

CITY OF VINELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 15, 2020 - COMBINED MEETING MINUTES

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The combined meeting of the City of Vineland Board of Education was held in the Landis Administration Building, 61 W. Landis Avenue, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 5:08 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. English presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Mrs. Codispoti, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Sbrana, Mr. Silva, Ms. Spinelli, and Mr. Ulrich.

Absent: None.

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

Flag Salute: Rossi Elementary Student Ambassadors

Resolution: Mr. Mercoli read a resolution to convene into executive session for the following reasons outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. Discussion is about a property contract matter, an employment matter and any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

Special

Presentation(s): Mr. John Sbrana, VPS Board Member, recognizes retired administrator, Dr. Thomas McCann, for his years of service.

Mrs. Leslie Garton, Mr. John McClain & Mrs. Kari Stockbridge, VHS girls’ soccer coaches, recognize the team for receiving the 2019 Sportsmanship Award from the Atlantic Cape Cumberland Soccer Officials’ Association.

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Special  
Presentation(s)

Cont'd: Mr. James Firm, VHS World Language teacher, presents the 2020-21 German Exchange Student Program.

Dr. Danielle Sneathen, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Anti-Bullying Coordinator, presents the September 2019 through December 2019 HIB Report The Board of Education shall have a public hearing report two times each school year of all acts of harassment, intimidation, and bullying in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 17-46.

Mr. Mike Garcia and Mr. Gene Volpe of Ford Scott Associates, LLC, present the 2018-2019 Audit Report.

HIB: No comments.

Approval of  
Minutes:

Upon motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Fiocchi, the minutes were approved from the December 4, 2019, Combined Meeting.

All members voted “yes” except for Mrs. Codispoti who “abstained.”  
(8-0-1)

Committee

Reports: None.

Solicitor

Report: None.

Public Comments

Agenda Items: None.

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

**PERSONNEL (1.1 - 1.2)**

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

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

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1.2 Approval regarding creation of the following part-time Security Guard hourly pay increase: \$12 - \$13 per hour, effective January 21, 2020.

All Members voted "yes" except for Mr. English who "abstained." (8-0-1)

**PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2.1 - 2.3)**

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2.1 Approval of trips and district travel.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

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2.2 Approval regarding the Administrative Review of the Vineland Board of Education Summer Food Service Program with findings and a corrective action plan.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

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2.3 Approval authorizing the Board Secretary to enter into an affiliation agreement for the 2019-2020 school year for the placement of students for field internship, student teaching, practicum, and observations with LaSalle Univeristy.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (3.1)**

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3.1 Approval of the resolution authorizing the solicitation of sealed bids for the purchase of Oak and Main School property not needed for school purposes.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

**FINANCE (4.1 - 4.14)**

4.1 Approval of budgetary transfers for General, School-Based and ECPA for November 2019.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

4.2 Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports for November 2019.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

4.3 Approval regarding the placement of Special Education students.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

4.4 Approval regarding the following change in signers for the Sgt. Dominick Pilla Middle School Student Activity Fund:  
 REMOVE: Tammy Monahan  
 ADD: Melissa Finizio

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

4.5 Approval regarding submission of the following grant applications:  
 a. The application for the Dollar General Summer Reading and Youth Literacy Group.  
 b. The 2020 NJ Case Grant.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

4.6 Approval regarding submission and acceptance of the following grant as provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board; Gene Mercoli:  
 a. Rutgers University Grant for the VHS AFJROTC through the Vineland Public Schools in the amount of \$500.  
 b. The Diane and Ben Lee Design Education Fund Grant for the VHS CAD program through the Vineland Public Schools in the amount of \$2,500.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

4.7 Approval to participate in the NJ Edge National Cooperative contract for software, Contract RFP#269EMCPS-19-01 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3) permitting governmental entities to join national cooperative agreements.

All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)



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RECOMMENDATIONS

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**FINANCE (4.1 - 4.14)**

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- 4.14 Approval regarding the following Cumberland County Regional Cooperative Transportation Initiatives:
- a. 2019 - 2020 Transportation Jointure
  - b. 2019 - 2020 Transportation Quoted Contracts
  - c. 2019 - 2020 Transportation Addenda
  - d. 2019 - 2020 Bid#6 Pupil Transportation

All Members voted  
 "yes."  
 (9-0-0)

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Proposed Item(s)

for Review: None.

Approval of

Bills: Bills incurred during November 2019.

Motion made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Spinelli.

All members voted "yes" except for Mrs. Codispoti  
who "abstained."

(8-0-1)

Emergent

Item: Approval of a resolution authorizing the solicitation of sealed bids for the  
purchase of the Wood Street Property not needed for school purposes for the  
minimum bid of \$500,000.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Ms. Acosta.

All members voted "yes."

(9-0-0)

Public

Comments: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Silva to adjourn the  
meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Mercoli  
Board Secretary

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