

CITY OF VINELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 26, 2020 - ADDT'L COMBINED MEETING
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An additional combined meeting of the City of Vineland Board of Education was held remotely, Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 5:07 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Ulrich presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Mrs. Codispoti, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Sbrana, Mr. Silva, and Ms. Spinelli.

Absent: Mr. English.

Also present: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Sneathen, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Mercoli, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor, press, and public.

Absent: None.

Mr. Ulrich 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, SNJ Today, the Press of Atlantic City, Nuestra Comunidad, Visto Bueno, the Clerk - City of Vineland, and Administrative Office Public Bulletin Board.

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Resolution:

Approval of
Minutes:

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Committee

Reports: Ms. Spinelli shared the Facilities Committee Meeting update from August 25, 2020.

Solicitor

Report: None.

Motion: Upon motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Spinelli, the motion to suspend By-law 0164 was approved.

All members voted "yes."
(7-0-0)

Public

Comments: None.

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

PERSONNEL (1.1 - 1.3)

1.1 Approval of the following:
 a. Retirements, Resignations, Terminations, Leaves of Absence, Employment, Transfers
 b. Students
 c. Substitutes
 d. Extracurricular Activities
 e. Extracurricular Summer
 f. Volunteers

All Members voted
 "yes."
 (7-0-0)

1.2 Approval regarding the hourly rate increase for Substitute Security Guards, effective September 1, 2020:
 From a current range of \$12 to \$13 per hour to \$13 to \$15 per hour.
 Notes: N.J. minimum wage rises to \$12 per hour, effective January 1, 2021
 Substitute Security Guards typically work a 6.5-hour day with an unpaid 30-minute lunch break.

All Members voted
 "yes."
 (7-0-0)

1.3 Approval regarding the following contracts for the New Jersey Youth Corps grant funded staff for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:
 - Gary Brown
 - Steven Medio
 - Sherry Wilkins

All Members voted
 "yes."
 (7-0-0)

PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2.1 - 2.3)

*** Board Member, Mr. Sbrana, enters the meeting at 5:29 pm***

2.1 Approval of Fall Athletic Schedule and district travel.

All Members voted "yes" except for Mr. Sbrana who "abstained."
 (7-0-1)

2.2 Approval to authorize the Board Secretary to enter into an affiliation agreement for the 2020 - 2021 school year for the placement of students for field internship, student teaching, practicum, and observations with Wilmington University.

All Members voted "yes" except for Mr. Sbrana who "abstained."
 (7-0-1)

2.3 Approval regarding waiving the waiting period for an otherwise eligible employee new hire or rehired employee to become enrolled in the Vineland Public Schools' Prescription Drug Plans and Medical Plans, retroactive to August 3, 2020, in cooperation with Governor Murphy's Executive Order 172-2020.

All Members voted "yes" except for Mr. Sbrana who "abstained."
 (7-0-1)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

FINANCE (4.1 - 4.10)

4.6 Approval regarding the tuition contract between the City of Vineland Board of Education and Atlantic County Vocational School Board of Education (ACVT) for one student in the total amount of \$8,560.00 at \$856.00 per month less any prior year credits from September 2020 to June 2021.

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

4.7 Approval regarding the 2020-2021 Itinerant/Shared Services Agreement between Cape May County Special Services School District and Vineland Public School District Board of Education for July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

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

4.8 Approval regarding the 2019-2020 Joint Transportation Agreement between Waterford Township Board of Education and the City Vineland Board of Education in the amount of \$2,542.06.

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

4.9 Approval regarding the 2020-2021 Joint Transportation Agreement between Maple Shade Board of Education and the City Vineland Board of Education in the amount of \$1,800.00.

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

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

FINANCE (4.1 - 4.10)

- 4.10 Approval regarding the following Cumberland County Regional Cooperative Transportation initiatives:
- a. 2020-2021 Bid#2
 - b. 2020-2021 Jointures

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

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Proposed Item(s)

for Review: Board Member recommendation to discuss in detail the delay in opening, (virtual only) reported HVAC issues, Isolation Rooms, and what professional development is being given to our staff.

Approval of
Bills:

Emergent
Item(s):

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Silva, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Mercoli
Board Secretary

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