

**VENTNOR CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Session Meeting – October 23, 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  
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 Exhibit: III-2
3. HIB Grade Self-Assessment for the 23-24 school year – Jenna DiMauro and Chelsea Hoffman Exhibit: III-3
4. NJSLA Presentation – Alison Richman

**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 September 25, 2024 as presented in: Exhibit: V-1
2. Recommend to approve the Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification: Handout  
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:30-2.12 (b) that as of August 31, 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 August, 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 August, 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 August 31, 2024.

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

3. Recommend to approve October 2024 Bill Lists as presented in: Exhibit: V-3
  
4. Recommend to approve 2024/2025 tuition contract with Atlantic City High, which includes:
  - 83 Regular Education students at \$22,257 each plus \$504,594.27 prior year adjustment
  - 14 Resource Room students at \$32,656 each less \$74,945 prior year adjustment
  - 1 Multiply Disabled at \$21,896, less \$861 prior year adjustment
  - 2 LLD at \$23,562 each, less \$2,333.50 prior year adjustment
  - 3 ID Mild at \$33,207 each, less \$60,828 prior year adjustmentTotal contract: \$2,838,782.77  
Amounts agree to budget.
  
5. Recommend to approve 2024-2025 tuition contract agreement for two McKinney-Vento students at Egg Harbor City School District for a total cost of \$42,220, as presented in: Exhibit: V-5
  
6. Recommend to approve transportation contract with Loyalty Bus for route EHT-CT-VEC for \$238/day at a maximum cost of \$22,400 through March 7, 2025. Route will be bid out if McKinney Vento status extends past March 7, 2025 as presented in: Exhibit: V-6
  
7. Recommend to appoint School Board Administrator Beth Steinen as the District's School Alliance Insurance Fund (SAIF) Commissioner.
  
8. Recommend to approve sick days payout to employees for end-of-contract due to privatization of cafeteria services, as per the VSSA contract, in the amount of \$1926.63, and as presented in: Exhibit: V-8
  
9. Recommend to revise the 2024/2025 transportation jointure with Margate City School District; the new amount has decreased to \$46,316 as a result of adding another district as joiner, as presented in: Exhibit: V-9
  
10. Recommend to approve the 2024/2025 transportation jointure as host with Ocean City School District as joiner with one student on route YCH1 from October 24, 2024 through the end of the school year at a cost of \$38,204.96, as presented in: Exhibit: V-10

**11. 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:

Cory Smith Aimee Scotti Luke Duff Lauri Baldi	Health & PE Professional Development	Somers Point, NJ	11/5/24	No Charge
Beth Steinen	NJASBO "Board Basics"	Robbinsville, NJ	11/20/24	\$50.00

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

12. Recommend to approve the 2024-2025 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan, as presented in: Exhibit: V-12
13. Recommend to approve the 2024-25 contract renewal for routes YNF to Yale Northfield and CAM to Cambridge School with Holcomb Transportation, LLC, at a total cost of \$79,976.64, as presented in: Exhibit: V-13
14. Recommend to approve replacement of 48 fire detectors at a cost of \$15,888.00 purchased from Siemens.

**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:

Sarahjane Hehre	County
Linda Newman	County

2. Recommend to approve Paige Elmer for Middle School Academic Afterschool program for the 2024-2025 school year at the negotiated hourly rate.
3. Recommend to approve Chaperones for the 2024-2025 school year as presented in: Exhibit: VII-3
4. Recommend to approve Mrs. Rafter for homebound instruction for student #162417 for 10 hours a week for at least two weeks.

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

- 6. Recommend to approve Field Trip Request as presented in: Exhibit: VIII-6
- 7. Recommend to approve Field Trip Request as presented in: Exhibit: VIII-7
- 8. Recommend to approve Field Trip Request as presented in: Exhibit: VIII-8
- 9. Recommend submission of the 2025-2026 Three-Year Preschool Program plan and Annual Update (via Microsoft Form Survey), District Contact chart and the Statement of Assurance (SOA) via New Jersey homeroom.
- 10. Recommend to approve the submission of the Title 1 Comparability Report.
- 11. Recommend to approve updated English Language Arts curriculum

**IX. USE OF FACILITY**

- 1. Recommend to approve use of the large and small gym for Ventnor Recreation for Basketball tryouts, practices and games from October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 through March, 2025 on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays starting from 4pm to 8pm and as presented in: Exhibit: IX-1

**X. INFORMATION**

- 1. Drills: Fire Drill: 10/17/24; Security Drill: Bus Evacuation: 10/1/24 Elementary/Middle
- 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 Item: X-5
- 6. Payroll Timesheet Report of October, 2024 Item: X-6

**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**