

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 6:31 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, Ms. Morello, Dr. Mounier, Ms. Rios and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey and Mrs. Polof, Assistant Superintendents, Ms. Ludy, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel 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.

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Public Comments
on Agenda Items:

Recommendations:

Emergent

Item: Mr. Medio announced that there is an emergent item involving volunteer coaches that needs to be recommended tonight because football camp begins on Monday.

A recommendation was made by Dr. Guccio to appoint volunteer coaches for the Vineland High School Football Team in order to provide adequate supervision when practice begins on August 12, 2013.

Mr. Ulrich asked if the background checks were already done on these coaches. Dr. Guccio responded yes.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Mounier, seconded by Ms. Morello, to approve the volunteer football coaches.

Mr. Medio said before the meeting names were drawn for the position of the Board candidates to speak. He said each candidate will give a five minute presentation on why they chose to apply for the vacant position on the Vineland School Board. After all five candidates speak the board will retire to close session to deliberate.

Candidates

Presentations: Presentations to the Board were given in the following order:

- Frank Bongiovanni
- Wanda Lopez
- Eric Girone
- David Mazur
- Ron Franceschini

Resolution: Ms. Ludy read a resolution to convene into executive session for the following reasons as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public. (Provision relied upon: the court decision Gannett vs. Board of Education of the Borough of Manville). **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity or person with respect to said discussion.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Mounier, seconded by Mr. English, the resolution passed. All Members voted "yes."

The Board recessed to executive session at 6:54 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Mounier, seconded by Mr. Jennings, to appoint Frank Bongiovanni to fill the Board vacancy. All Members voted “yes” except Mr. English, Ms. Rios and Mr. Ulrich who voted “no.” The motion passed.

Ms. Morello thanked everyone who came forward and offered their services for the interim position and hopes to see their names on the one year position.

Mr. Medio said Ms. Morello’s words echo the entire board. He thanked everyone who applied for this position.

Mr. DeSanto administered the Oath of Office to Frank Bongiovanni and he took his seat for his interim position on the Board.

Public

Comment: Mr. Mercado said he wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Board and Dr. Gruccio and said it has been his pleasure to work with them. He also thanked the entire Vineland Public Schools staff and community for allowing him to serve. Mr. Mercado congratulated Mr. Bongiovanni on his appointment. He said Vineland is going to miss Cherie Ludy, Business Administrator, and knows that she will do well in her new position. Mr. Mercado said he will continue to volunteer as a parent and looks forward to serving everyone in his new position as a Cumberland County Freeholder.

Mr. Medio on behalf of the board thanked Mr. Mercado for his service. He said Mr. Mercado was an excellent School Board Member who thought through the positions that he took and was very influential in getting the uniform bills passed along with many projects the board was involved in. Mr. Medio wished Mr. Mercado the best of luck as a freeholder and in the November campaign.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherie Ludy
Board Secretary

