 and Teacher of Students with Disabilities K-6. Ms. Roda completed her student teaching at Folsom Elementary where she got experience in both special education and regular education classrooms for grade 2. Her references described her as enthusiastic, conscientious, organized and genuinely caring about student success. This is a resignation replacement.

VIII. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Recommend to approve the Ventnor Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan for the 24-25 school year as presented in:

Exhibit: VIII-1

2. Recommend to approve use of the Danielson Framework for teachers (2022) in compliance with NJ Achieve
3. Recommend to approve use of the Marshall evaluation rubric for administrative staff in compliance with NJ Achieve.
4. Recommend to approve the District/School Parent and Family Engagement Pact for FY 25 in compliance with ESEA, title 1.

5. Recommend to approval Middle School Falcon Code of Conduct as presented in:

Hand out

IX. USE OF FACILITY

1. Recommend to approve use of facilities for Werner Bus Lines to use the parking lot for a coach bus on July 13, 2024 - \$100.00.
2. Recommend to approve use of facilities for Industry Standard Events, LLC for use of the parking - \$500.00

X. INFORMATION

1. Drills: Fire Drill: 7/11/24; Security Drill:

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| 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. Monthly School Cafeteria Report | Item: X-5 |
| 6. VECC Out of District Tuition Report for 2023/2024 | No Item |
| 7. Payroll Timesheet Report of July, 2024 | Item: X-7 |
| 8. Fire system detector replacement scheduled to be installed by Siemens | |

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