

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, November 18, 2009 at 7:01 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Giordano presiding and the following members present: Mr. Bernardini, Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. DeWinne, Mr. Fanucci, Mr. Franceschini, Mrs. Phillips and Ms. Rios. Absent: Mr. Ulrich.

Also present: Dr. DeGiacomo, Interim Superintendent, Dr. Maryann Banks, Superintendent, Dr. Gruccio, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Franchetta, Board Secretary, Mr. Shapiro, Associate Solicitor, Ms. Greenfield, Executive Director of Personnel, Mrs. Polof, Special Education Director, press and public. Absent: Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor.

Mr. Giordano 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.

Flag Salute:

Sarah Bennett, Andrew Massaro, Michael Owoo and Erika Soto students from Rossi Middle School lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Ricci, Principal of Rossi Middle School was in attendance.

Mr. Giordano announced that Mr. Harold Shapiro, Associate Solicitor, is here tonight in the absence of Mr. DeSanto. He also announced that in attendance tonight is Dr. Maryann Banks our future superintendent.

Presentation (s):

Dr. DeGiacomo introduced Matthew Coulter, a student at Vineland High School, along with his Principal, Dr. Thomas McCann.

Dr. McCann said this evening our spotlight goes to Matthew Coulter a student who is on the Vineland High School Crew Team. As part of his Eagle Scout project Matthew restructured and refurbished the crew boat house. Dr. McCann said Matthew solicited from local businesses and raised \$30,000 to have a sprinkler system installed along with sod, a weather vane, dock, and stones. He said we are very proud of Matthew who is a great representative of the students at Vineland High School.

Matthew thanked everyone who contributed and made this possible for him.

Mr. Giordano said Paul Cohen, Class of 2009 Valedictorian, who is now attending Yale University had the opportunity to nominate his favorite high school teacher that he gained the most from. Mr. Cohen nominated Lois Genovese who retired last year.

Mr. Ross Stanger, Social Studies Supervisor, said it is such a pleasure to be here to honor Ms. Genovese for her service and reward her for her excellence in teaching. He said when he first came to Vineland Public Schools he shared a classroom with Ms. Genovese. Throughout the course of that first year she imparted many different pearls of wisdom to him along with many different teaching strategies. Mr. Stanger said to watch Ms. Genovese teach was to watch a master at her craft. He thanked her because she was truly an outstanding instructor of history and life.

Ms. Genovese expressed her appreciation to the Board of Education, Dr. McCann and especially Ross Stanger.

Dr. DeGiacomo introduced Mr. Steve Dantine to discuss the District Computer Replacement Plan.

Mr. Dantine said the rationale for the computer renewal process is that there will be a five year computer replacement cycle. The computers will be purchased in July as a bulk quantity and installed over the summer. The image will be put on the computers at Dell and will be easier to deploy. The pricing will be more competitive due to the large purchase. Mr. Dantine said the idea is to establish a norm where the computers are replaced in a five year cycle. He said the average age of computers within the district will be three.

Mr. Giordano asked what does the second column on the spreadsheet represent “Total Age of Computers.” Mr. Dantine explained the calculations.

Mr. Bernardini asked if the 21 computers that will be relocated at Vineland High School North are because of the labs. Mr. Dantine said he is taking the newer computers and relocating them to schools in need.

Mr. DeWinne asked how Barse School found the money to pay for the computers. Mr. Dantine said he does not know.

Mr. DeWinne asked if we can make sure that the staff have all these computers up and running before the school year starts. Mr. Dantine said yes doing this in the summer is the best opportunity.

Mr. Franceschini thinks this is a great idea and something we need to do.

Mr. Bernardini asked how much stimulus money was received. Mr. Dantine said for the technology portion he received \$600,000 out of \$816,000.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Mr. Franceschini, seconded by Mr. Fanucci, the Board approved the minutes from October 7, 2009, October 14, 2009, October 21, 2009 and October 29, 2009. All Members voted “yes” except Mr. DeWinne who voted “yes” on all dates but “abstained” on October 21, 2009 and Ms. Rios who voted “yes” on all dates but “abstained” on October 29, 2009.

Report of the  
Secretary/Custodian  
Of School Monies:

Upon motion by Mr. Franceschini, seconded by Mr. Fanucci, the reports of the Secretary and Custodian of School Monies for the month September of 2009, which are in agreement were approved as submitted and on file in the Minute Book, and the Board approved its monthly certification of budgetary major account fund status and the Board Secretary’s monthly certification as on file with the Secretary. All Members voted “yes.”

Solicitor’s Report: None.

Public Comment on  
Agenda Items: None.

Recommendations: Page 4 of this document

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Board approve personnel items in accordance with the lists provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

**Ms. Greenfield mentioned that there will be one amendment made under new employment page 4. The listing for the instructional aide/bilingual position at Johnstone School will be changed to instructional aide with bilingual being deleted.**

**Mr. DeWinne asked what the benefits package cost is for family and single coverage. Ms. Greenfield said about \$18,000 for family and \$8,000 for single. Mr. DeWinne asked when someone leaves the district do we automatically post the position. Ms. Greenfield responded yes. Mr. DeWinne asked if the principals can delay filling a position. Ms. Greenfield said yes.**

2. The Board authorize the assignments of the pupils, whose names are provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board, to special education programs outside the district with tuition costs to be borne by the Board.

Further, the Board approve the acceptance of the tuition pupil(s), whose names are on file with the Secretary of the Board, for placement in special education programs offered in Vineland with tuition costs to be borne by the sending district(s).

(Tuition payment and assignments shall be regulated by Chapter 46, Laws of 1966, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the State Department of Education.)

All Members  
voted "yes."  
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All Members  
voted "yes."  
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3. The Board approve budgetary transfers in accordance with the list provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board:

- a. General Fund
- b. School-Based Budget

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

4. The Board approve submission of the following grant(s) as provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board:

- a. Walmart Community Grant  
Holiday Tree Project  
In the estimated amount of ----- \$ 800.00
- b. Cumberland County  
Office of Employment & Training  
GED Testing Services  
Vineland Adult Education Center  
January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010  
In the amount of ----- \$ 16,880.00
- c. State of New Jersey  
Department of Labor and Workforce  
Development  
New Jersey Youth Corps  
Vineland Adult Education Center  
July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010  
In the amount of ----- \$417,304.00

All Members  
voted "yes."  
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5. The Board accept funding in the following amount(s):

- a. National Constitution Center  
 Petway Elementary School  
 In the amount of ----- \$ 700.00  
 (admissions)  
 \$ 200.00  
 (transportation)
  
- b. State of New Jersey  
 Department of Labor and Workforce  
 Development  
 New Jersey Youth Corps  
 Vineland Adult Education Program  
 In the amount of ----- \$417,304.00

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

6. Bids:

- a. The Board approve an Extraordinary Unspecified Service (EUS) contract to Scholastic, Inc. of Jefferson City, Missouri for Read 180 Educational Materials, Training and Licenses to train teachers in the amount to exceed \$29,000.00 in accordance with 18A: 18A-5.a(2).

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

7. The Board approve travel for district members as required by NJAC 6A:10A-8.3 and school field trips as per lists provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

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

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8. The Board approve the Final Educational Adequacy (FEA) for Middle School #2 which is on file with the Secretary of the Board.

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

9. The Board approve the Joint Transportation Agreement for the 2009 – 2010 school year with the Cumberland County Educational Cooperative for Route #BSSH8.

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

10. The Board approve the tuition contract with Salem County Vocational Technical Schools for the Dance and Drama Career Academy for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

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

11. The Board approve the tuition contract with the Atlantic County Vocational School District for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

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

12. The Board approve the Agreement between the County of Cumberland and the Vineland Board of Education to provide In-School Program Services for the Cumberland County Office of Employment and Training from September 30, 2009 through October 12, 2009.

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

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13. The Board approve the following schools to participate in the 2009 – 2010 New Jersey Middle School Risk and Protective Factor Survey being conducted by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (NJDHS), Division of Addiction Services (DAS):

Anthony Rossi Middle School  
 Thomas W. Wallace Middle School

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

14. The Board authorize the awarding of a contract to A-1 Entertainment in accordance with Board Policy #3230, Guideline #5, "Outside Activities."

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

15. The Board approve a contract with Bayada nurses in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A:1 in the following amount:

One (1) RN @ \$49/hour  
 Approximately 138 days @ 8 hours per day  
 In the amount of ----- \$54,096.00

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

(In accordance with the form of contract approved by the Board Solicitor and the Superintendent of Schools.)



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16. The Board approve a Speech. Language and Communication Disorders Program Teacher-in-Training Agreement between the Nova Southeastern University, Inc. and the Vineland Public Schools.

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

17. The Board approve the Second Reading and adopt Policy #2418, "Response to Intervention."

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

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

Approval of Bills: Upon motion by Mr. Franceschini, seconded by Mr. Fanucci, the bills were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted “yes” (\$7,059,212.18).

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

Public: Dr. Maryann Banks, Superintendent  
Dr. Banks thanked the board for tonight’s reception as well as everyone who came out to welcome her.

Board Member  
Remarks:

Mr. Franceschini said discussed at tonight’s Personnel & Policy Committee meeting was the recommended timeline for review of policies. He said they also discussed the job description and duties of the Assistant Superintendent for Administration which will be reviewed with Dr. Banks when she arrives. Mr. Franceschini said they are working on a new policy for athletic physicals and what is recommended by the state.

Mrs. Phillips congratulated the Vineland High School Band and Mr. McDevitt for all the awards they have been winning. She announced that the Vineland High School National Honor Society Induction will be held tomorrow night and she congratulated all the students who worked hard to earn that honor. Mrs. Phillips said the Gabriel Project play *Guys and Dolls* will be held this weekend at Veterans Memorial School. She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. DeWinne commented that Matthew Coulter is a very impressive young man who will continue to make a positive difference in life. He mentioned a message that he received from a parent in regards to a holiday event that a school in the district did not have. Mr. DeWinne requested for there to be collaboration between the principals in regards to what is done for holidays so there is some uniformity. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and urged the football team and academic bowl to beat Millville.

Mr. Franceschini wished everyone a safe happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Rios thanked the administrators and members of the public who came out tonight. She also thanked all the students who donated blood this year and Matthew Coulter for his hard work. Ms. Rios wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Fanucci commented on what a fantastic job the Vineland High School Band did at the Landis Theatre sign lighting. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Mr. Fanucci agrees with Mr. DeWinne's comments in regards to holiday uniformity in the schools.

Mr. DiGiorgio said he looks forward to working with Dr. Banks and wished everyone in the district a happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Bernardini wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Dr. DeGiacomo said she does not cook so if there is anyone who would like to invite her to their house for Thanksgiving she would be happy.

Report/Remarks by  
Board President:

Mr. Giordano thanked all the principals for their attendance this evening and for what they do on a daily basis. He scheduled a special transition board meeting for Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Resolution:

Mr. Franchetta read a resolution to recess into executive session on **Wednesday, November 18, 2009** and **Wednesday, December 2, 2009** regarding budget issues, personnel matters, contract negotiations and anticipated or pending litigation.

Motion:

Upon motion by Mr. Franceschini, seconded by Mr. Fanucci, the resolution was passed. All Members voted "yes".

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned to executive session by voice vote at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin J. Franchetta, CPA  
Board Secretary

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