

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, February 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. English presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Mr. Bordley, Ms. Codispoti, Mr. DeWinne, Mr. Pagano, Ms. Rios and Mr. Sbrana. Absent: Mr. Jennings.

Also present: Dr. Guccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey and Mr. Frangipani, Assistant Superintendents, Mrs. Haley, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. DeSanto, 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, the Atlantic City Press, the Grapevine, Clerk - City of Vineland, and Administrative Office Public Bulletin Board.

Flag Salute: Students from Landis Middle School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Special

Presentation (s): Dr. Guccio introduced Mr. Jack Calkin, EIRC Director of Research and Development, to present an update on our bus advertisements and honor sponsor.

Mr. Calkin said we are in the process of having the first advertiser for Vineland Board of Education bus advertisements. He said Rental Country has contributed for 20 advertisements to be on 20 buses. Mr. Calkin presented a sample of the advertisement and thanked Mr. Gary Galloway, owner of Rental Country, for his community support.

Mr. English thanked and presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Galloway for being the first to support the Vineland Public Schools bus advertising campaign.

Mr. Sbrana said the support from Mr. Galloway is just the latest in a long series of things he has done to support the school district. He said when we were raising money for the broadcast television program to cover sports Mr. Galloway was always his first call and he always said whatever you need.

Mr. Pagano said he has worked with Mr. Galloway for many years and he is a true community supporter in all aspects. He said Mr. Galloway is always one of the first people to step forward and help out.

Mr. DeWinne said he has served with Mr. Galloway on the Vineland Chamber of Commerce and he is instrumental in getting things done. He donates his time everywhere and is a true Vinelander.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Ms. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Sbrana, the minutes were approved January 6, 2016, January 13, 2016 and January 20, 2016. All Members voted “yes.”

Solicitor’s Report: None.

Public Comment on  
Agenda Items: None.

Recommendations:

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

Approval of Bills: Upon motion by, seconded by, the bills for December 2015 were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted “yes” (\$7,757,184.98).

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

Public: Carol Deola, Director/Owner of All Kids First  
Ms. Deola said she is here tonight to ask the Board for three things advice, help and support. She said that she has two completely furnished rooms to offer the district. Ms. Deola said she has had requests from over 50 parents who would love to see their children stay at All Kids First for kindergarten. She had pictures of the classrooms and documentation from the parents to distribute to the Board.

Board Member  
Remarks:

Mr. Bordley congratulated Mr. Reissek on his new job. He said his son attended All Kids First and his heart is forever there. Mr. Bordley said one of the best decisions his family ever made was to send their son to All Kids First. He supports All Kids First and if possible would support kindergarten there.

Ms. Codispoti thanked the Safety Patrol Members who came out tonight. She wished Mr. Reissek good luck on his new position. Ms. Codispoti said she would also support All Kids First having kindergarten if it could be done. She congratulated and thanked Mr. Galloway for his support. Ms. Codispoti wished everyone a safe President’s Day weekend and a Happy Valentine’s Day.

Ms. Acosta thanked Mr. Galloway and said she is a big proponent of community involvement and support for our students. She hopes members of our community would follow Mr. Galloway’s lead and help support our school district.

Mr. Sbrana congratulated the flag salute students. He wished Mr. Reissek the best of luck. Mr. Sbrana thanked Mr. Galloway.

Mr. Sbrana said he was very proud to attend last night's city council meeting where 11 of our schools were honored by the Vineland Health Department for exceptional efforts in food safety. He said that he is looking forward to Rossi Middle School's multicultural event on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sbrana announced that on February 26<sup>th</sup> the Dennis Tanner Scholarship Fund banquet will be held at Merighi's Savoy Inn. He said Mr. Tanner was his teacher at Landis School who he held in very high regard. Mr. Sbrana said Mr. Tanner was able to command the attention and respect of his students without ever raising his voice. He remembered being in class on November 22, 1963 when President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas. Mr. Sbrana still recalls Mr. Tanner's instinctive grasp of the situation without even thinking he said that will be all the work for today boys and you will always remember where you were and what you were doing on this day. He said Mr. Tanner who later became a Vineland High School assistant principal lost his life while saving a student on a class trip who was drowning. Mr. Sbrana announced that *Hair Spray Jr.* will be held at Veterans Memorial School on March 3, 4 and 5. He said on March 10, 11 and 12 our Cap N Dagger Club will be performing *Mary Poppins*.

Mr. DeWinne thanked Mr. Sbrana for his comments on Mr. Tanner.

Dr. Gruccio thanked the Landis Middle School students for the flag salute. She also thanked Mr. Galloway for his support and involvement in the community. Dr. Gruccio wished Mr. Reissek the best in his new job.

Report/Remarks by  
Board President:

Mr. English thanked Mr. Sbrana for his comments. He reminded everyone that on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. a presentation will be held at Wallace Middle School on the school district budget. Mr. English encouraged everyone to attend to voice their concerns and present their ideas.

Adjournment:           The Board adjourned the meeting by voice vote at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen G. Haley  
Board Secretary

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