

The special meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 6:01 p.m. in the Reber Administration Building, Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, pursuant to notice with Mr. Jennings presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Mr. Bordley, Ms. Codispoti, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Medio, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Sbrana. Absent: Ms. Rios.

Also present: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey and Mr. Frangipani, Assistant Superintendents, Mrs. Haley, Board Secretary and Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor. Absent: None.

Mr. Jennings 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.

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Public Comments

On Agenda Item: None.

JENNINGS	BOARDLEY	ACOSTA	CODISPOTI	FIOCHHI	HOLMES	MELO	RIO S	SBRANA
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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

The Board approve the following:

- a. Approval of the 2017-2018 School district budget for submission to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Funds	\$172,157,259	\$ 23,061,577
Special Revenue Fund	24,657,696	n/a
Debt Service Fund	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$196,814,955</u>	<u>\$ 23,061,577</u>

- b. Approval of the Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$23,061,577.

All Members  
 voted "yes."  
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**Ms. Codispoti thanked everyone who worked on the budget. She expressed her concern that we still have not received any type of commitment that will help us with the Landis building. Ms. Codispoti said in the spirit of compromise she will vote "yes" although she does have reservations.**

**Dr. Gruccio apologized and said that right before the meeting she received a letter from the city, which she gave to Mr. Jennings. She said that we did receive a commitment from the Mayor and it was the amount that we spoke about.**

**Mr. Jennings said the letter of intent for both parcels is \$450,000. He said \$100,000 represents the purchase price of the parking lot and \$350,000 for the purchase of the Reber building.**

**Ms. Codispoti said her concern is if the building was appraised. Dr. Gruccio said what she was told is that it was based off of comparable prices.**

**Mr. Sbrana said from the very beginning he opposed the repurposing of Landis School for anything other than it remaining a school.**

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**Mr. Sbrana thinks there are good things in the budget in particular removing the armed guards, upgrading our security force and the turf field. Mr. Sbrana said he believes there are enough votes to approve the budget so his vote is to "abstain."**

Public Comments: None

A motion was made by Ms. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Bordley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Helen G. Haley  
Board Secretary

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