

VINELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
RETREAT

Monday, March 2, 2015 @ 6:02 p.m.

Place: Reber Administration Building Board Room

Present: Mr. English, Presiding and the following members present Ms. Codispoti, Mr. DeWinne, Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. Jennings, Ms. Morello, Mr. Pagano and Ms. Rios. Also present Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey and Mr. Frangipani, Assistant Superintendents, Mrs. Haley, Board Secretary, Mrs. Salerno, Secretary to Superintendent, and Mr. Sbrana, Communications. Absent: Ms. Acosta, due to her daughter's birthday, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, and Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor.

Guests: Deborah Marko, Reporter, *The Daily Journal*

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.*

Flag Salute:

Mr. English introduced Ms. Charlene Zoerb, NJ School Boards Association Field Representative.

Ms. Zoerb reviewed the plans for the evening. She discussed the importance of having a retreat, hiring and setting goals. Ms. Zoerb said in regards to the Chief School Administrator (CSA) there are three conflicted Board members due to relatives working in the District. She reviewed the following slide presentations with the Board.

Power Point Presentation #1

"Chief School Administrator (CSA) Evaluation Process"

There was discussion of "indicators of student progress" and how are we measuring classroom success. We should look at how our schools rank with comparable schools. The Board should be spending a majority of their time on student achievement.

Once the evaluation has been entered, the full board will review the compilation document {no conflicted members}. It will be a summary narrative from the entire Board; not individual evaluation of the Superintendent.

Power Point Presentation #2

“Boards Matter!” Your Role in Student Achievement

Why are we here? Board members commented. What will you leave behind? What is your legacy?

We need to promote a positive image for the District.

Contact Sharon Siehl and let her know your issues. They are constantly on the state floor on behalf of Districts and can arrange meeting with legislators.

Power Point Presentation #3

School Board Wisdom from a Dozen Truths

It is a meeting in public, not a meeting of the public. The 12 Truths were discussed. Mr. English discussed the budget and said we need a united front and it is the Superintendent’s budget. There was discussion on the date for the Public Hearing. The Board decided to hold the Public Hearing at Veterans Memorial School on April 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. DeWinne credited Mr. English along with Mrs. Haley for the skinny budget. Mrs. Haley discussed some of the budget highlights and the tax impact.

There was discussion on the date for the goal setting for the Superintendent.

Mr. Frey said he is going to set up a Google calendar.

A motion was made by Ms. Morello, seconded by Ms. Codispoti to adjourn the retreat at 9:00 p.m.

Helen G. Haley
Board Secretary

