

The Annual Organization meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held in the Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland New Jersey, on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6:02 p.m.

Flag Salute:

Temporary Chairman:

Dr. Gruccio, serving as temporary chairperson, 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 of this meeting to be sent to the following, announcing 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.

Members Sworn In:

Mr. DeSanto administered the oath of office to Cedric Holmes, Meghan Spinelli and Thomas Ulrich who took their seats on the Board for a term of three years.

Roll Call:

The following members were present: Ms. Acosta, Mr. Bordley, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Medio, Mr. Sbrana, Ms. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Mr. DeSanto reviewed the procedures for the election of Board President and Vice President.

Dr. Gruccio called for nominations for the office of President of the Board.

President:

Mr. Fiocchi nominated Mr. Bordley for Board President.

There were no other nominations for President of the Board of Education.

Dr. Gruccio closed nominations for President of the Board and asked for a vote to be taken for the nominee Mr. Bordley.

All Members voted "yes" for Mr. Fiocchi's nomination of Mr. Bordley for President of the Board of Education except Mr. Holmes who voted "no." The motion carried.

Mr. Bordley won the nomination of President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Bordley requested nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education.

Vice-President:

Mr. Jennings nominated Ms. Acosta for Vice President of the Board of Education.

There were no other nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Bordley closed nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education.

All Members voted “yes” for Mr. Jennings nomination of Ms. Acosta for Vice President of the Board of Education. The motion carried.

Ms. Acosta won the nomination of Vice President of the Board of Education.

Public Comments on
Agenda Items:

None.

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

Recommendations for approval to the Board by the Superintendent:

1. Re-adoption of By-Laws and Policies

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

2. Acceptance of the 2017 Annual School Election results

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

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Public Comments: None

Board Member
Comments:

Mr. Fiocchi welcomed Ms. Spinelli, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Ulrich and looks forward to a productive year.

Mr. Holmes welcomed everyone and thanked them for their support.

Mr. Jennings congratulated Mr. Holmes, Ms. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich on their victories and looks forward to a productive year. He said that he enjoyed the leadership position serving the district in 2017 but it is time to move on. Mr. Jennings congratulated Mr. Bordley and Ms. Acosta for stepping up to be our 2018 leaders. He said a lot of experience is sitting on this Board. Mr. Jennings thanked everyone for their time, efforts and contributions. He read the following quote that has put things into perspective for him “Being a good manager of people is knowing just when to get out of people’s way and let them do their job.” He wished everyone a happy new year.

Ms. Spinelli thanked everyone for coming out tonight. She said that she looks forward to working with everyone on the Board along with Dr. Gruccio and is eager to learn.

Mr. Ulrich thanked the voters for electing him into this position again. He congratulated Mr. Holmes and Ms. Spinelli and looks forward to working with them for a productive school year.

Mr. Sbrana welcomed Mr. Holmes, Ms. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich. He congratulated Mr. Bordley and Ms. Acosta on their leadership roles and looks forward to working with them. Mr. Sbrana is also looking forward to working with this group so decisions can be made that are in the best interest of our taxpayers, students, staff and administrators. He said there will be times when we will have unavoidable differences of opinion. Mr. Sbrana still thinks it is possible for us to reach consensus on the issue that is of greatest importance, which is to provide the best possible education to every student in our district and safe facilities that are staffed by well trained professionals. Mr. Sbrana said we are fortunate to have an administrative team with talent and a great deal of experience. He is optimistic that we could we could look forward to being “in the loop” at all times.

Ms. Acosta welcomed Mr. Holmes, Ms. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich. She said it is a huge commitment to give of yourself for others. Ms. Acosta wished everyone a very happy new year and is looking forward to working with them. She urged the public to attend the Board meetings and to be involved in your child's education. Ms. Acosta thanked everyone for their vote and will do her very best.

Dr. Gruccio thanked Mr. Carl Biletta for his donation of musical instruments to Memorial School and drafting materials to Vineland High School North. She thanked the maintenance crew who took the time in this cold weather to clean up the water at Johnstone School due to a broken pipe and Veterans Memorial School due to a sprinkler problem so our students can function in the building. Dr. Gruccio thanked security guard Chris Andritsopoulos for putting a fire out at Veterans Memorial School. She welcomed Mr. Holmes, Mr. Ulrich and Ms. Spinelli and congratulated Mr. Bordley and Ms. Acosta. She said her door is always open to any questions a Board member may have. Dr. Gruccio said she looks forward to working with this Board and as long as we remember that we are here to do what is best for children we will all be fine. She wished everyone a healthy, happy 2018.

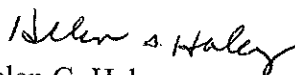
Board President
Comments:

Mr. Bordley thanked the Board for their confidence for electing him as President. He looks forward to working with everyone and continuing down the path that Mr. Jennings started to pave. Mr. Bordley thanked Mr. Jennings for his 2017 leadership and said it was an honor to serve next to him. He thanked his family and especially his wife, Beth, for all her love and support because it was a rough 2017. Mr. Bordley looks forward to hearing all the experience that Mr. Ulrich has. He also looks forward to helping Ms. Spinelli in her new journey and congratulated Mr. Holmes on the election.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Medio, seconded by Mr. Jennings, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. All Members voted "yes."

Respectfully submitted,


Helen G. Haley
Board Secretary

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