

An open work session of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held in the Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 7:17 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Medio presiding and the following members present: Mr. Baruffi, Mr. DeWinne, Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. English, Mr. Jennings, Ms. Morello, Ms. Rios and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Polof, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Schectman, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor, press and public. Absent: None.

Mr. Medio 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, Clerk - City of Vineland, and Administrative Office Public Bulletin Board.

Flag salute:

Resolution:

Mr. Schectman 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 pending/anticipated litigation the matter is Sammons-Vineland Board of Education litigation and the Vineland Board of Education vs. Green Lane Construction. Any matters 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. 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 performance of administrative employees. **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 Ms. Morello, seconded by Mr. Jennings, the resolution was passed. All Members voted “yes”.

Special

Presentations: Dr. Gruccio introduced Mrs. Melanie Beck, Cunningham Alternative School Principal, to highlight a wonderful achievement of one of our students.

Mrs. Beck honored Joseph Martino for being recognized as Student of the Month at the Cumberland County Technical Education Center for his achievements in the Welding Program.

Dr. Gruccio introduced Mr. Jeff Dubois, Math Supervisor, to recognize the winners of the Math 24 Competition.

Mr. Dubois said it is his honor and privilege to present the winners of this year’s Math 24 Tournament. He thanked the parents and students for a great turn out along with all the volunteers. Mr. Dubois introduced the following fourth grade winners: fourth place, Victor Mendoza, third place, Morgan Rybak, second place, Emma Patrignani, and first place, Rodrick Zapanta. The fifth grade winners were: fourth place, Zach Bispo, third place, Jocelyn Jones, second place, Matt Bispo and first place, Robert Burgess.

Dr. Gruccio introduced Ms. Theresa Booth, YMCA Senior Program Director, to present the CATCH Program.

Ms. Booth thanked the Board for allowing her to present the CATCH Before and After School Program in the elementary schools in Vineland. She said when the students arrive they receive a healthy snack do homework, a quiet activity, read, do crafts etc. Ms. Booth presented a video and said in the CATCH Program students learn about healthy life styles and eating.

**Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB Report), Suspension Report, Cunningham Alternative School Report/Average Daily Attendance** - Mrs. Polof presented a summary of the report.

Ms. Morello requested additional detail on the third incident because it was a significant offense.

Comments by

Board Solicitor: None.

Public Comment

on Agenda Items: None.

Items for Review:

A. Superintendent

1. **PERSONNEL**

- 1.1 **Personnel Items** – Mr. DiGiorgio asked for an explanation on the training for the special education extended school year program. Mrs. Godlewski, Director of Special Education, explained that our extended school year program is a required program given to the children with special needs per their IEP. She said we cannot always get the same staff in during the summer so we have to make sure that the staff that is hired is trained in the ABA methodologies.

Ms. Morello asked where the funding comes from for the Super Saturday Program held at Landis Middle School. Dr. Guccio said she believes it is part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. Ms. Morello asked what schools have the 21<sup>st</sup>. Century Grant. Dr. Guccio said Landis Middle School. Ms. Morello said it is nice to see some of the curriculum reviews being done during the academic year.

2. **PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS**

- 2.1 **Travel – a. Field Trips, b. District Travel, c. Wrestling Trip** – No discussion.
- 2.2 **Policy #5516 Remotely Activating Comm. Devices-Pagers & Cellular Telephones** – Mr. English asked if this policy will be reviewed. Dr. Guccio responded yes.
- 2.3 **Bus Evacuation Drills** - No discussion.

3. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – None.

4. **FINANCE**

- 4.1 **Budgetary Transfers** – Mr. DiGiorgio asked if the sixth and fourth transfers are duplicates. Mr. Schectman said the initial transmission was duplicated. Mr. DiGiorgio asked what the initials stand for on item #4. Mr. Schectman said special services district.
- 4.2 **Placement of Special Education Students** – No discussion.
- 4.3 **Cumberland County Educational Cooperative Contract** – No discussion.
- 4.4 **Donation from Italian Cultural Foundation of South Jersey, Inc.** – No discussion.
- 4.5 **Federal Programs Staff and Salaries** – No discussion.
- 4.6 **Legal Fee Payment to Employee** – No discussion.
- 4.7 **Non-Union Administrative/Supervisory/Auxiliary Personnel Memorandum** – No discussion.
- 4.8 **Donation from Lou Geri** – No discussion.
- 4.9 **Cumberland Cape Atlantic YMCA Grant** – No discussion.
- 4.10 **Education Logistics Inc. Software** – Mr. DeWinne asked for an explanation on this item. Mr. Callavini explained that this software is to replace current software we are using. He said the recurring annual cost is approximately \$24,000.00.  
  
Ms. Rios asked if other districts use this company. Mr. Callavini responded yes a couple North Jersey districts.  
  
Mr. Baruffi asked for an example of what this software does. Mr. Callavini said it will automate the rerouting of our students and keep track of them. He said it will also take our GPS records and match them to the routes.
- 4.11 **Municipal Alliance Grant Funding** – No discussion.

**2. ITEMS PROPOSED FOR REGULAR AGENDA:**

- a. **Report by the Secretary of the Board of Education** – No discussion.
- b. **Monthly Bills Incurred** – Mr. English requested an itemized list on exactly what we are purchasing from Grainger. He asked if the bills for Northeastern were ongoing or repairs. Mr. Schectman said he will look into it. Mr. English asked what the bill to Steins’s Food Service was for. Mr. Schectman said it is for equipment for one of the kitchens. Mr. English asked what the payment was for to Buena Regional School District. Mr. Schectman said he will look into it. Mr. English asked if we transport students to the Millville Charter School. Mr. Schectman responded yes. Mr. Ulrich asked if there is a distance limit. Mr. Callavini said if the Charter School is within your district boundaries we have to transport no matter what the cost is. He said when a Charter School is outside of your city it is treated like a private school and we reimburse.

Mr. DiGiorgio asked for an explanation on Durand Academy and Community Services. Mr. Medio said it is a special education school. Mr. DiGiorgio asked for explanations on Epic Environmental, Wex Bank, Business Automation Tech, Troxell Communications and Methfessel & Werbel.

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

Public Comments: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Unfinished Business: Mr. English asked if a student is currently at another choice school and the sending district develops the program are they obligated to come back to their district. Mr. Frey said they would be allowed to stay in the program they are currently in. Mr. DiGiorgio asked if a follow-up is done on the student to assure they are still in the program that they originally transferred there for. Mr. Frey said the school would send the student back if they did not meet the requirements.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert G. Schectman  
Board Secretary

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