

The special meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 6:05 p.m. in the Reber Administration Building, Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, pursuant to notice with Mr. English presiding and the following members present: Ms. Codispoti, Mr. DeWinne, Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. Jennings, Ms. Morello, Mr. Pagano and Ms. Rios. Absent: none.

Also present: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey and Mr. Frangipani, Assistant Superintendents, Mrs. Haley, Interim Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel and Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor. Absent: None.

Mr. English announced that in compliance with the New Jersey 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, the Atlantic City Press, Clerk - City of Vineland, and Administrative Office Public Bulletin Board.

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Public Comments

on Agenda Items: None.

Special

Presentations: Mr. DeSanto explained the procedures for the interviews of the applicants for the Board vacancy. He said the candidate would answer 5 standard questions that they had received earlier that night and a 6th question would be asked at the end of their presentation.

Candidates

Presentations: Presentations to the Board were given in the following order by pulling names out of a container:

Peter D'Arrigo
Inez Acosta
Rudolph Harris
Dexter Gordon
David Jamil
Anthony Rizzo

Resolution: Mrs. Haley read a resolution to convene into executive session for the following reasons as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting. The nature of discussion is candidates for appointment as a Board Member. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity or person with respect to said discussion.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. DeWinne, seconded by Mr. DiGiorgio, the resolution passed. All Members voted “yes.”

The Board recessed to executive session at 7:08 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:11 p.m.

Mr. English thanked all the candidates for coming out this evening and representing themselves outstanding.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. DeWinne, seconded by Ms. Rios, to appoint Inez Acosta to fill the Board vacancy. All Members voted “yes.”

Mr. DiGiorgio voted “yes” and echoed the comments made by Mr. English. He said Vineland should be very proud for having this group of individuals as candidates for the Board vacancy. Mr. DiGiorgio said it was a very difficult decision and there is a deciding factor.

Ms. Morello said she hopes Mr. Jamil gets a teaching position because she would love to have him in a classroom with any child that she loved. She thanked all the candidates for coming out and for their wonderful ideas. Ms. Morello asked them not to disappear because they all have wonderful things to offer the district. She voted “yes” for Inez Acosta.

Mr. Pagano thanked all the candidates for taking the time and interest in the city. He voted “yes” for Inez Acosta.

Mr. English said it was a true breath of fresh air to see the passion at the podium tonight. He voted “yes” for Inez Acosta.

A five minute recess was taken at 8:16 p.m.

Member Sworn In: Mr. DeSanto administered the Oath of Office to Inez Acosta and she took her seat on the Board.

The special meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen G. Haley
Interim Board Secretary

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