

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, April 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Flag Salute:

Temporary Chairman: Mr. Ottinger, 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 and posting of this Annual Organization meeting of the Board of Education.

Members Sworn In: Mr. DeSanto administered the oath of office to Diamaris Rios, Brian DeWinne and Ronald Franceschini who took their seats on the Board for a term of three years.

After the swearing in, each of the newly elected Board Members thanked those who supported them and expressed their enthusiasm for their service on the Board.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Ms. Arroyo, Mr. Bernardini, Mr. DeWinne, Mr. Fanucci, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Giordano, Ms. Rios, Mr. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich.

Also present were Mr. Ottinger, Superintendent, Mr. Franchetta, Board Secretary, Dr. Figgs, Dr. Gruccio and Mr. Peters, Assistant Superintendents, Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor, Mr. Sbrana, press and public. Absent: Ms. Greenfield, Executive Director of Personnel.

Mr. DeSanto reviewed the procedures to be used for the election of officers.

As temporary chairman, Mr. Ottinger respectfully asked for nominations for President of the Board of Education.

President: Mr. Bernardini nominated Mr. Giordano for President of the Board.

There were no other nominations for President of the Board.

Mr. Ottinger closed nominations for President of the Board.

All Members voted "yes" for Mr. Bernardini's nomination of Mr. Giordano for President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Giordano said it will be his pleasure once again to lead this board. He expressed gratitude to his colleagues for placing trust in him to fulfill the leadership role. Mr. Giordano promised that he will do his utmost best to lead this board.

Mr. Giordano said it has been his pleasure to work with the past board and will be a pleasure to work with the present board. Mr. Giordano said he knows the two newcomers and knows in his heart that their contributions will yield nothing but positive results.

Mr. Giordano respectfully asked for nominations for Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Vice President:

Mr. Franceschini nominated Mr. Bernardini for Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Giordano closed nominations for Vice-President.

All Members voted “yes” for Mr. Franceschini’s nomination of Mr. Bernardini for Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Bernardini thanked his fellow board members for giving him the opportunity to serve as vice president. He said that he will do the best job as he usually does, not always agreeing with everyone but in the end always agreeing to disagree.

Public Comments:

None.

Mr. Giordano asked Mr. DeSanto to explain the bylaws and policies.

Mr. DeSanto explained that because the board reconstitutes every year the bylaws and policies are required to be adopted each year.

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Board re-adopt the Rules for Board Governance (i.e. By-Laws and Policies).

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

2. The Board accept the results of the 2008 annual school election.

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

Ms. Arroyo welcomed and congratulated the new board members.

Ms. Spinelli congratulated the new board members.

Mr. Ulrich congratulated the new board members.

Mr. Bernardini congratulated the new board members and mentioned that Mr. Louis Magazzu, Cumberland County Freeholder Director, is in the audience.

Mr. Magazzu said other than being a freeholder, city council member or the mayor this is the toughest job. He congratulated everyone and thanked the board for what they do for the city.

Ms. Maria Perez said she is very proud of the courage and perseverance that Ms. Rios has. She congratulated all the board members and asked them to try to do the best for our children.

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Franchetta  
Board Secretary