

The combined meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held in the Reber Administration Office, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:01 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Bordley presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Medio, Mr. Sbrana, Ms. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frangipani and Mr. Frey, Assistant Superintendents, Mrs. Haley, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. DeSanto, Solicitor, press and public. Absent: None.

Mr. Bordley 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: Students from Max Leuchter Elementary School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution: Mrs. Haley read a resolution to convene into executive session for the following reasons as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10-4-12. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may be a party. If pending/anticipated litigation the matter is Lovecchio lawsuit and litigation between the Vineland Board of Education and Layla Transportation. 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. 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 employee unauthorized use of District property. **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. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the resolution was passed. All Members voted “yes”.

Special

Presentation (s): Dr. Gruccio recognized and thanked the Board for their service and commitment.

Dr. Gruccio introduced Mr. Dan Russo, Vineland High School Football Coach, to recognize two students.

Mr. Russo recognized and introduced Nihym Anderson and Isaih Pacheco for their academic and early college commitments.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Pacheco thanked Dr. Gruccio, Central Administration, Board Members, Dr. McCann, Mr. Robbins, Coach Russo along with their teachers and family for all of their support.

Mr. Medio said Isaih and Nihym have finished their high school education and are taking part in a program where seniors go to their respective college early. He said that gives students, who are top recruits, a chance to acclimate themselves to college. Mr. Medio said they will both be leaving next week for college and starting their education early.

Dr. Gruccio recognized and presented Mr. Rick Marino, senior communications technician, who will be retiring with over thirty years of service, a plaque for all his years of service with the Vineland Board of Education. She introduced Ms. Elaine Greenberg, former Board Member and Historian of Vineland, to make a presentation.

Ms. Greenberg spoke about how she and Mr. Marino in 1997 were given the job to scour every building in the district for historical artifacts. She said if it was not for Mr. Marino we would not have all the beautiful things that have we hung on the walls in the hallway. Ms. Greenberg presented Mr. Marino with a framed collection of vintage photographs.

Dr. Gruccio announced that Mr. Frangipani, Assistant Superintendent, assisted the district to apply for a grant through Sustainable Jersey to help our Cunningham students obtain a greenhouse and promote agriculture. She said we received the grant for \$10,000 and Camelot will match it with \$10,000 so hopefully we will have a very nice greenhouse for the students at Cunningham. Dr. Gruccio thanked Mr. Frangipani for taking the time to write the grant.

Student Liaison: None.

HIB: No discussion.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Mr. Fiocchi, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the minutes were approved from December 6, 2017 Combined Meeting. All Members voted “yes” except Ms. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich who “abstained.” The motion carried.

Solicitor’s Report: None.

Public Comment on
Agenda Items: None.

Recommendations:

A C O S T A	B O R D L E Y	F I O C C H I	H O L M E S	J E N N I N G S	M E D I O	S B R A N A	S P I N E L L I	U L R I C H
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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

PERSONNEL (1.1-1.2)

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

- a. Retirements, Resignations, Terminations, Leaves of Absence, Employment, Transfers
- b. Students
- c. Substitutes
- d. Extracurricular Activities

All Members voted "yes" except for Mr. Ulrich who voted "yes" on all items except on his wife's leave he "abstained." (9-0-0)

1.2 The Board approve the appointment of John Frangipani as School Safety Specialist from January 10, 2018 to June 30, 2018.

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

PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2.1-2.2)

2.1 The Board approve trips and district travel.

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

2.2 The Board approve authorize the Board Secretary to enter into an affiliation agreement with Camden County College for the 2017-2018 school year for the High School Plus Program.

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

Ms. Acosta asked for an explanation on this item.

Mr. Frey, Assistant Superintendent, explained that this is the Auto Tech Program in conjunction with Camden County College. He said the students who are taking this program will receive college credit.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (none)

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FINANCE (4.1-4.11)

- 4.1 The Board approve budgetary transfers for General, School Based and ECPA for November 2017. All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

- 4.2 The Board approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports for November 2017. All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

- 4.3 The Board approve the placement of Special Education students. All Members voted "yes" (9-0-0)

- 4.4 The Board approve the submission to the Department of Education, Office of Early Childhood, of the 2018-2019 revised ECPA Budget for a total of \$19,332,724. All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

- 4.5 The Board approve a resolution for the withdrawal of funds from the maintenance reserve account and appropriate into the required maintenance account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26A-4. All Members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

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4.6 The Board approve the addendum to the Lease agreement between the Vineland Board of Education and Golden Gate, Inc. adding “The initial term of this Lease is (2) years beginning on April 2, 2018 and ending on March 31, 2020.”

All Members voted “yes.”
(9-0-0)

4.7 The Board approve Change Order #001 (credit) from McMullen Roofing Inc. for the VHS North 2017 Partial Roof Replacement for the unused contingency allowance of \$20,000.

All Members voted “yes.”
(9-0-0)

Mrs. Haley said items 4.7 and 4.8 are both credits and came in under budget. She said both of these credit amounts will go back into our budget.

4.8 The Board approve Change Order #3 (credit) from Union Roofing Contractors, Inc. for the VHS South 2017 Partial Roof Replacement to reduce the contract for unused contingency of \$7,480.48.

All Members voted “yes.”
(9-0-0)

4.9 The Board approve the disposal of various items which are on file with the Board Secretary.

All Members voted “yes.”
(9-0-0)

4.10 The Board approve the 2017-2018 Joint Transportation Agreement between the Vineland Board of Education and Greater Egg Harbor Regional from December 11, 2017 to June 30, 2018 for transporting one student in the amount of \$4,270.00.

All Members voted “yes.”
(9-0-0)

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- 4.11 The Board approve the following Cumberland County Regional Cooperative Transportation initiatives:
- a. 2017-2018 Transportation Quoted Contracts
 - b. 2017-2018 Transportation Addendum
 - c. 2017-2018 Record and Award Bid #6
 - d. 2017-2018 Jointures
 - e. 2017-2018 Bid 5 Contract Corrections

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

Approval of Bills: Upon motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Acosta, the bills were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted “yes” except Ms. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich who “abstained.” (\$9,954,185.60).

Committee Reports: Mr. Ulrich said the Policy & Personnel Committee met tonight and discussed a grievance, personnel reorganization matters, mandated policy changes, a recommended policy and out of district employees bringing their children in the district with no tuition charge.

Items proposed for review or discussion or adoption by Board members: None.

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

Public: Justin Adams
Mr. Adams wanted to publicly thank Dicks Sporting Goods for the grant that D’Ippolito School received. He discussed the Parent Appreciation night held at D’Ippolito School that they were able to have through a grant. Mr. Adams said the Board will be faced with many difficult challenges ahead of them regarding the budget. He said since he has been hired in Vineland we have lost 400 certificated/non-certificated staff members, which includes teachers, secretaries, security guards, support staff, bus drivers and cafeteria staff. Mr. Adams expressed his concern that we are not contributing our fair share to our budget and the state is aware of it. He said we have got to raise taxes and urged the Board to do everything in their power to be remembered as a Board that helped us.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Board Member
Remarks: Mr. Sbrana congratulated the flag salute students along with the two high school students and Coach Russo. He also congratulated his friend Rick Marino on his retirement. Mr. Sbrana thanked all the employees who worked very hard last week during the bad weather.

Mr. Ulrich congratulated and wished success to the two young men on their accomplishment along with Coach Russo. He said he looks forward to a very productive year.

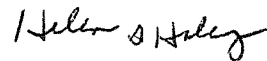
Report/Remarks by
Board President:

Mr. Bordley thanked Mr. Weaver and Mr. Farinaccio along with their staff for the spectacular job they did with the snow. He said we have a good Board and will try to do what is best for our students first and taxpayers second. Mr. Bordley said he has gotten to know Mr. Anderson and Mr. Pacheco who are fabulous young men. He said they are leaders and that is attributed to the leadership of the coaching staff led by Coach Russo. Mr. Bordley congratulated Mr. Anderson and Mr. Pacheco on their college scholarships.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Fiocchi, to adjourn the meeting to executive session at 6:49 p.m. All Members voted “yes.”

Respectfully Submitted,



Helen G. Haley
Board Secretary