

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 7:02 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. Bongiovanni, Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. English, Mr. Jennings, Ms. Morello, Dr. Mounier, Ms. Rios and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Polof, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Ludy, Board Secretary 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.

Flag Salute:

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 collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (VASA). Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed; Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting. The nature of discussion is regarding the Business Administrator's contract. **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: Upon motion by Mr. English, seconded by Dr. Mounier, the resolution was passed. All Members voted “yes.”

The board recessed to executive session at 7:04 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:06 p.m.

Special Presentations: None

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Dr. Mounier, seconded by Mr. English, the executive session minutes were approved from June 12, 2013. All Members voted “yes” except for Mr. Bongiovanni, Mr. Jennings, Ms. Rios and Ms. Morello who “abstained.”

Board Solicitor Comments: None.

Public Comments On Agenda Items: None.

Recommendations:

Proposed for Regular Agenda:

Dr. Guccio recommended approval of the settlement with the holdover tenant at 1350 S. West Boulevard the WB Mason Building.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Mounier, seconded by Mr. English, to approve the settlement with the holdover tenant at 1350 S. West Boulevard. All Members voted “yes.”

Public Comments: None.

Committee Reports: Mr. DiGiorgio said at the August 6th Finance Committee meeting Mr. Weaver presented an update on the summer projects. He said Mr. Frey advised that all of the fire alarm inspections have been completed for the start of the school year. The transportation RFP was discussed with Mr. Callavini along with an update in regards to the 2.5 mile transportation change. Mr. DiGiorgio said county co-operative purchasing for fuel was discussed along with the assistant business administrator position. Mr. DiGiorgio said at the August 19th Finance Committee meeting Mr. Weaver presented an update on facilities particularly the Sabater annex, VHS walkway, Almond Road facility and VHS weight room. Mr. DiGiorgio said Ms. Ludy presented an update on the audit and how it is progressing. The assistant principal at VHN, assistant business administrator and head nurse positions were discussed. He said Mr. Medio inquired about how the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees in the district compare to the previous budget year.

Mr. Ulrich asked if the board can have an update on the status of the head nurse position. Dr. Guccio said the position was posted and the closing date is Friday. She said we will interview and hopefully have a good candidate. Mr. Ulrich asked if a substitute will be utilized during that time. Dr. Guccio said it has not been discussed.

Old Business: Ms. Morello requested an update on the redistricting and flooding at schools. Dr. Guccio said four schools were affected by the rain Leuchter, Barse, Winslow and Landis. She said everything has been taken care of and is under control. Dr. Guccio said regarding the redistricting all furniture has been delivered and schools have been painted. She said teachers have been working on their own time getting their rooms ready and we are on target. Dr. Guccio said at the Almond Road School we had a small issue that we did not anticipate and the contractor has requested if we can give them until August 9 for everything to be ready to go.

Mr. Ulrich asked if there was a performance bond issue with the contractor with the due date. Mr. Weaver explained the completion date was pushed beyond the contractor's control. He said we do have liquidated damages and a performance bond. Mr. Weaver said the permits were applied for in June and we just received them from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). He said because the building was owned by the state it required a DCA review which caused the completion delays.

Mr. English said he is happy to see the yellow index page being used for the board meetings. He said it was a breath of fresh air to be able to open the new district website. Mr. English asked how we are progressing with the local vendor fair. Mr. Zorzi explained the program he put together on how to do business with the City of Vineland schools. He said a vendor fair is when you bring vendors in to display their products. Mr. English asked how we are doing with the inventory at the new warehouse. Mr. Zorzi said it looks beautiful everything is coded and on shelves. He urged the board to take a tour of the facility. Ms. Morello suggested putting a tab for vendor information on the website. Mr. Ulrich asked what the current bid threshold is for the district. Mr. Zorzi said \$36,000.00. Mr. Ulrich said it is important for the vendors to understand that there is also a non-complicated quote process if they are under the bid threshold. Ms. Morello asked Mr. Zorzi if he has any involvement with the Chamber of Commerce, which would be a great way to let businesses know what opportunities there are. Mr. Zorzi said this year, as a result of our audit; he obtained a list of our main vendors and contacted two dozen of them. He gave the vendors a list of our co-ops and state contracted associates and requested for them to reach out and become members.

New Business: None.

Mr. DiGiorgio thanked Ms. Ludy and said her work in Vineland has positively impacted our district.

Dr. Mounier read a letter to Ms. Ludy that he wrote wishing her contentment in her new employment as well as good health, peace and happiness in her private life.

Mr. Ulrich echoed Dr. Mounier's sentiments and wished Ms. Ludy the best of luck. He said people often take for granted the work that goes into setting up classrooms, moving to a different school, schedule reassignments and learning a different grade level, which is an unbelievable task that our certified staff go through each year.

Mr. Ulrich said these employees are so dedicated to our children's education trying to do the best they can with the resources we give them. He thanked all the employees and wished them a good year.

Ms. Morello wished all students, faculty, staff and parents a great, productive, safe and healthy year.

Mr. Jennings said he visited Leuchter School today and teachers, librarians and principals were working. He said it was nice to see the dedication.

Mr. English wished the best of luck to Ms. Ludy.

Dr. Guccio congratulated Mr. Carl Dolente and welcomed him back to Vineland. She thanked our teachers for all the time they put in to get their classrooms ready. Dr. Guccio said redistricting has been a big task and impacted many people. She feels it was the right thing to do and it will have a very positive impact on our children. Dr. Guccio thanked everyone who was involved in the redistricting especially the maintenance department for getting these buildings ready to open. She thanked and wished Ms. Ludy the very best in her new district. Dr. Guccio thanked Mr. DiGiorgio for attending the teacher orientation. She wished Ms. Marko a very happy birthday and everyone a happy, healthy and productive school year.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Ludy
Board Secretary

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