

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held Wednesday, March 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, pursuant to notice with Mr. Giordano presiding and the following members present: Mr. Bernardini, Mr. DeWinne, Mr. Evans, Mr. Fanucci, Mr. Franceschini, Ms. Rios, Mr. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Also present: Mr. Ottinger, Superintendent, Mr. Franchetta, Board Secretary, Mr. Edward Rochetti, Executive Controller, Mr. Daniel Smith, Fiscal Analyst and Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor

Public Comment: Rahim Caldwell, Vineland Resident
Mr. Caldwell expressed his concern in regards to criminal threats being made towards him.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Board adopt a tentative 2009 – 2010 school district budget for submission to the voters as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$169,053,770.	\$21,619,781.
Special Revenue Fund	27,116,649.	0.
Debt Service Fund	0.	0.
Less: Transfer from General Fund	0.	
TOTAL	<u>\$196,170,419.</u>	<u>\$21,619,781.</u>

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

Further, the Board establish the maximum travel amount for the 2009 – 2010 school district budget at \$313,175.00. Additionally, the supporting documentation of this budget contains an itemization of certain expenditures required under administrative regulations.

Mr. Giordano reminded the board that his is a fluent document. He asked Mr. Franchetta what the primary purpose of this evening is.

Mr. Franchetta said the purpose is so the budget can be filed tomorrow with the State of New Jersey Department of Education and County Office of Education.

Mr. Spinelli said he along with Mr. DeWinne and Mr. Fanucci have questions in regards to some of the line item budgets for next year, which will be discussed at a future Finance Committee meeting. He said for the record there will be no tax increase for the residents of Vineland.

Mr. DeWinne said he has some reservations where some administrative costs could be trimmed. He said a position has been posted that he would like the board to discuss.

Mr. Giordano said a formal presentation will be given on the budget at the Public Hearing scheduled for April 1, 2009. He asked if the budget could be changed by the Public Hearing.

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Mr. Franchetta said yes the county or Department of Education may suggest changes before the Public Hearing.

2. The Board adopt Supplemental Funding Requests to accompany Budget for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Mr. Spinelli said this is the portion of the budget that deals with Abbott and this year we are permitted to apply for supplemental funds. He said administration has looked at items that we lost during the past three years and are attempting to replace. Mr. Spinelli said the eight million dollars is technically replacing many of the positions that were lost during the past three years.

Mr. Franceschini asked if there were new positions in the Vineland High School North budget. Mr. Franchetta said these are special education positions and in special education the students move throughout the district.

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

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3. The Board approve the First Reading of the following Policies and Regulations:

- a. Policy #2460 Special Education
- b. Policy #2467 Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents
- c. Regulation #2460 Special Education
- d. Regulation #2460.1 Special Education
Location, Identification and Referral
- e. Regulation #2460.8 Special Education
Free and Appropriate Public Education
- f. Regulation #2460.9 Special Education
Transition from Early Intervention Programs to Preschool Programs
- g. Regulation #2460.16 Special Education
Instructional Material to Blind or Print-Disabled Pupils

(As mandated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Education, all school districts are required to adopt these REVISED Special Education Policies and Procedures and certify such on an Assurance Statement to the County Office by April 24, 2009.

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

Mr. Ottinger introduced and congratulated Mr. Daniel Smith who will replace Mr. Edward Rochetti in the Accounting Department.

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Franchetta, CPA
Board Secretary