

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 7:03 p.m., in the cafetorium of the Vineland Community Learning Complex, 301 South East Boulevard, Vineland, New Jersey, pursuant to notice with Mr. Giordano presiding and the following members present: Ms. Arroyo, Mr. Bernardini, Mr. Fanucci, Mr. Franceschini, Mrs. Gavigan, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Also present: Mr. Ottinger, Superintendent, Dr. Figgs, Dr. Guccio and Mr. Peters, Assistant Superintendents, Mr. Franchetta, Board Secretary, 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: Students from the Vineland Community Learning Complex lead the board in the flag salute.

Mr. Giordano asked everyone to join him in observing a moment of silence for Bernice Seibert a very valued and highly respected retired employee who past away this week.

Mr. Giordano said the primary purpose of this meeting is to name our K through 5 school building in the center city complex. He said copies of the letters that have been submitted for the nominees were distributed to each board member to review. Mr. Giordano reviewed the criteria for the school naming. He said at this time the board will entertain public comments and anyone who would like to speak on their nomination will have three minutes

Public Comments  
on School Naming:

Vincent Martino, Retired Assistant Principal  
Mr. Martino spoke in support of nominee Gloria Sabater.

Francesca Sabater Torcomian, Sister of Gloria Sabater  
Ms. Sabater Torcomian spoke in support of nominee Gloria Sabater.

Caroline Valentino  
Ms. Valentino spoke in support of nominee Gloria Sabater.

Carole Dallago  
Ms. Dallago spoke in support of nominee Casey Dallago.

Beatrice Corbin  
Ms. Corbin spoke in support of nominee Juan Vargas.

Jared Talarico, Grandson of Salvatore Ciarlante

Mr. Talarico read a letter from Michael A. Palau in support of nominee Salvatore Ciarlante.

Teresita Fernandez-Vina, Vineland Resident

Ms. Fernandez-Vina spoke in support of nominee Juan Vargas.

Reta Rios, Daughter of Carmello Ramos

Ms. Rios spoke in support of nominee Carmello Ramos.

Kimberly Metcalf

Ms. Metcalf spoke in support of nominee Carmello Ramos.

Justin Talarico, Grandson of Salvatore Ciarlante

Mr. Talarico read a letter from Joseph Capizola in support of nominee Salvatore Ciarlante.

Judith Ciarlante Talarico, Daughter of Salvatore Ciarlante

Ms. Talarico spoke in support of nominee Salvatore Ciarlante.

Peter Cifaloglio, Vineland Resident

Mr. Cifaloglio spoke in support of nominee Salvatore Ciarlante.

Jeff Talarico, Son-In-Law of Salvatore Ciarlante

Mr. Talarico spoke in support of nominee Salvatore Ciarlante.

Sheena Santiago

Ms. Santiago spoke in support of naming the school after a Puerto Rican role model.

Elaine Greenberg

Mrs. Greenberg thanked the board for opening up the naming process. She said there is a policy in place and criteria set. Mrs. Greenberg wished the board well with their decision and believes that everyone mentioned is worth having a school named after them.

Maria Laboy

Ms. Laboy spoke in support of naming the school after a prominent member of the Latino community. She said earlier today she received a telephone call from someone who gave her details on what was going to happen this evening in terms of the naming of the school. Ms. Laboy said the rumor was that the board already decided which name would be selected and it was not that of a Latino.

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Ms. Laboy hopes this rumor is not the reality that will be seen at the end of this meeting.

Brenda Ingraham Cucukov

Ms. Ingraham spoke in support of nominee Gloria Sabater.

Mr. DeSanto mentioned that the School and Facility Names Policy states that the resumes must be in writing so board members will have ample opportunity to consider each recommendation

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

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

Mr. Franchetta read the following nominees into the record who did not meet the criteria established for the school naming:

Jose Acosta  
Cunningham School  
Alphie Freeman  
Emily Gomez  
Carmen Gonzalez  
Coretta Scott King  
Joaquin Martinez  
Julio Mendez  
The Boulevard School  
The Vineland Taxpayers School  
The Vineland Middle School

Ms. Arroyo said she knows Carmen Gonzalez and he has been deceased over fifteen years. Mr. Giordano said that name would be added to the list.

Mr. Giordano read the following nominees into the record for the naming of the school:

Joseph Acosta  
Salvatore Ciarlante  
Casey Dallago  
Bolviar Guadalupe  
Carmello Ramos  
Gloria Sabater  
Juan Vargas  
Luis Velez  
Carmen Gonzalez  
Jennie Bisconte

Mr. DeSanto explained the selection process, which will consist of three rounds. He said in the first round each board member will nominate five names for consideration on a form and read into the record his/her list of

nominations. Mr. Franchetta will tabulate that vote and the five nominees receiving the most votes will advance to round two. Mr. DeSanto said in round two each board member will nominate three names for further consideration and read into the record his/her list of nominations. The three names receiving the most votes will advance to the third and final round for a vote.

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Mr. DeSanto said the nominee receiving the most votes will then be the subject of a formal motion by a board member to name the elementary school in honor of that individual. He said in the last round if a board member would like to comment on the qualifications of any or all three of the final nominees they may do so.

Mr. Giordano asked what will constitute the second round list of names. Mr. DeSanto said it is based upon the top five names that receive the most votes in round one.

The votes for the first round were as follows:

Mr. Fanucci voted for Salvatore Ciarlante, Casey Dallago, Carmello Ramos, Gloria Sabater and Juan Vargas.

Mr. Franceschini voted for Salvatore Ciarlante, Juan Vargas, Casey Dallago, Carmello Ramos and Gloria Sabater.

Mr. Bernardini voted for Juan Vargas, Gloria Sabater, Casey Dallago, Carmello Ramos and Salvatore Ciarlante.

Mr. Giordano voted for Gloria Sabater, Juan Vargas, Carmello Ramos, Casey Dallago and Carmen Gonzalez.

Mrs. Gavigan voted for Gloria Sabater, Juan Vargas, Carmello Ramos, Casey Dallago and Salvatore Ciarlante.

Ms. Arroyo voted for Casey Dallago, Bolviar Guadalupe, Carmello Ramos, Gloria Sabater and Juan Vargas.

Mr. Snyder voted for Salvatore Ciarlante, Casey Dallago, Carmello Ramos, Gloria Sabater and Juan Vargas.

Mr. Ulrich voted for Gloria Sabater, Casey Dallago, Juan Vargas, Salvatore

Ciarlante and Carmello Ramos.

Mr. Spinelli voted for Juan Vargas, Gloria Sabater, Carmello Ramos, Casey Dallago and Salvatore Ciarlante.

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Mr. DeSanto announced the following nominees that would advance to the second round:

Casey Dallago  
Carmello Ramos  
Gloria Sabater  
Juan Vargas  
Salvatore Ciarlante

Mr. DeSanto said these five nominees would be reduced to three for the second round.

The votes for the second round were as follows:

Mr. Spinelli voted for Gloria Sabater, Juan Vargas and Casey Dallago.

Mr. Ulrich voted for Gloria Sabater, Casey Dallago and Carmello Ramos.

Mr. Snyder voted for Salvatore Ciarlante, Gloria Sabater and Juan Vargas.

Ms. Arroyo voted for Carmello Ramos, Gloria Sabater and Juan Vargas.

Mrs. Gavigan voted for Gloria Sabater, Carmello Ramos and Juan Vargas.

Mr. Giordano voted for Gloria Sabater, Juan Vargas and Carmello Ramos.

Mr. Bernardini voted for Juan Vargas, Gloria Sabater and Casey Dallago.

Mr. Franceschini voted for Salvatore Ciarlante, Juan Vargas and Gloria Sabater.

Mr. Fanucci voted for Casey Dallago, Carmello Ramos and Juan Vargas.

Mr. DeSanto announced the following nominees that would advance to the third round and final round:

Juan Vargas  
Gloria Sabater  
Carmello Ramos

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Ms. Arroyo said this has been an emotional evening for her. Many of the names mentioned have family members that she knows who are dear to her. Ms. Arroyo said this is why she is involved in the community doing what she could do to follow their dreams for a better future for our children. She said that she did not know Ms. Sabater but was touched by her story. Ms. Arroyo said Carmello Ramos was a member of her church and was a very dear friend along with Juan Vargas. She said it is very hard for her to make a final decision on the three names given.

Mr. Bernardini said he knew Juan Vargas personally and was a close friend who did many things for the Hispanic community. He said Gloria Sabater was also an excellent choice after hearing all that was said about her tonight. Mr. Bernardini said he did not know Mr. Ramos. Mr. Bernardini said what bothered him tonight is when an individual came up to the microphone and insinuated that the board made a decision prior to what was just done. He said that is an insult to him as a board member. Mr. Bernardini said he votes his mind and that is why he was elected.

Mr. Ulrich thanked everyone for taking the time to submit nominations for their loved ones. He also thanked the Ramos and Vargas families for the bios and pictures that they sent.

Mrs. Gavigan said she has not had the opportunity of knowing any of three nominees. She felt that in her heart the right thing to do is to name this school after someone of Hispanic origin. The students attending this school are predominately from the neighborhood and are Hispanic. Mrs. Gavigan feels who ever is chosen tonight should be a role model for students that attend this school as well as the community. She said the name that she will choose tonight is someone who epitomizes education and will truly be a role model.

Mr. Fanucci voted for Carmello Ramos.

Mr. Franceschini voted for Gloria Sabater.

Mr. Bernardini voted for Gloria Sabater.



Mr. Giordano voted for Gloria Sabater.

Mrs. Gavigan voted for Gloria Sabater.

Ms. Arroyo voted for Juan Vargas.

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Mr. Snyder voted for Juan Vargas.

Mr. Ulrich voted for Gloria Sabater.

Mr. Spinelli voted for Gloria Sabater.

Mrs. Gavigan said all of the names submitted this evening are all worthy of having a school named after them. She said this property is unique because we do have an opportunity to name three structures after individuals from our community. Mrs. Gavigan said we will have an opportunity to name the Impact Early Learning Center and the Adult Education building. She is hoping those who submitted names come forth again.

Francesca Sabater Torcomian, Gloria Sabater's sister, said on behalf of her family she thanked everyone from the bottom of their heart. She said Gloria was taken away too soon and loved every child that she came in contact with. Ms. Torcomian truly hopes that Gloria's name will continue to inspire the children who walk through these doors to be the best that they can be. She knew all the other names that were nominated and said they were all such wonderful people.

Ms. Laboy congratulated the Sabater family and said Gloria was a nice person. She mentioned to Mr. Bernardini that she was not insinuating anything but was sharing something that was told to her.

An audience member thanked the board for serving the entire community and for doing the job they are doing. She is sure the children will be honored to have the name of their school after such a great teacher.

Mr. Fanucci thanked everyone who was in attendance this evening. He also thanked the Personnel & Policy Committee for clearing up the School and Facility Naming Policy.

Mr. Giordano said that this was the second time that he has participated in this

process, which is the absolute fairest process that he has ever participated in. He is really proud of his colleagues and the way this entire process was held this evening.

Mr. DeSanto mentioned to the board that a motion and formal vote is needed on the final nominee.

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Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Bernardini, seconded by Ms. Arroyo, to name the elementary school at the Vineland Community Learning Complex the Gloria Sabater Elementary School. All Members voted “yes.”

Mr. Giordano said on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 another portion of this complex will be named.

Mr. Bernardini asked if at the March meeting more than one structure could be named. Mr. Giordano said yes that is a very good idea.

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Franchetta, CPA  
Board Secretary

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