

CITY OF VINELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 13, 2021- COMBINED MEETING MINUTES

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The combined meeting of the City of Vineland Board of Education was held in the Landis Administration Building, 61 W. Landis Avenue, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 5:05 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. English presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta (telecon), Mrs. Codispoti, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Rivera, Mr. Sbrana, Mr. Silva, and Ms. Spinelli.

Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Sneathen, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Mercoli, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor, press, and public.

Absent: None.

Mr. English announced that in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law, commonly referred to as “The Sunshine Law,” the Vineland Board of Education has caused notice and posting of this meeting to be sent to the following, announcing the time and place thereof, agenda, etc.: The Daily Journal, SNJ Today, the Press of Atlantic City, Nuestra Comunidad, Visto Bueno, the Clerk - City of Vineland, and Administrative Office Public Bulletin Board.

Flag Salute:

Resolution:

Special

Presentation(s): Mr. Mike Garcia of Ford Scott Associates, LLC, presents the 2019-2020 Audit Report.

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Approval of

Minutes:

Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the minutes were approved from December 9, 2020, Combined Meeting.

All members voted “yes” except for Mr. Rivera who “abstained.”
(8-0-1)

Committee

Reports:

Solicitor

Report:

None.

Public

Comment:

Tara Myerson - District Teacher
Meghan Greenfield - District Teacher

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

PERSONNEL (1.1)

- 1.1 Approval of the following:
 a. Retirements, Resignations, Terminations, Leaves of Absence, Employment, Transfers
 b. Extracurricular Activities

All Members voted
 "yes."
 (9-0-0)

PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2.1 - 2.4)

- 2.1 Approval of district travel.

All Members voted
 "yes."
 (9-0-0)

- 2.2 Approval regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between
 the Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey, Inc. and the
 Vineland Public Schools for 2020-2021.

All Members voted
 "yes."
 (9-0-0)

- 2.3 Approval regarding the MOU Vineland Public School and Vineland Public
 Charter School as provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.
 The purpose of this MOU is to allow Vineland Public Charter to utilize
 Sgt. Dominick Pilla Middle School as an alternative evacuation site.

All Members voted
 "yes."
 (9-0-0)

- 2.4 Approval authorizing the Board Secretary to enter into an affiliation agreement
 for the 2020 - 2021 school year for the placement of students for field internship,
 student teaching, practicum, and observations with University of Phoenix University.

All Members voted
 "yes."
 (9-0-0)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (none)

FINANCE (4.1 - 4.15)

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4.1 Approval of budgetary transfers for General, School-Based and ECPA for November 2020.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

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4.2 Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports for November 2020.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

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4.3 Approval regarding the placement of Special Education students.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

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4.4 Approval regarding submission of the following grant applications:
 The FY 2021 Amended Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Application that includes carryover funds from FY2020 to the State of New Jersey Department of Education from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021
 - Basic Allocation (3-21).....\$3,607,071
 - Preschool Allocation (3-5).....\$ 108,300

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

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4.5 Approval regarding the submission and acceptance of the following grant which is on file with the Board Secretary:
 1. Power Foundation Education Initiative Grant application for Durand Elementary School STEM Program in the amount of \$3,600.
 2. Power Foundation Education Initiative Grant application for Wallace Middle School STEAM and STEM Programs in the amount of \$3,750.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

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| 1 | 2 | 4.6 Approval to accept the following funding:
- The NJ Youth Corps/Department of Labor and Workforce Development Grant through the Vineland Public Schools in the amount of \$360,000 | All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0) |
| 1 | 2 | 4.7 Approval regarding the revised renewal premiums of three Student Accident Policies with NJSIG through Biondi Insurance with total premiums of \$104,170.00 less COVID-19 credit of (12,896.20) equaling an updated total of \$91,273.80 effective September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021.
- KHH000276 QBE Compulsory - Premium \$85,000.00 less COVID-19 credit (12,750.00) = Total Due \$72,250.00
- US1346859 Cat Accident & Cat Cash - Premium \$17,708.00
- KSAL004009043209 Daycare - Premium \$1,472.00 less COVID-19 credit (146.20) = Total Due \$1,315.80 | All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0) |
| 1 | 2 | 4.8 Approval regarding the acceptance of the 2020 Dividend Release from the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund as provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board; Gene Mercoli, for the City of Vineland Board of Education in the amount of \$1,113,520.00. | All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0) |
| 1 | 2 | 4.9 Approval regarding the acceptable renewal of Boiler Insurance with Hartford Steam through Biondi Insurance effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, in the amount of \$14,775.11. | All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0) |
| 1 | 2 | 4.10 Approval regarding the resolution of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland School District, in the county of Cumberland, New Jersey, authorizing the appropriate school district officials and professional advisors to prepare and submit a long-range facilities plan amendment. | All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0) |

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

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4.11 Approval regarding the final settlement agreement and release in the matter of J.H. o/b/o J.H. v. City of Vineland Board of Education in accordance with the terms set forth in the settlement and release agreement executed on 12/9/20 and on file with the Board Secretary.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

4.12 Approval regarding the sales of the vehicle list which is on file with the Board Secretary to be auctioned on Gov. Deals.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

4.13 Approval regarding a resolution awarding a contract for providing Natural Gas supply for the County of Cumberland and the Cumberland County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System Identifier #181-ccccps; Bid #20-87 (Ugi Energy Services, Llc) (\$3.212 Per Dth) for the time period of one year, January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

4.14 Approval regarding the 2020 - 2021 Joint Transportation Agreement between Greater Egg Harbor Regional ACIT and the City Vineland Board of Education in the amount of \$1,137.94.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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4.15 Approval regarding the following Cumberland County Regional
 Cooperative Transportation initiatives:
 a. 2020-21 BID #3

All Members voted
 "yes."
 (9-0-0)

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Proposed Item(s)

for Review: Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Holmes, discussion and approval of a contract with New Jersey School Boards Association to assist the Board in the Superintendent search process. There was also a presentation by NJSBA representative, Mrs. Jane Kersher, regarding the Superintendent Search Process.

All members voted “yes” except for Mr. Silva and Mr. English who “abstained.”
(7-0-2)

Approval of

Bills: Bills incurred during November 2020.

Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Silva
All members voted “yes.”
(9-0-0)

Emergent

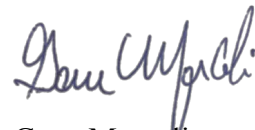
Item(s):

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Holmes, to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Mercoli
Board Secretary

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