

The Annual Organization meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held in the Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland New Jersey, on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Flag Salute:

Temporary Chairman: Dr. Banks, serving as temporary chairperson, announced that in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law commonly referred to as "The Sunshine Law," the Vineland Board of Education has caused notice of and posting of this Annual Organization meeting of the Board of Education.

Members Sworn In: Mr. DeSanto administered the oath of office to Scott E. English, R. Alan Mounier and Thomas Ulrich who took their seats on the Board for a term of three years.

After the swearing in, each of the newly elected Board Members thanked those who supported them and expressed their enthusiasm for their service on the Board.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Mr. DeWinne, Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. English, Mr. Fanucci, Mr. Franceschini, Dr. Mounier, Mrs. Phillips, Ms. Rios and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Also present were Dr. Banks, Superintendent, Dr. Gruccio, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Franchetta, Board Secretary, Ms. Greenfield, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor, press and public.

Mr. DeSanto reviewed the procedures to be used for the election of officers.

Dr. Banks called for nominations for the office of President of the Board.

President Mr. Fanucci nominated Mr. Franceschini for President of the Board.

Mr. DiGiorgio nominated Mr. DeWinne for President of the Board.

There were no other nominations for President of the Board.

Dr. Banks closed nominations for President of the Board and asked for a vote to be taken for the first nominee Mr. Franceschini.

All Members voted “yes” for Mr. Fanucci’s nomination of Mr. Franceschini for President of the Board of Education except Mr. DeWinne, Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. English and Dr. Mounier who voted “no.”

Mr. Franceschini won the nomination of President of the Board of Education. He requested nominations for Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Vice President:

Mrs. Phillips nominated Mr. Ulrich for Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Mr. DiGiorgio nominated Mr. DeWinne for Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Franceschini closed nominations for Vice-President and asked for a vote to be taken for the first nominee Mr. Ulrich.

All Members voted “yes” for Mrs. Phillip’s nomination of Mr. Ulrich for Vice President of the Board of Education except Dr. Mounier who voted “no.”

Mr. Ulrich won the nomination of Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Public Comments:

None.

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Board re-adopt the Rules for Board Governance (i.e. By-Laws and Policies).

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

2. The Board accept the results of the 2010 annual school election.

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

3. The Board approve travel for district members as required by NJAC 6A:10A-8.3 and/or school field trips as per lists provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

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

Public Comments: None.

Board Comments: Mr. DeWinne thanked Mr. Bernardini and Mr. Giordano for their years of service. He congratulated Mr. Ulrich, Dr. Mounier, Mr. English and Mr. Franceschini. Mr. DeWinne said that he is looking forward to a productive year for the district.

Dr. Mounier said our system of self-government requires participation of citizens and that is why he is here. He congratulated the new President and Vice President of the Board along with the newly elected candidates. Dr. Mounier thanked everyone for showing an interest and said there is a lot to do in the district let's all try to get things done.

Mrs. Phillips thanked Mr. Giordano and Mr. Bernardini for their tremendous service to this board for so many years. She congratulated and welcomed Mr. English, Dr. Mounier and Mr. Ulrich. Mrs. Phillips said that we are going to have a great productive year.

Mr. English asked everyone to bear with him because he is new to public speaking. He thanked the public for supporting his campaign as well as the voters for supporting change. Mr. English said he looks forward to the challenges ahead and getting to know everyone in the school system from top to bottom. Mr. English said if we can pull together as one with the proper dedication and sacrifices we can get back the pride we once had and stop settling for mediocrity.

Ms. Rios thanked Mr. Giordano and Mr. Bernardini for their years of service to the Vineland School District. She congratulated the two newly elected board members along with Mr. Ulrich. Ms. Rios thanked the residents of Vineland for voting in the school elections this year.

Mr. DiGiorgio thanked Mr. Bernardini and Mr. Giordano for their dedication and years of service to the district and community. He congratulated the newly elected board members and looks forward to working with the new President and Vice President.

Mr. Fanucci thanked Mr. Giordano and Mr. Bernardini for their many years of service in this district. He said they were his mentors when he was newly elected four years ago and he is sure they will continue to be an asset to the district in a different capacity.

Mr. Fanucci congratulated and wished the new board members well along with Mr. Franceschini and Mr. Ulrich in their new roles.

Mr. Ulrich thanked the voters who had the confidence in him to return him to a second term on the Board. He promised to work for the best interests of the students, taxpayers and employees in the district. Mr. Ulrich congratulated Mr. Giordano and Mr. Bernardini for their twelve years of service and endless dedication to the students in the district. He said times change and with change comes new ideas. Mr. Ulrich said he looks forward to working with the two new board members. He said no point of view needs to be shut down and we will have a very open board.

Mr. Franceschini welcomed Mr. English and Dr. Mounier to the board. He is confident that they will bring experience and energy in the best interests of our students to achieve the goals of this board. Mr. Franceschini congratulated Mr. Ulrich on his reelection and said he has strong character is honest, sincere, and professional. He thanked and wished well his former colleagues Mr. Giordano and Mr. Bernardini for their twelve years of service in our district. Mr. Franceschini said as Board President he will promote good boardmanship and will utilize the individual talents of this board. He is confident that this board and our extremely talented superintendent will work together to prevail against any obstacles. Mr. Franceschini thanked his wife, Kathy, along with his children, parents and sister for their patients, support, and criticism. He asked all of Vineland to support the board and our students for a better tomorrow.

Dr. Banks thanked Mr. Giordano and Mr. Bernardini for their service and commitment to the district. She said that she had a great deal of respect for them and the great deal of caring they brought to the table as board members. Dr. Banks congratulated the newly elected board members and said she is looking forward to getting back to the business of taking care of the students and staff of the Vineland School District.

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Franchetta  
Board Secretary