

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 6:33 p.m., in the Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, pursuant to notice with Mr. Giordano presiding and the following members present: Mr. Bernardini, Mr. DeWinne, Mr. Fanucci, Ms. Rios, Mr. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: Ms. Arroyo, Mr. Franceschini and Mr. Spinelli.

Also present: Mr. Ottinger, Superintendent, Dr. Figgs and Mr. Peters, Assistant Superintendents, Mr. Franchetta, Board Secretary, and Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor.

Mr. Giordano 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.

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Public Comments
on Agenda Items: None.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Board approve travel for district members as required by NJAC 6A:10A-8.3 and/or school field trips as per lists provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

Mr. Giordano mentioned that one of the items under district travel is for the Odyssey of the Mind Team who did exceptionally well and are advancing to the world finals. He said the trip is to College Park, Maryland from May 30 to June 4. Mr. Giordano said in February the board approved the Odyssey of the Mind Team to attend the world finals, with the stipulation that they would raise their own funds. He said there is a request to approve travel in the amount of \$6,000 to be transferred because they could not raise enough money for the trip.

Mr. Fanucci asked if they are still currently trying to raise funds. Mr. Ottinger responded yes letters were sent out for sponsorships. Mr. Fanucci asked if this should wait and be approved at another meeting. Mr. Franchetta mentioned that the registration fee is due tomorrow. Mr. DeSanto said you could approve up to \$6,000 with the understanding that if they raise additional money the board would be reimbursed.

Mr. Bernardini asked how much money was raised. Ms. Burke said the money raised went to the state finals and the money they receive from the sponsorship letters will go towards the world finals.

Mr. DeWinne asked when the fund raising letters were sent out. Ms. Burke said about two weeks ago.

Mr. Ulrich said in lieu of the financial difficulties that we are having he would have liked to have known when this was initially voted on that there could be a potential cost to the board. He commends the students for this great accomplishment but thinks there are other clubs and programs who would also want to have that same flexibility.

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Mr. Ottinger said there was nothing to advise the board of because Odyssey of the Mind was supposed to raise the money like every other group. He said there was no stipulation with the approval.

Mr. Giordano said his concern is what this will do for future trips.

Mr. Bernardini asked if Odyssey of the Mind raised enough funds for the state finals. Ms. Burke said she does not know.

Mr. Giordano asked if the deposit is not sent in tomorrow will the group not be able to attend the finals. Mr. Franchetta said the deposit for the registration is due tomorrow. Mr. Giordano asked what the registration fee was. Mr. Franchetta said he does not know.

Mr. Fanucci asked if the district pays for this could the group continue to raise funds throughout the course of the year to pay the district back. Mr. Ulrich said you would be putting a condition on the students.

Mr. DeWinne asked if this would be a budget 6-30-08 item. Mr. Franchetta said funds were reallocated in Ms. Burke’s budget and it would be charged to this year.

Mr. DeSanto said the board can approve up to \$6,000 with the understanding that the group continues to fund raise and what ever they collect will offset the \$6,000. It would be approving at a cost not to exceed the \$6,000.

Mr. Ulrich expressed his concern that what is good for one is not good for another and feels this is problematic.

Mr. Ottinger said the stipulation was that the board approves the trip and the group would raise their own funds. He said the board would be in their jurisdiction to say no.

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Ms. Diaz made a motion to approve the travel but there was no second so Ms. Diaz withdrew her motion.

Mr. Ottinger amended the recommendation for the board to approve travel for district members as required by the statute and/ or school field trips except the field trip for the Odyssey of the Mind Team as per the lists provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Fanucci. All Members voted “yes.”

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 voted “yes.”
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Motion: A motion was made Mr. Fanucci, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, to recess to executive session to discuss student disciplinary/residency matters. All Members voted “yes.”

The board recessed to executive session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss student disciplinary/residency matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary

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