RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

PERSONNEL (1.1-1.2)

1.1 The Board approve the personnel items in accordance with the lists provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board:
   a. Retirements, Resignations, Terminations, Separations, Leaves of Absence, Employment, Transfers
   b. Volunteers
   c. Students
   d. Substitutes
   e. Extracurricular Activities

   Mr. DiGiorgio said he would like to see more equitable monetary balance between sports and other activities. He said in regards to coaching he was considering to vote “no” but will vote “yes.” Mr. DiGiorgio said he has no issues with respective individuals included on this list and is just concerned about procedural issues.

   Mr. English echoes Mr. DiGiorgio’s concerns as well and hopes something gets addressed soon.

   1.1.1 The Board approve the withholding of salary increments for the employee whose name is on file with the Board Secretary.

PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2.1-2.6)

2.1 The Board approve the following travel:
   a. Field Trips
   b. District Travel
   c. VHS Varsity Football Camp 2014-2015
2.2 The Board approve the following CTE (Career and Technology Education) applications (3) and reapplication (1):

- New Application: Digital Arts CIP 50.0102
  This includes the following courses: Mass Media and the Arts, Studio Productions I and Studio Productions II

- New Application: Digital Communication CIP 09.0702
  This includes the following courses: Graphic Design, Digital Imagery and Digital Alive

- New Application: Engineering CIP 14.0102
  This includes the following courses: College Environmental Earth Science w/ Emphasis in Engineering (Disaster 101), Creative Design, Engineering Ethics and GIS

- Re-approval Application: Computer Program CIP 110201
  This includes the following courses: Digital Technology, C++ and AP Java

2.3 The Board approve the 2014-2015 school calendar for pupil attendance as provided and on tile with the Secretary of the Board.

Mr. Medio said at last week’s work session he requested for the calendar to go to committee to see if it can be shortened or if any changes could be made. Dr. Gruccio said she was informed by the county office that this is part of the daily operations of the district. She said we have followed a thorough process in the development of the calendar including representation from parents and all unions. Dr. Gruccio said all the county superintendents worked on the calendar together and she was told to leave it on the agenda for a vote.
Dr. Gruccio said in regards to the comment about the Vineland School District always finishing last she looked over the last three years and we were all within one day apart of graduation. She said in this proposed calendar we would be graduating second.

Mr. Medio said once again we have the County or Regional Superintendent looking at our attempts to change and approve our calendar. He said there are two or three places where changes could be made that several Board members mentioned. Mr. Medio said Easter break was something they wanted to look at and rearranging in-service days to have less of an impact on breaking up a school week.

Ms. Morello said only having 16 days of instruction in April is not enough and a conversation would have been nice. She said if we have another winter like last winter we will be going to school until the last week of June.

Mr. English said it makes him question the words “thorough and efficient.”

Mr. DiGiorgio said education must be a secondary consideration when it comes to the county.

Dr. Gruccio said there are a set amount of days that students must attend school regardless of how they are figured into the calendar. She said if not for the timing she would be happy to revisit the November and February dates and bring it back to the committee since the process involved all stakeholders.

Ms. Morello hopes next year there is conversation and would like to see the process started now. She suggested doing public relations for Veterans Day and making it a historical component.

Mr. Baruffi said he does think it would be a problem if Dr. Gruccio brings this up to the committee next year.
Ms. Morello asked when the calendar discussions took place before or after the snow storms. Dr. Gruccio said after the snow.

Mr. English asked if the districts that built in snow days will be done school before Vineland. Dr. Gruccio said it depends on the weather but currently they will be the last to be done. Mr. English asked if he was correct in saying that this is considered day to day operations and Board members to not run day to day operations of the school district. He said that he hopes the issues that the Board is having will be addressed next year.

Mr. DiGiorgio said we heard that Dr. Gruccio is going back to the committee that is involved in making this calendar. He said hopefully her information from the Board is such that they consider a different calendar for next year.

Ms. Morello asked if we know what the NJ ASK testing dates are for 2014-2015. Dr. Gruccio said no but we should know shortly.

Mr. Medio asked if the Board can change the calendar down the road. Dr. Gruccio said it is changed based on the weather.

Mr. DeSanto said if this is truly a day to day operational matter the Superintendent can just do it and it does not have to come before the Board. He said either it is a Board or Administrative decision. Dr. Gruccio said policy requires a Board vote.

2.4 The Board approve the bus evacuation drills completed in the month of April as per the list provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board and in accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Cod 6A:27-11.2.

All Members voted “yes.”
(8-0-0)

2.5 The Board approve the Standard Operating Procedures for the 2014-2015 school year. Note: Entire file may be viewed in Board Secretary’s Office.

All Members voted “yes.”
(8-0-0)
2.6 The Board approve of the Purchasing Manual for the 2014-2015 school year.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (3.1)

3.1 The Board approve the Safe Routes to School Grant for building bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects around schools for students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.

FINANCE (4.1-4.11)

4.1 The Board approve the following budgetary transfers:
   a. General
   b. School Based

4.2 The Board approve the placement of Special Education students.

4.3 The Board approve the Change Order #2 in the amount of $1,875.00 to reduce contract for unused contingency amount:
   **Change Order**
   **Contract:** Almond Road Preschool Phase 2
   **Interior**
   **Contractor:** W.J. Gross, Inc.

4.4 The Board approve the acceptance of a $1,000.00 donation from Jagrutibe Padhiyar to the Almond Road Preschool in accordance with Board Policy #7230, “Gifts, Grants and Donations.”
4.5 The Board approve a Resolution that will allow private schools to provide free nutritional breakfast and/or lunch for students with disabilities.

All Members voted “yes.”
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4.6 The Board approve the RTTT3 (Race to the Top III) Amended Application to the State of New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of $297,409.00 for the project period September 1, 2011 to November 30, 2015.

All Members voted “yes.”
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4.7 The Board approve the City of Vineland to enter into an Inter-local Services Agreement with the Vineland Board of Education to assist in providing free influenza vaccines to eligible preschool students enrolled in the Vineland Public Schools Preschool program to help meet the State requirement not to exceed $10,000.00.

All Members voted “yes.”
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4.8 The Board approve the following grant as provided and on file with Secretary of the Board: New Jersey Department of Education Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) Carryover Funds.

September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014
Basic Allocation (3-21)…………..$583,713.00
Preschool Allocation (3-5)……….$ 12,051.00

All Members voted “yes.”
(8-0-0)

4.9 The Board approve the pupil transportation contract between the Elsinboro Township Board of Education and the Vineland Board of Education in the amount of $9,000.00.

All Members voted “yes.”
(8-0-0)
4.10 The Board approve the agreement between the Vineland Board of Education and the Salem County Vocational Technical Schools for 2013-2014 school year.

All Members voted “yes.”
(8-0-0)

4.11 The Board approve an agreement with Salem County Special Services School District to enter into a Non-Public Services agreement for the 2013-2014 school year in a form acceptable by the Board Solicitor and the Superintendent of Schools (This Service is authorized under P.L. 1077, Chapter 192-193).

All Members voted “yes.”
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