

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held in the Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 7:02 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. English presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Ms. Codispoti, Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Pagano and Ms. Rios. Absent: Mr. DeWinne and Ms. Morello.

Also present: Mr. Frey and Mr. Frangipani, Assistant Superintendents, Mrs. Haley, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. DeSanto, Solicitor, press and public. Absent: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent.

Mr. English 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, the Grapevine, Clerk - City of Vineland, and Administrative Office Public Bulletin Board.

Flag Salute: Students from Rossi Middle School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution: None.

Special

Presentation (s): Mr. Frangipani introduced Mr. Dan Greco, Principal of Durand Elementary School, to honor a student.

Mr. Greco said it is truly his pleasure to introduce a very special third grader from Durand Elementary School, Robert Elliott, for the act of kindness and bravery that he was a part of several weeks ago. He said on his way to the bus stop Robert noticed an elderly woman in his neighborhood had fallen and could not get up. She was laying on the ground for about a half hour when Robert came to her aid. Mr. Greco said Robert approached her carefully but was not sure who she was so he did not want to get too close. He said Robert ran to a neighbor and told that neighbor that the woman fell and was on the ground. Mr. Greco said Durand School could not be prouder of this young man and thanked him along with his family for raising such a responsible, humble, and caring person.

Mr. Frangipani introduced Major Robert Simpson, Vineland High School JROTC Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, to introduce the cadets to present a special program.

Major Simpson extended his gratitude to the Board for inviting them and said a brief synopsis will be given on what the JROTC Program is about at Vineland High School. He extended an open invitation to the Board to come visit the program at any time. Major Simpson introduced Cadet Kidd to introduce the staff members and present the briefing.

Cadet Kidd said he is the current group commander for the unit at the high school. He said tonight a quick overview will be given on the goals and the objectives of the program. Cadet Kidd introduced each of the Cadets to help with the presentation.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by, seconded by Mr. DiGiorgio, seconded by Ms. Codispoti the minutes were approved from August 5, 2015 and August 12, 2015. All Members voted “yes.”

Solicitor’s Report: None.

Public Comment on
Agenda Items: None.

Recommendations:

B. Proposed for review or discussion or adoption by Board Members: None.

Approval of Bills: Upon motion by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Codispoti, the bills were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted “yes” (\$6,738,510.71).

Emergent Item(s)
(with prior approval) None.

Public: None.

Board Member

Remarks:

Ms. Codispoti thanked the Rossi Middle School students for the flag salute. She also commended Robert Elliott on the great job he did helping his neighbor. Ms. Codispoti said when she sees young people involved, such as the cadets, it does her heart good. She wished all teachers and students a good year.

Mr. Pagano reminded everyone that Friday, October 23rd the Vineland Board of Education along with the Vineland Police Department will be hosting a Family Fun Night at Gittone Stadium and invited the public to attend.

Mr. DiGiorgio thanked everyone for their presentations. He congratulated the Vineland High School Marching Band on their accomplishments in the competitions. Mr. DiGiorgio sent his thoughts and prayers to the Trzeciak family on their recent loss.

Ms. Acosta congratulated the schools for their initiative in applying for small grants to fund class trips. She wished her son a Happy Birthday.

Ms. Rios thanked the Rossi Middle School students for the flag salute. She said Robert Elliott did a wonderful job in helping his neighbor. Ms. Rios said she is very proud of the JROTC students who were very well spoken, confident and demonstrated excellent leadership skills. She wished the School Board candidates good luck and thanked those who are currently sitting on the Board for the hard work they have done. Ms. Rios encouraged everyone to vote.

Report/Remarks by
Board President:

Mr. English thanked the Rossi Middle School students for the flag salute and Vineland High School JROTC. He congratulated the Vineland High School Marching Band on their first place finish this weekend. Mr. English congratulated Tess Fisher, VHS tennis player, and wished her the best of luck in the State finals. He thanked everyone who was involved in the homecoming parade, football game and crowning of Miss Monogram. Mr. English commended Robert Elliott for his act of heroism and kindness. He wished all the Board candidates the best of luck and urged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Codispoti to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen G. Haley
Board Secretary

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