

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 29, 2009 at 6:02 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 Patricia Phillips, Anthony Fanucci and Frank DiGiorgio 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: Mr. Bernardini, Mr. DeWinne, Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. Fanucci, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Giordano, Mrs. Phillips, and Ms. Rios. Absent: Mr. Ulrich

Also present were Mr. Ottinger, Superintendent, Mr. Rochetti, Acting Board Secretary, Dr. Figgs and Dr. Gruccio, Assistant Superintendents, Ms. Greenfield, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. Smith, Fiscal Analyst, Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor, Mr. Sbrana, press and public. Absent: Kevin J. Franchetta, Board Secretary (on vacation).

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 thanked his colleagues for putting their trust and confidence in him. He said it is a great feeling whenever you are elected or nominated to a position of honor by your peer group. Mr. Giordano promised to give his utmost best to live up to everyone's expectations. He wanted to publicly thank his colleague, Mr. Paul Spinelli, for his years of service on the board and for his many contributions. Mr. Giordano congratulated Pat Phillips, Anthony Fanucci and Frank DiGiorgio and looks forward to the contributions they are going to make to this district. He said we are embarking on a very challenging year but knows in his heart that the group before him will do everything that is needed to persevere.

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 takes this seat with a lot of respect for things that have to be done for this district. Mr. Bernardini welcomed Mr. Fanucci back and congratulated Mrs. Phillips and Mr. DiGiorgio. He said as Mr. Giordano stated there is a lot of work to do this year and he is confident that this board will accomplish what is necessary.

Public Comments:

None.

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."
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2. The Board accept the results of the 2009 annual school election.

All Members
voted "yes."
(8-0-0)

Mr. DeWinne said he is looking forward to working with Mrs. Phillips and Mr. DiGiorgio along with the rest of the board. He said as Mr. Bernardini stated there are some challenges ahead particularly on finances, which he welcomes.

Mr. Franceschini welcomed the newly elected members and said being a board member is a real commitment.

Ms. Rios thanked everyone who voted in the board elections. She congratulated Mr. DiGiorgio and Mrs. Phillips. Ms. Rios said it is a pleasure and blessing to have Mr. Fanucci here again.

Mr. Fanucci thanked his colleagues and said he is looking forward to working with them over the next three years. He also thanked Mr. Spinelli for everything that he taught him.

Mr. Bernardini thanked Mr. Spinelli for his hard work on the Finance Committee along with Mr. DeWinne and Mr. Fanucci.

Mr. Ottinger thanked Mr. Spinelli for his significant contributions. He thanked the new board members and said they chose the most challenging time in the history of the school district to become a board member. Mr. Ottinger said we have an enormous responsibility with the changes that are forthcoming.

Mr. Giordano said the committee members will be chosen at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Rochetti
Acting Board Secretary