

The combined meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held in the Landis Administration Building, 61 W. Landis Avenue, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 5:37 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. English presiding and the following members present: Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Medio, Mr. Sbrana, Ms. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: Ms. Acosta.

Also present: Dr. Guccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frangipani and Mr. Frey, Assistant Superintendents, Mr. Mercoli, 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, 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 Petway Elementary School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution: Mr. English 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 contract negotiation the nature of the contract and interested party is agreement to sell Leuchter School property. 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 grievance and employee job performance. Any Matter 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. **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. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Fiocchi, the resolution was passed. All Members voted “yes.”

Special

Presentation (s): Dr. Gruccio introduced Mr. Purvesh Patel, Food Service Director, to recognize the Five Star Award recipients.

Mr. Patel introduced the following Five Star Award recipients: Michelle Divincenzo, Veterans Memorial School, Rosaleen Chavez, Rossi Elementary School, Deborah Cavagnaro, Barse Elementary School, Michelle Peggin, Sabater Elementary School, Lori Kalowitz, Durand Elementary School, Lisa Groves, Petway Elementary School, and Bernardette Jester from Johnstone AMSA School.

Dr. Gruccio introduced Ms. Debra Quinn, Wallace Middle School Principal, to recognize a special education teacher.

Ms. Quinn said it is her pleasure tonight to honor Ms. Jacquie Campbell who was a featured teacher on Kristen Bell’s Instagram website. Ms. Quinn introduced Ms. Teri Godlewski to present background on Ms. Campbell.

Ms. Godlewski said Ms. Campbell began her career in the special education department in 2007. She said Ms. Campbell started our middle school program and has done an excellent job. Ms. Godlewski said Ms. Campbell is a kind and compassionate person and has never seen her frazzled.

Ms. Quinn introduced and recognized Ms. Campbell.

Dr. Gruccio introduced Mr. Steve Schiavo, Prudential Representative, along with Ms. Tammy Monahan, Principal of Sgt. Dominick Pilla Middle School, to honor a student for receiving a state award.

Ms. Monahan thanked Dr. Gruccio and the Board of Education for the opportunity to recognize one of our students. She said Rylee Howerton earned the Prudential Spirit of Community Award as a NJ State Honoree.

Mr. Schiavo said it is a pleasure to be here tonight to honor a very special young woman. He said his company Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals sponsors the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Mr. Schiavo introduced Rylee Howerton to receive her award.

Dr. Gruccio introduced Ms. Angela D'Ottavio, VHS Health Science Teacher, to honor HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) Award students.

Ms. D'Ottavio said this year we have received the most medals ever in all of our ten years at the high school. She asked a couple of the students to present an example of what they did this year. Ms. D'Ottavio introduced each of the HOSA award recipients and presented them with their award.

HIB: No discussion.

Approval of

Minutes: Upon motion by Ms. Spinelli, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the minutes were approved from March 6, 2019 Combined Mtg and March 13, 2019 Special Mtg. All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote.

Public Comments

Agenda Items: None.

At 6:05 p.m. the Board retired to executive session.

The meeting resumed at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. English said the Finance Committee in conjunction with Mr. Mercoli and Dr. Gruccio have been working on different cuts. He said at the present time there will be no elementary cuts to strings or band, which in turn will not affect any teachers.

Board Solicitor

Comments: Mr. DeSanto said by resolution at the March 6, 2019 meeting the Board approved the sale of the Leuchter School property in the amount of \$551,000 to Golden Gate Inc. He received a request from Golden Gate's attorney for the Board to consider extending the closing date on or before May 15, 2019. Mr. DeSanto respectfully requests for the Board to adopt a motion extending the closing date on or before May 15, 2019.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Medio, seconded by Mr. Holmes, to extend the closing date for the sale of the Leuchter School property in the amount of \$551,000 to Golden Gate Inc. on or before May 15, 2019. All Members voted "yes."

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

PERSONNEL (1.1-1.3)

- 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
 - e. Extracurricular Summer
 - f. Volunteers

- 1.2 The Board approve a three-day, unpaid suspension for a certificated employee whose name is on file with the Board Secretary.

- 1.3 The Board approve to appoint Gene Mercoli, School Business Administrator, as school district fund commissioner representative, and Scott Musterel, Assistant School Business Administrator, as school district alternate fund commissioner representative to the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund effective March 15, 2019.

All Members voted “yes” except Mr. Medio who voted “yes” on all items except anything to do with NJ Youth Corps he “abstained.” (8-0-0)

All Members voted “yes” except Mr. Ulrich who “abstained.” (7-0-1)

All Members voted “yes.” (8-0-0)

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PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2.1-2.5)

2.1 The Board approve field trips and district travel.

All Members
 voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

2.2 The Board approve the second reading of the following
 Bylaws, Policies and Regulations:

All Members
 voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

Mandated Changes

- Policy 2422 – Health & Physical Education (Revised)
- Policy 2610 – Educational Program Evaluation (Revised)
- Policy 4219 – Commercial Driver’s License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing (Revised)
- Policy 5111 - Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (Revised)
- Policy 5330.04 – Administering an Opioid Antidote (Revised)
- Policy 5756 – Transgender Students (Revised)
- Policy 7440 – School District Security (Revised)
- Policy 8561 – Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs. *These policies replace the “Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS)” with “Student Safety Data System (SSDS)”*
- Policy 2415.06 - Unsafe School Choice Option (Revised)
- Regulation 2460.8 – Special Education Free and Appropriate Public Education (Revised)
- Regulation 5530 – Substance Abuse (Revised)
- Policy 5600 – Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (Revised)
- Policy 5611 – Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses (Revised)
- Policy 5612 – Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees (Revised)

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2.4 The Board authorize the Board Secretary to enter into an affiliation agreement for the 2018-2019 school year for the placement of students for field internship, student teaching, practicum, and observations with Neumann University.

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

2.5 The Board approve the first reading of the following Bylaws, Policies and Regulations:
 a. Bylaw 0143 Board member election, appointment and vacancies.

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – (3.1)

3.1 The Board approve a motion acknowledging that no bids were received for the Oak and Main property and the 17 W. Landis Avenue property and authorizing the Superintendent and Business Administrator to negotiate for the sale of 17 West Landis Avenue with any interested party in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:20-7, subject to Board approval.

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

FINANCE – (4.1-4.11)

4.1 The Board approve budgetary transfers for General, School-Based and ECPA for February 2019.

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

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4.2 The Board approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports for February 2019.

All Members
 voted “yes.”
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4.3 The Board approve submission of the following grant applications:

All Members
 voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

- a. The FY 2019 reallocated Title I Application to the New Jersey Department of Education from February 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$276,896.
- b. The FY 2019 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Application Amendment to include carryover funds to the New Jersey Department of Education from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
 - Title I-A.....\$ 3,697,877
 - Title I-SIA.....\$ 665,822
 - Title II-A.....\$ 502,983
 - Title III.....\$ 204,238
 - Title III Immigrant.....\$ 16,683
 - Title IV Part A.....\$ 224,822
- c. The Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnership for Success Grant through Robins’ Nest Inc. for all three district middle schools in the approximate amount of \$200,000.
- d. The Nix Gangs Program through CCPYDC – Cumberland County Positive Youth Development Coalition for Wallace Middle School in the amount of \$33,800.

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4.4 The Board approve to accept the following funding:

- a. Kohls Volunteer Grant for Mennies Elementary School in the amount of \$500.

All Members
 voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

4.5 The Board approve a tuition contract with Salem County Vocational Technical School for the Career, Technical and Academy Programs for the 2019-2020 school year with a tentative tuition charge per student of \$6,277 for 11 full-time students.

All Members
 voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

4.6 The Board approve the agreement between the Vineland Board of Education and Catapult Learning, LLC to provide special education and related services to students identified with disabilities, between the ages of 3 and 21 to students attending non-public schools within the Vineland City boundaries for the 2018-2019 school year.

All Members
 voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

4.7 The Board approve acknowledgement that no bids were received on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. for RFP #03-19/20 Online Educational Services. The district will re-advertise for these services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22.

All Members
 voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

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4.8 The Board approve the Joint Transportation Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year between Lower Alloways Creek and the Vineland Board of Education in the amount of \$500.

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

4.9 The Board approve the Joint Transportation Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year between Jackson Township School District and the Vineland Board of Education in the amount of \$795.01.

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

4.10 The Board approve the transportation addendum contract for the 2018-2019 school year between the Vineland Board of Education and the Winslow Township School District in the amount of \$2.74 per diem.

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

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- 4.11 The Board approve the following Cumberland County Regional Cooperative Transportation initiatives:
- a. 2018-2019 Jointure
 - b. 2018-2019 Transportation Quoted Contracts
 - c. 2018-2019 Transportation Addendum
 - d. 2018-2019 Bid #9 Student Transportation Services-Record & Award
 - e. 2018-2019 Gloucester County Special Services Participation Agreement (Encl.)

All Members
 voted "yes."
 (8-0-0)

Proposed item(s) for review or discussion or adoption by Board members:

Mr. English made a recommendation to suspend Policy 7250 and to name the Sgt. Dominick Pilla Middle School gymnasium in honor of Salvatore C. Ciarlante and to name the Sgt. Dominick Pilla Middle School media center in honor of Miles Lerman.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Fiocchi, to suspend Policy 7250 and to name the Sgt. Dominick Pilla Middle School gymnasium in honor of Salvatore C. Ciarlante and to name the Sgt. Dominick Pilla Middle School media center in honor of Miles Lerman. All Members voted “yes.”

Discussion and approval of the scheduling of a special meeting to entertain presentations by interested candidates for the pending Board vacancy and to appoint an individual to fill said vacancy.

Mr. English said we looked at our calendars and April 10th is when the last application can be received for the Board vacancy. He said we are looking at the following Wednesday, April 17th to have a special Board meeting to hear from the proposed candidates. Mr. English asked Mr. DeSanto when the person is voted on that evening they would have to go through the fingerprinting process. Mr. DeSanto said yes it is approval subject to the passing of the state criminal investigation check. He said tonight's procedure should be discussed.

Mr. English made a recommendation to have the special board meeting to interview the board candidates on April 17, 2019 with a 6:30 p.m. start time.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Fiocchi, to have the special board meeting to interview the board candidates on April 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. All Members voted “yes.”

Mr. DeSanto said in the past the Board had adopted a procedure for the presentations. He said during the last couple the Board developed a series of 5 common standard questions that were asked of each of the individuals. Mr. DeSanto said a half hour before the meeting the candidates were given the written questions and completed their answers to the written questions. He said one by one they would be called into the auditorium to give their presentations whether they wanted to read their answers or include them in paraphrased but they had to cover those areas. Mr. DeSanto said the Board President asks one common question to the candidates at the podium. He said those 6 questions would be the only questions that the candidates would be asked. Mr. DeSanto said the purpose behind that would be to give objectivity and neutrality. He said the presentations are made in public session and the deliberation/discussion of the candidates are made in executive session. Mr. DeSanto said the vote to appoint is made in public session. He said the Board needs to develop these questions prior to April 17th. Mr. DeSanto said the Board may want to consider an Ad Hoc committee in order to develop these questions. He said the committee can receive individual input from Board members so that the questions are developed.

Mr. English would like an Ad Hoc Committee put in place immediately and asked for two or three Board members to volunteer to be on it. Mr. Ulrich said he can do it but it may have to be through a conference call. Ms. Spinelli and Mr. Medio volunteered.

Mr. Ulrich asked what timing are we going to put on the actual answering of the questions and comments. Mr. DeSanto said he will contact Mr. Mercoli tomorrow to give him whatever he has from prior meetings.

Approval of

Bills:

Upon motion by Mr. Medio, seconded by Mr. Fiocchi, the bills for February 2019 were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted "yes." (\$6,080,169.22)

Mr. English asked if there is a reason we are using Botino's versus Sodexo. Mr. Salerno, Purchasing Director, said they are used by special education for behavior modification.

Mr. English questioned why the Capehart Scatchard Law firm is higher than the other firms we use. Dr. Rossi said personnel has used them for a sick leave law for hourly employees along with a couple other issues that have come up. Mr. English asked if they were our special education law firm. Mr. Mercoli said that is true.

Committee

Reports:

Mr. Fiocchi said the Finance Committee met on April 1st and discussed the recommendations for budget cuts, benefits and goals of the AMSA Program, the restoring of instrumental strings and bands at elementary schools along with most of the cuts of the cafeteria workers.

Mr. Mercoli said the fund for the cafeteria workers is a separate enterprise fund and has no ramifications to the general fund, which is what the Board preliminarily approved March 13th. He said the fund has to break even, run like a business and always has to be in the black. Mr. Mercoli said in order to get the fund into the black there were some necessary cuts but no where near what the original proposal was.

Mr. English said at the last meeting there were some Board members that thought maybe something different could be done with some of the line items. He said we reached out to each Board member and had thorough discussions. Mr. English said we believe if we still have things that need to be changed and hashed out. He said in regards to the AMSA Program there is miscommunication about the cost, who it serves and how it is actually benefiting the district.

Mr. Medio said Mr. Holmes and Ms. Spinelli had recommendations for cuts. Mr. English said yes and he did as well. Mr. Medio asked if all three of them agreed on one or two cuts. Mr. English, Mr. Holmes and Ms. Spinelli all responded yes. Mr. Medio asked if the Board can make those cuts when the budget is presented. Mr. English said the big discussions were food service, strings/instrumental and the \$250,000 that is being used for transportation of the current AMSA students. Mr. Medio said in the next few days he wants to know if the Board can vote to change the budget. Mr. English asked Mr. Mercoli to explain this tonight.

Mr. Mercoli said once the public hearing occurs and the public gets the opportunity to express their view on the budget the Board can change any piece of the budget at that time. He said that is why the second Board meeting, where we normally approve the budget, was re-advertised for May 1st with a second public hearing. Mr. Mercoli said you may have information that comes out of the April 29th public hearing and if you elect to change the budget it has to be changed at a meeting in which the public has been heard. He said May 1st is the actual adoption of the budget and is a second public hearing. Mr. Mercoli said the Board can change the budget up until May 14th, which is the day it has to be submitted to the county.

Mr. English said his main concern is that he did not mean to ambush central administration with last minute things. He said Mr. Mercoli did say if the budget does not pass by the Board it still has to go to the county for them to make the final decision. Mr. Mercoli said hopefully this could be settled through committee and we can come up here with exactly what the Board would like to see presented. He said we know the Vineland School District better than the county does and he hopes we can settle this before it gets to the county.

Mr. Medio said we have had several meetings on the re-dedication ceremony of the Sgt. Dominick Pilla Middle School. He said the amount of work that people have done on this committee is unbelievable. Mr. Medio discussed the contributions and work that every person did and publicly thanked them. He invited everyone to come out on Saturday to the dedication.

Mr. English thanked Mr. Medio for his work on the committee.

Mr. Ulrich said discussed at tonight's Policy & Personnel Committee was updates on grievances, transportation positions and the reorganizing of responsibilities, purchase order maintenance system tracking process and Bylaw 0143.

Mr. English said that Mr. Mercoli has given the transportation piece a fresh set of eyes and has deep knowledge of it. He said we believe this is a valuable commodity and something we want to stay in and do our best to vest in it for the future.

Emergent Items: None.

Public Comments

Agenda Items: Vera Bojko, District Elementary String Teacher

Ms. Bojko thanked the Board and Central Administration for reinstating the elementary string and band programs. She invited everyone to the All City District String Concert on May 28th at Wallace Middle School and to the Band Concert at the Landis Administration building on May 29th.

Roxanne Derenzis, D'Ippolito School Teacher

Ms. Derenzis thanked the Board for considering a tax increase to raise funds for our school budget but is here to say it is not enough.

Vicky Miller

Ms. Miller said April is autism awareness month. She thanked the special education department for all the hard work that they do to help our autistic students.

Jeff Martine

Mr. Martine thanked Dr. Gruccio and Mr. Musterel for their hard work on the budget. He discussed a few concerns that he had with the budget.

Lisa Arena, Mennies School Principal

Ms. Arena spoke in support of basic skills teachers in the district. She expressed her concern in regards to cutting assistant principals.

Rebecca Allen, District Elementary Band Teacher

Ms. Allen thanked the Board and stressed the importance of the elementary band and string program.

Greg Nordberg

Mr. Nordberg expressed his concern as to why we have not increased taxes for education during the past 15 years. He questioned where his dollars will go with the tax increase.

Tara Myerson, Teacher

Ms. Myerson expressed her concern in regards to the cuts in the budget. She would like to hear how the Board feels about the cuts.

Susanne Morello

Ms. Morello thanked Mr. Medio for pushing for the re-dedication committee. She said it has been one of the most rewarding committees that she has ever served on. Ms. Morello said Mrs. Monahan, Principal of Sgt Dominick Pilla Middle School, has had many great ideas and has encouraged her students to participate. She hopes that in regards to the budget and the things we are hearing about tonight would have been uppermost in the minds of administration when the budget was being done. Ms. Morello said we as taxpayers have to look at administration and ask how did it get this far. She questioned why the Board is changing Bylaw 0143 right before selecting a new Board member.

Rebecca Tasso

Ms. Tasso expressed her concern in regards to the proposed cuts and being transferred to numerous extensions when she called the district.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Board Member

Remarks: Mr. Sbrana thanked the flag salute students and everyone who was honored tonight. He said if he says “no comment” at this time it does not mean that he has not had numerous conversations with his colleagues and administrators about issues. Mr. Sbrana said not a day goes by that there are not phone calls and emails that go back and forth discussing these items. He said none of us made the budget that we are dealing with currently. Mr. Sbrana said for as many people who are ok with raising the taxes there are many who say they cannot afford an increase. He said moving forward he thinks that we are going to do the very best that we can for all the students, staff and taxpayers.

Mr. Fiocchi said he is a lifelong resident, homeowner in Vineland and is marrying a teacher. He said there are always two sides to the story and we do care.

Mr. Holmes said today he had the pleasure of attending Challenge Day at Wallace School and was a remarkable event. He thanked Ms. Quinn and her staff for the turn around that he has seen at that school. Mr. Holmes said today was about empathy, compassion and teamwork and he was grateful to have the opportunity to attend. He said as a Board member he wants to remain in touch for students and fight for their interests. Mr. Holmes said in regards to the budget he is going to be very transparent. He is looking forward to more dialogue and will not be supporting this budget unless some of the cuts he presented Monday night are considered. Mr. Holmes said if we are going to ask our staff to do less with more than this building should set the example before we ask anyone else. He does not always comment but is in the schools almost every week.

Ms. Spinelli said we are not done hashing out the budget and does not want to comment on it until we define those lines. She is one of the only Board members besides Ms. Acosta that has a child in the district and understands all the cuts on every level.

Mr. Ulrich said he has a lot going through his mind and has good insight. He said sometimes his wife, who is a teacher in the district, will give him a point of view that he did not consider. Mr. Ulrich said over 80% of the taxpayers money goes to salary and benefits for the people who provide these services to our children each and every day. He said the majority of the budget that we control is very small. Mr. Ulrich said we have to look beyond this because the state is not going to bail us out. He said he has always tried to be an advocate for the children who are falling behind. Mr. Ulrich said he is interested in what we can do long term for the majority of the students that we have. He said to this day he was never given an actual cost on the AMSA Program. Mr. Ulrich said one of the Board's ethical responsibilities is to ensure that the district is well run. He said when a Board member finds out we are spending nearly a quarter of a million dollars to bus less than 150 students it does not fit the definition of a district well run.

Mr. Ulrich said Mr. Frey has done a great service to that group of students. He has family members that are in the AMSA Program but we have to look at what that program costs us because it services so little students. Mr. Ulrich said we all want everything for the students but he does not know how we are going to do it. He does not feel it is a Board members role to line item the budget and he is looking at big ticket items that are going to affect the future. Mr. Ulrich said our primary role is to reach the largest amount of students we can and provide them with a quality education so we can get the test scores up.

Dr. Guccio said there is misinformation out there and you do not have the full story on some of the things that are being addressed. She reminded everyone of the size of our district. Dr. Guccio said a district of this size cannot run efficiently if we eliminate one of our Assistant Superintendents. Dr. Guccio invited anyone to spend a day at the Board office and you will not find 5 minutes down time that any of us have. She said there is not misspending in this district and when we find it we correct the problem. Dr. Guccio said the most important people in this district are the teachers. She said she does not like the fact that we are cutting basic skills teachers or decreasing the amount of counselors or playground aides. Dr. Guccio said we have been working since October for hours and hours to try to do what is right and not hurt the classroom. She said it is not easy to do when you are cutting millions. Dr. Guccio said with or without money we have done the very best we can possibly do for our children. She is proud of the district and the education our children are offered everyday in the classroom. Dr. Guccio said she has worked in the district for 44 years. She is tired of hearing the negatives and invited anyone to spend a day in any classroom or the Board office. Dr. Guccio urged everyone to try to remember the size of our district and to please get all the facts before tearing something apart.

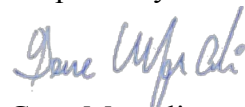
Board President

Remarks: Mr. English said he has know problem bringing communication, collaboration, and transparency but it is how everyone digests it. He said at our next Board meeting you will see every AMSA parent because that is an issue for every Board member in a different way.

Mr. English said we are a county with the highest unemployment, foreclosures, and a diverse demographic population that is super challenging. He said that he came back to this Board because he believes that he could help and give guidance. Mr. English said he will continue to work because he can take constructive criticism better than anybody. He said we are the custodians of the taxpayers money. Mr. English said he has asked central administration to be more transparent and they have answered that call. He said we will continue as Board members to run the school district as we are charged to do. Mr. English said he is the one that is going hard after AMSA. He said not to close the program but to possibly make it an 8 through 12 program back at the high school. Mr. English said we are challenging Dr. Guccio right now and making her accountable. He said we have Board members who have family working in this district. Mr. English said his wife is a kindergarten aide and she sees what is happening at the kindergarten level. He urged everyone to continue to reach out to Dr. Guccio and do not stop coming. Mr. English said do not ever think that central administration and this Board is not working hard. He thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Fiocchi, seconded by Mr. Holmes, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted



Gene Mercoli
Board Secretary