

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 6, 2016 at 7:02 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. English presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Mr. Bordley, Ms. Codispoti, Mr. DeWinne and Ms. Rios and Mr. Sbrana. Absent: Mr. Jennings due to a personal matter and Mr. Pagano due to illness.

Also present: Dr. Guccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey and Mr. Frangipani, Assistant Superintendents, Mrs. Haley, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. DeSanto, Board 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:

Resolution: None.

Special

Presentations: Dr. Guccio introduced Ms. Vicky Yeager, VHS Science Department Chair, to honor the Academic Team.

Ms. Yeager said this is her tenth year coaching the Academic Team and a total of three trophies have been awarded from all of our interscholastic competitions. She said this Academic Team received five trophies this year and six last year. Ms. Yeager introduced each of the Academic Team members and thanked them for the great job they have done.

Dr. Guccio introduced Ms. Angela D’Ottavio, VHS Science Teacher, to recognize students who received medals at the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) state competition.

Ms. D’Ottavio said these Health Occupation Students of America competed in both the regional and state competitions. She said three students are eligible for nationals, which will be held in June in Nashville, Tennessee. Ms. D’Ottavio introduced each of the student medal winners.

Dr. Guccio introduced Ms. Marie Donato and Ms. Luzmilla Badillo-Gauldron, VHS Bilingual Teachers, to recognize students who won awards at the 8th Annual Cumberland County College Science Research Competition.

Ms. Donato said Ms. Gauldron is not present tonight and due to extra-curricular activities only a few students could attend tonight's meeting. She said the project was optional and these students took it upon themselves to do the research. Ms. Donato introduced and recognized each of the students.

Student Liaison

Report: None.

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB Report), Suspension Report, Cunningham Alternative School Report/Average Daily Attendance – None.

Comments by

Board Solicitor: None.

Items for Review:

A. Superintendent

1. **PERSONNEL**

1.1 **Personnel Items** – No discussion.

2. **PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS**

2.1 **Travel** – No discussion.

2.2 **School Calendar for 2016-2017** – Dr. Gruccio thanked the unions and Board members who attended the committee meetings and for their participation in the process.

2.3 **Partnerships with Colleges/Universities** – No discussion.

3. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

3.1 **NJ Department of Education “Other” Projects** - Ms. Rios asked if these projects are being funded by capital reserve. Mrs. Haley said these are all in Fund 12 and through the capital reserve \$300,000 is helping to offset the cost. Ms. Rios asked what the remaining balance is to fund the projects. Mrs. Haley said if she remembers correctly the entire Fund 12 is \$1.186 million and she come up with the breakdown later.

Mr. DeWinne asked if we found funding for the Winslow Elementary School air conditioning. Mrs. Haley said that was not taken out of the budget.

Ms. Rios said she wants to know what each project costs. Mr. Musterel said we budgeted \$125,000 for the Winslow Air Conditioning Project, \$490,000 for the VHS-N roof replacement, \$100,000 for VHS-N bathroom renovations, Mennies and Barse Security Entry Doors were both \$25,000.

4. **FINANCE**

4.1 **Budgetary Transfers (Feb. 2016)** – No discussion.

4.2 **Board Secretary/Treasurer’s report for February 2016** – No discussion.

4.3 **Placement of Special Education Students** – No discussion.

4.4 **Submission of the following grants – a. Mennies Kohl’s AIA Grant, b. EdConnect IIS Grant** – No discussion.

4.5 **Sale/Disposal of Buses** – No discussion.

4.6 **Sale of Various Items on Gov.Deals** – No discussion.

4.7 **Disposal of Books** – REMOVED FROM AGENDA.

4.8 **SimplexGrinnell Contract for Johnstone School** – No discussion.

4.9 **Awarding of the following Bids - a. The Pro Computer Services for IT Services, b. Lease of 1350 SW. Boulevard – NO BIDS RECEIVED** - No discussion.

4.10 **VHS Ball Fields Rental** – No discussion.

4.11 **New York Life Company Benefits Program** – No discussion.

4.12 **Gloucester County Special Services Cooperative Transportation Consortium** – No discussion.

4.13 **Summer Food Service Program Contracts – a. Sodexo Management Inc. b. Summer Food Service Program reimbursement Agreement** – Mr. English asked Mr. DeSanto if he is ok with these contracts. Mr. DeSanto said we have had several meetings and he is satisfied that these two contracts are in order.

Mrs. Haley said she has spoken to a representative at the Department of Agriculture and out of the three optional summer programs this program will be the most cost beneficial to us. She said unfortunately even with this program we will lose money. Mrs. Haley said based on the number of students in the summer we will be serving about 225 free meals. She said the projected cost to the district is around \$8,500 and Sodexo will be losing around \$9,000. Mr. English asked if the programs are mandatory. Mrs. Helen responded yes.

4.14 **Bid Threshold** – Mr. DeWinne asked if we are still going to go out for bid as much as we can. Mrs. Haley said yes.

4.15 **Bus Advertisements with Inspira Health Network** – Ms. Codispoti thanked Inspira along with everyone who has taken out an advertisement. She also commended Mr. Callavini for looking into these bus advertisements.

2. REGULAR AGENDA

b. Items proposed by the Board President or an individual Board Member

Review of bills incurred during February 2016 – Mr. English commented on the difference between Vineland High School South and North's gas bill. He said new heating and air conditioning systems do make a difference. Mr. DeWinne asked if the right months are posted. Mrs. Haley said she will review the bills to see what timeframe the amounts were related to.

Mr. English said the Charter School bills are astronomical. He said Vineland Public Schools is an outstanding school district and it bothers him when students choose to go elsewhere. Mr. English said we have to work on promoting ourselves better and continue to keep the students in our school system.

Public Comments: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Ms. Acosta said April is Autism Awareness month and urged everyone to keep our children in mind. She announced that this Friday at 1:00 p.m. Winslow Elementary School is having a special Blowing Bubbles for Autism Event and encouraged everyone to participate

Ms. Acosta said 1 in every 45 children are diagnosed with Autism. She said there is no cure for Autism but the key is early intervention and Winslow Elementary School has a wonderful program.

Mr. English thanked Ms. Quinn, Principal of Winslow Elementary School, for the t-shirts they will be wearing proudly that day.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen G. Haley
Board Secretary

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