

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 7:05 p.m., in the cafetorium at the Gloria M. Sabater Elementary School Street, 301 S. E. Boulevard, Vineland, New Jersey, pursuant to notice with Mr. Giordano presiding and the following members present: Ms. Arroyo, Mr. Bernardini, Mr. Franceschini, Mrs. Gavigan, Mr. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: Mr. Fanucci and Mr. Snyder.

Also present: Mr. Ottinger, Superintendent, Dr. Figgs and Mr. Peters, Assistant Superintendents, Mr. Franchetta, Board Secretary, Mr. Rochetti, Executive Controller and 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:

Mr. Giordano read an email from Board Member, Anthony Fanucci. Mr. Fanucci said please be advised that he will not be attending the special meeting tonight because he will be attending to his family however, he does wish that the following be read into record: "Even though I am not present this evening and cannot vote I can say with all integrity that whatever the board decides to name the Impact Building it will be in the best interest of the community of Vineland. I fully support the board's decision and wish the best to all the families and friends of those who submitted names for consideration. Vineland is truly a better place for having such a diverse community with so many amazing people that came before us." Mr. Giordano reviewed the criteria for the school naming. He said at this time the board will entertain public comments on nominations.

Mr. DeSanto reminded the board that under the new policy the names must be in writing and considered by the board prior to tonight. He said we can not entertain any new names.

Mr. Giordano asked if the name had to be a new submission. Mr. DeSanto responded yes. He said the board needs to determine whether they want to go through the process of elimination as done when there were many names submitted or just one final vote because only four names were submitted.

The board agreed to have one vote.

#### Public Comments on School Naming.

Judy Ciarlante Talarico

Ms. Ciarlante spoke in support of nominee Salvatore Ciarlante.

Jared Talarico

Mr. Talarico spoke in support of nominee Salvatore Ciarlante.

Elaine Greenberg

Mrs. Greenberg spoke in support of nominee Casimer M. Dallago, Jr.

John Casadia

Mr. Casadia spoke in support of nominee Salvatore Ciarlante.

Thomas McCann

Dr. McCann spoke in support of nominee Casimer M. Dallago, Jr.

Jeff Talarico

Mr. Talarico read a letter submitted by Patrick Simmons in support of nominee Salvatore Ciarlante.

Justin Talarico

Mr. Talarico read a letter submitted by a former student in support of nominee Salvatore Ciarlante.

Reta Rios

Ms. Rios spoke in support of nominee Carmelo Ramos.

Kimberly Metcalf

Ms. Metcalf spoke in support of nominee Carmelo Ramos.

Kimberly Gagliardi

Ms. Gagliardi spoke in support of nominee Casimer M. Dallago, Jr.

Mr. DeSanto explained the selection process, which consists of four names. He said the board has decided that there will be one vote.

Mrs. Gavigan read the following nominees into the record for the naming of the school:

Salvatore Ciarlante

Casimer Dallago

Carmello Ramos

Juan Vargas

Mr. Franceschini voted for Casimer M. Dallago, Jr.

Mr. Bernardini voted for Casimer M. Dallago, Jr.

Mr. Spinelli voted for Casimer M. Dallago, Jr.

Mr. Ulrich voted for Casimer M. Dallago, Jr.

Ms. Arroyo voted for Carmello Ramos.

Mrs. Gavigan voted for Casimer M. Dallago, Jr.

Mr. Giordano voted for Casimer M. Dallago, Jr.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Bernardini, seconded by Mr. Spinelli, to name the Impact Center at the Vineland Community Learning Complex in honor of Casimer M. Dallago, Jr. All Members voted “yes.”

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary

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