

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 6:14 p.m., in the Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, pursuant to notice with Mr. Medio presiding and the following members present: Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. English, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Mercado, Ms. Morello, Dr. Mounier, Ms. Rios and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Guccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Polof, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Ludy, Board Secretary and Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor. Absent: None.

Mr. Medio 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:

Public Comment
on Agenda Items:

None.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Mercado, seconded by Mr. English, to remove from the table the motion approving the hiring of Daniel Russo as a Physical Education Teacher at Vineland High School South. All Members voted "yes."

Mr. English said as he stated last week it was never about the person because he did not hear one negative thing about this person. He thanked the board members who voted to "table" this item. Mr. English thanked Dr. Guccio, Mr. Frey, Mrs. Polof and Mrs. Godlewski for answering all his questions in a timely fashion. He wanted to make sure we were not bumping anyone who was possibly promised something and trusts administration that we are not doing that. Mr. English said we need a football coach in that building and he is 200% positive that this position is needed for the current set up until future budget cuts come our way. He expressed his concern that answers were not at a click of the button and said the beginning of the next school year they will be or he will want some heads on a silver platter.

Mr. Ulrich said what bothers him the most is why information is not available in the system when a board member asks a reasonable question. He said we pay our administrators very well and we should have some accountability in this district.

Mr. DiGiorgio agreed with the comments made by Mr. Ulrich and Mr. English. He said we are on record stating that we want to look at every line item to see if the district is operating efficiently. Mr. DiGiorgio thanked Mr. English for the questions he asked on the physical education teacher because ultimately it is the board's responsibility to approve budgets and make sure the district runs well.

Ms. Morello said there are a lot of systemic problems that are administrative responsibilities. She said the implementation of any program has to have benchmarks, be monitored and issues have to be addressed. Ms. Morello said every agenda item should be backed up by data and information that could answer any question that arises. She said the board needs to make decisions that should be based on informed thoughts and there should be information for all agenda items. Ms. Morello said maybe we need to rethink starting three or four programs at a time. She said it does not help anybody to have four new programs that are partially implemented.

Mr. Jennings said there is nothing wrong with tabling an item that is why it is in *Roberts Rules*. He said everyone needs to look in the mirror and ask themselves if they are doing their job to the best of their abilities. Mr. Jennings said everyone in the city wants to see results from our education system and coaches.

Mr. English thanked Vineland High School North and South for all the information they supplied.

Mr. DiGiorgio said if there are operational questions and a kink in management, that the superintendent is aware of, the board needs to also be made aware of it. He said the only way we are going to correct something is if we know about it.

Dr. Guccio agrees with Mr. DiGiorgio and said the only way administration can correct something is if we know about it. She thanked Mr. English for his questions and said you can ask as many questions as you want to the central office team. Dr. Guccio said we may not have the answers but will find them. She said sometimes with questions they are made aware of issues. Dr. Guccio said when something is put into Genesis and the information is pulled up it should be correct. She said we directed that this was to be done months ago and assumed it was. Dr. Guccio appreciates that this item was tabled because it brought a lot of issues to light.

Motion: A motion was made Mr. Mercado, seconded by Mr. English, by to approve the hiring of Daniel Russo as a Physical Education Teacher at Vineland High School South. All Members voted “yes.”

Recommendations:

Public: Jose Guzman
 Mr. Guzman thanked the board for clearing his name.

 The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Ludy
Board Secretary

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