RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

PERSONNEL (1)

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

Mr. English expressed his concern in regards to the replacement hire of a physical education teacher at Vineland High School South and asked if this position is needed. Mrs. Polof said the physical education and health teachers at the high school are teaching 6 periods a day except for one who may be a department head and another who is teaching 3 periods at the high school. Mr. English asked if that is a possible 4 periods that can be picked up. Mrs. Polof said yes if the teacher who she believes went to the high school due to the 25 bilingual students in need of the health classes is not servicing another school. Mr. English asked why the 25 bilingual students cannot be in one class which would open up 5 more physical education classes. Mr. DiGiorgio said that is a good point. Mr. Medio said no one said that this person was the bilingual teacher. He said the person who is being replaced teaches 6 periods per day so we are replacing a full-time position. Mr. Mercado said we need the question answered whether the teacher who is teaching 3 periods is teaching in another school. Mr. English questioned if this position is needed.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Medio requested a five minute break.

The meeting resumed at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Medio asked Mr. Rossi and/or Mrs. Polof if they have anything to report on the physical education teacher matter.
Mr. Rossi said he spoke with the athletic director, Mr. Robbins, who reported that Mr. Jose Guzman teaches 4 periods of health/physical education and 2 periods of bilingual health at Vineland High School South. Mr. Ulrich asked how many students he teaches. Mr. Rossi said Mr. Robbins will contact him shortly with the enrollment. Mr. Mercado said the reason there is a bilingual health teacher that teachers three periods is to accommodate the bilingual students so they can take the classes that they need. Mr. English said he is teaching one class of two students. Mr. Medio asked where that came from. Mr. English said Mrs. Polof. Mr. Rossi said Mr. Guzman’s physical education classes have 25 to 30 students and his two bilingual classes’ average 15. Mr. Medio said we have the information that we need to proceed with a vote.

A motion was made by Mr. English, seconded by Mr. Jennings, to table Daniel Russo being hired as a physical education teacher. All Members voted “yes” except for Mr. Mercado, Dr. Mounier and Mr. Medio who voted “no.”

Ms. Morello asked how is it that the correct information for somebody’s schedule is not available at a key stroke. She also asked how anyone can think that there would be somebody who would be hired full-time that would only teach three periods a day and see a hand full of students.

Mr. English asked how many students the adaptive physical education teacher teaches. Mrs. Polof said quite a few students but not thirty because he is dealing with special needs students. Mr. English asked how many students. Mrs. Polof said behavior disabled would be a maximum of twelve per class and his individual services would depend on the needs of those students.
Mr. Ulrich asked what does quite a few mean. Mrs. Polof said it means in four classes he has twelve students and in two classes he has individual services, which she believes he has three or four students. Mr. Ulrich asked if that is a definite answer that will not change. Mrs. Polof said she cannot say at the moment what the exact numbers are but can go back and get that information.

Ms. Morello said for adaptive physical education you are mandated by statute to the number of students who can be serviced and the way the students are serviced, which is driven by their IEP. Mrs. Polof said correct.

Mr. Medio said for the record if Mr. Silverstein and Mr. Guzman teach a full work load. Mrs. Polof said correct. Mr. Medio said if the remainder of the physical education teachers teach a full work load. Mrs. Polof responded yes.

Mr. English asked if the coaches who are applying for freshman sports are told the position is contingent upon having that freshman sport. Mr. Rossi said yes the form indicates that the payment is contingent upon hours worked.

Dr. Mounier asked what time the list they received at 6:50 p.m. was formalized. Dr. Rossi said approximately the same time yesterday. Dr. Mounier said this is the first time he is seeing it. Dr. Gruccio apologized and explained since there was only one board meeting this month an email was sent out on Saturday with the agenda to the board members stating that items would be added to the agenda on Monday. Dr. Mounier said we are discussing close to $150,000 and he would have liked to known about this prior to ten minutes before the start of the meeting.
Ms. Morello agreed with Dr. Mounier’s comment and said she would prefer to have two meetings with a work session.

Mr. Jennings asked if the football coach position can be pulled from the agenda. Mr. DeSanto said the table was a valid motion.

Mr. Mercado asked if we are removing the assistant football coaches also. Mr. Medio said yes.

Mr. Ulrich asked if the board received the resume packets on the football coach position. Dr. Gruccio said in the past she has never sent out resumes regarding sports.

Mr. English asked how we bring a tabled motion back. Mr. DeSanto said when you table a motion it is tabled for that session and the next meeting. He said after that if it is not brought up the table dies and the matter can be brought up as if it were a new matter.

At this time public comments were taken.

PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2)

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

Mr. Jennings asked for details on the Rain Forest Café lunch field trip in Atlantic City and where the funding is coming from.
Mrs. Arena gave an explanation off of the microphone. Mr. Jennings said if this trip is not funded through district money why does this have to be approved. Dr. Gruccio said we need to approve all student school bus travel. Mr. Jennings asked for an explanation on the Larry’s II field trip.

2.2 The Board approve the bus evacuation drills completed in the month of February in accordance with NJ Administrative code 6A:27-11.2

2.3 The Board approve the school calendar for pupil attendance for the 2012-2013 school year.

Mr. English asked if we build in snow days to the school calendar. Dr. Gruccio responded no and explained the calendar process. Mr. English said school can be finished a week earlier if we only give Good Friday and Easter Monday off like the other districts do. Dr Gruccio said there are districts in Cumberland County who do this. Mr. Ulrich feels if teachers are polled they would rather be finished school earlier. Dr. Gruccio said there is teacher representation on the calendar committee.

Mrs. Morello asked if we have county wide common professional development days. Dr. Gruccio said we have always had county wide days and because of the alignment with the college this is the first year we are having days that do not always fall on one particular day. She said last year was the first year we chose to have an in-service on Election Day.
Mrs. Morello asked if school will be open the Monday before Christmas. Dr. Gruccio believes we are closed the entire week.

Mr. Jennings asked what the difference is between school based workshop and school closed workshop. Dr. Gruccio said school based workshop is when the principal and teachers in a building plan the professional development. The district workshop is when the district supervisors take major topics that they need to address.

2.4 The Board approve the CTE Program, CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician; CIP code of CTE Program: 151302

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (3) – No items

FINANCE (4)

4.1 The Board approve budgetary transfers in accordance with the list provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

Mr. DiGiorgio asked if we already have defibrillators in the schools. Dr. Gruccio said yes every school has a minimum of one. Mr. Ulrich asked how often the defibrillators are checked. Dr. Gruccio said she believes they are checked monthly.
4.2 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.)

4.3 The Board approve the NJ Youth Corps program 2012-2013 as provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board: NJYC/Department of Labor and Workforce Development in the additional amount of: $10,000. The new contract ceiling is now: $409,935.

4.4 The Board approve the FY 2013 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Amended Application to the State of NJ Department of Education in the amount of $4,570,433.11 for the period September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013.
4.5 The Board approve U got Brains Champion Schools Program Participation for the 2012-2013 school year.

4.6 The Board approve the Agreement with Interim HealthCare of NJ at a rate of $22 per hour for Service Provider in accordance with the form of contract approved by the Board Solicitor and Superintendent of Schools.

4.7 The Board approve City of Vineland to enter into an Inter-local Services Agreement with the Vineland Board of Education to assist in providing free influenza vaccines to eligible preschool students enrolled in the Vineland Public Schools Preschool Programs to help meet the State requirements.

4.8 The Board approve School Board Secretary to advertise and receive competitive bids for the 2013-1014 school year.

4.9 The Board approve a three-year agreement with Blackboard Connect for an updated all-call system to communicate with parents and staff.
4.10 The Board approve the Implementation of Blackboard Engage a district-wide website that will design and host the website for the 2012-2013 school year.

4.11 The Board approve submission of the following grants:

a. NJ Department of Education Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) carryover amendment
   September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013
   In the amount of -----------------
   Basic Allocation (3-21) $1,458,070.00
   Preschool Allocation (3-5) $15,094.00

b. Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program 2013-2014
   Mennies Elementary School
   In the amount of -------------------$50-$75.00
   (per student for school year)

c. Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Grant
   Leuchter Elementary School
   For Math & Science
   In the amount of ---------------------$500.00

d. Common Core Academy Grant Program proposal in conjunction with Rowan University enabling 25 VPS teaching staff members to attend summer professional developmental sessions.

e. Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (via Rowan University). This fellowship allows VPS to co-design the new teacher education STEM programs and that we will accommodate and support Fellows during their residency experience and to the extent possible, we will make every effort to hire Fellows upon their completion of their program.
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