

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held in the Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at 7:03 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Franceschini presiding and the following members present: Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. English, Mr. Fanucci, Dr. Mounier, Mrs. Phillips, Ms. Rios, and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: Mr. DeWinne.

Also present: Dr. Banks, Superintendent, Mr. Franchetta, Board Secretary, Mr. DeSanto, Solicitor, Ms. Greenfield, Executive Director of Personnel, Mrs. Polof, Special Education Director, press and public. Absent: Dr. Gruccio, Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. Franceschini 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.

Flag Salute:
Special

Justin Arbona, Annalisa Franceschini, Jeremiah Murray and Mackenzie Nash students from Petway Elementary School along with Saul Chavez, Amanda Hullihen, DeJour Murray and Belveline Rodriguez students from Winslow Elementary School lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Frederico, Principal and Karen Malatesta, Assistant Principal, of Petway Elementary School were in attendance.

Presentation (s):

Dr. Banks introduced Mr. Jeff DuBois, District Math Coach, to present the winners of the Math 24 Tournament.

Mr. DuBois said the Math 24 Tournament was held on March 20, 2010. He said Math 24 is a game where students have to take 4 numbers and 4 mathematical operations to come up with the solution of 24. Mr. DuBois thanked the Math 24 coaches along with the volunteers who helped on that day. He introduced each of the winners and presented them with savings bonds.

Dr. Banks introduced Mr. Lou Bramante, Automotive Teacher, to present the Skills USA Program.

Mr. Bramante said that Skills USA is a student led leadership organization teaching young men and women employability and leadership skills, dignity of work and the preparation to go to work to be viable members of society. He said Vineland High School participates in Skills USA in academic competitions and vocational trades. Mr. Bramante introduced and recognized the students who won medals at the National Leadership Conference held at the Garden State Convention Center in Somerset, NJ.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Mr. Fanucci, seconded by Ms. Rios, the Board approved the minutes from March 30, 2010, April 7, 2010, April 14, 2010 and April 28, 2010. All Members voted “yes” except for Dr. Mounier who “abstained” on all meetings except April 28, 2010 he voted “yes.”

Report of the
Secretary/Custodian
Of School Monies:

Upon motion by Mr. Fanucci, seconded by Ms. Rios, the reports of the Secretary and Custodian of School Monies for the month of March 2010, which are in agreement were approved as submitted and on file in the Minute Book, and the Board approved its monthly certification of budgetary major account fund status and the Board Secretary’s monthly certification as on file with the Secretary. All Members voted “yes.”

Solicitor’s Report:

Mr. DeSanto said that he is deferring the presentation on Ethics until the June meeting due to the length of tonight’s meeting.

Public Comment on
Agenda Items:

None.

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

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1. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Kevin J. Franchetta as Board Secretary for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Furthermore, Daniel M. Smith, Executive Controller, be designated Board Secretary in the absence of Kevin J. Franchetta.

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

2. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Kevin J. Franchetta as Custodian of School District Records for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Furthermore, Daniel M. Smith, Executive Controller, be designated Custodian of School Records in the absence of Kevin J. Franchetta.

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

3. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Carmen DiGiorgio as Custodian of School Monies for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at the rate of \$4,500 per annum.

All Members voted "yes" except for Mr. DiGiorgio who "abstained." (7-0-1)

4. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Kevin J. Franchetta, Daniel M. Smith and Robert E. Cox as contract agents for the 2010 – 2011 school year, effective July 1, 2010 to prepare advertisements, to advertise for the receive bids, and to make awards for the Board of Education in connection with purchase contracts or agreements as permitted by 18A:18A-2.

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

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8. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Daniel M. Smith to the following positions for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in the absence of Kevin J. Franchetta:

- a. Board Secretary
- b. Custodian of School District Records
- c. Contracting Agent
- d. Transfer/Investment of funds at authorized district depositories

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

9. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Maryann Greenfield Conscientious Employee Protection Act Contact Person for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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

10. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Wayne Weaver ADA Coordinator for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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

11. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Wayne Weaver Right to Know Officer for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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

12. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Wayne Weaver Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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

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13. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Wayne Weaver Indoor Air Quality Designee for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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

14. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Wayne Weave PEOSHA Officer for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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

15. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Wayne Weaver Asbestos Management Officer for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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

16. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Wayne Weaver Chemical Hygiene Officer for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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

17. The Board approve a Resolution and Client Engagement Letter appointing the professional agency of Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr as Auditor for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 with charges not to exceed \$91,875. Furthermore, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 6A:23-2.2(i)1, the district is in receipt and has reviewed the most recent external peer/quality report completed within the time established by Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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

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18. The Board approve a Resolution appointing the professional agency of Manders Merighi Portadin Farrell Architects, LLC as Architect of Record for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. (It is understood that the services of the Architect of Record in the Vineland Public Schools must be initiated by the Secretary of the Board of Education.)

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

19. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Daniel C. Hoffman as Attorney for Collection of Delinquent Accounts Receivables for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 on a contingency fee basis of 33 1/3% of any amounts collected.

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

20. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Biondi Insurance Agency as Insurance Broker for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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

21. The Board designate The Daily Journal as the official newspaper. Further, The Daily Journal, The Grapevine, The Press of Atlantic City, Su Voz and Nuestra Comunidad shall be designated to receive notices of meetings.

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

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22. The Board Secretary be authorized to enter into tuition agreements with other districts for homeless students as required during the 2010 – 2011 school year.

All Members voted “yes.”
(8-0-0)

23. The Board recognize the following bargaining units for the 2009 – 2010 school year:

- a. Amalgamated Local #2327 – UAW, AFL/CIO
- b. Vineland Administrators and Supervisors Association
- c. Vineland Education Association
- d. Vineland Non-Certificated Supervisors’ Association

All Members voted “yes” except Mr. DiGiorgio and Ms. Rios who voted “yes” for b, c, d but “abstained” on (a).
(8-0-0)

24. The Board approve the following annual travel stipends for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011:

- a. Executive Director of Personnel \$1,200.00
- b. Communications Coordinator \$1,200.00
- c. Director of Special Education \$1,200.00

All Members voted “yes.”
(8-0-0)

25. The Board establish the petty cash funds for the 2010 – 2011 fiscal year per the lists provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board:

- a. Administration and Schools
- b. Food Service

All Members voted “yes.”
(8-0-0)

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26. The Board authorize entering into partnerships with colleges and universities for the placement of students for student teaching, practicum, field internships and observations for the 2010 – 2011 school year as per list provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

27. The Board approve the continued use of textbooks and courses of study as per list provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

28. The Board authorize the date, time and place for the 2010 Vineland High School Commencement Exercises as follows:

**Friday, June 25, 2010
 6:00 p.m.
 Gittone Stadium**

Rain Date: Monday, June 28, 2010

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

29. The Board approve a Resolution approving the dates, times and place of open work sessions and regular monthly meetings as per list provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

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30. The Board approve the hourly rates for substitute personnel for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

All Members voted “yes.” (8-0-0)

31. The Board approve personnel items in accordance with the lists provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

All Members voted “yes” except for Dr. Mounier who voted “yes” on all items except new employment A. 31 he voted “no.” (8-0-0)

32. The Board authorize the Secretary of the Board and the Superintendent to issue “Reasonable Assurance” of continued employment for the 2010 – 2011 school year to substitute and federally-funded personnel.

All Members voted “yes.” (8-0-0)

33. The Board authorize the submission of the proposed Reduction in Force Plan to the New Jersey Department of Personnel for the district Civil Service employees.

All Members voted “yes” except for Mr. DiGiorgio and Ms. Rios who “abstained” and Dr. Mounier who voted “yes” on all positions except security guards he voted “no.” (6-0-2)

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34. The Board be instructed to notify the non-tenured professional personnel, whose names are provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board, that they will not be offered a contract for employment for the 2010 – 2011 school year. This action is based upon the projected return of tenured teachers from leave of absence, reduction in the number of pupils, reasons of economy, budgetary considerations, change in the administrative or supervisory organization of the district, restructuring of program components, current limited contract, and/or other good cause.

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

35. The Board Secretary be instructed to notify the non-tenured assistant principals, whose names are provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board, that the Board of Education has deemed it advisable to abolish their position, effective at the close of business August 31, 2010, for reasons of economy, reduction in the number of pupils, change in the administrative or supervisory organization and/or other good cause.

All Members voted “yes” except for Mr. English who voted “no.” (7-1-0)

Mr. English asked if the word abolish means we cannot bring the position back. Dr. Banks said we can at some point in the future if we deemed it necessary. Mr. English said when we are talking about abolishing assistant principals he needs to know if it will affect the classroom and what the cost savings would be. He asked how he should vote if he is not comfortable with this recommendation. Mr. Franceschini said if you are uncomfortable then you should vote no.

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36. The Board Secretary be instructed to notify the non-tenured professional personnel, whose names are provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board, that they are not recommended for reappointment for the 2010 – 2011 school year because of lack of supervisory-level recommendations N.J.S.A. 18A: 27-10(b).

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

37. The Board Secretary be instructed to notify the tenured professional staff, whose names are provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board, that the Board of Education has deemed it advisable to abolish their position, at the close of business effective June 30, 2010, for reasons of economy, reduction in the number of pupils, change in the administrative or supervisory organization and/or other good cause.

All Members voted “yes” except Mr. English who voted “no.”
 (7-1-0)

38. The Board Secretary be instructed to notify the tenured assistant principals, whose names are provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board, that the Board of Education has deemed it advisable to abolish their position, effective at the close of business August 31, 2010, for reasons of economy, reduction in the number of pupils, change in the administrative or supervisory organization and/or other good cause.

All Members voted “yes” except for Mr. English who voted “no” and Mr. Ulrich who voted “yes” for all items except #7 he “abstained.”
 (7-1-0)

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39. The Board approve the reappointment of non-tenured supervisors and principals for the 2010 – 2011 school year whose names are provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

All Members voted “yes.”
(8-0-0)

40. The Board abolish the positions of 12-Month Assistant Principal, Elementary School; 12-Month Assistant Principal, Middle School; and, 12-Month Assistant Principal, High School effective August 31, 2010 at the end of the business day for reasons of economy, reduction in the number of pupils, change in the administrative or supervisory organization, and/or other good cause.

All Members voted “yes” except for Mr. English who voted “no.”
(7-1-0)

Furthermore, that the Board create the positions of 10-Month Assistant Principal, Elementary School; 10-Month Assistant Principal, Middle School; and, 10-Month Assistant Principal, High School effective September 1, 2010. Compensation, terms and conditions of employment for the 10-month positions will be negotiated with the Vineland Administrative Supervisors Association (VASA).

41. The Board abolish the positions of 12-Month High School Guidance Chairpersons; 12-Month Coordinator of District Testing; 12-Month Technology Coordinator; and, 12-Month Middle School Guidance Chairperson effective August 31, 2010 at the end of the business day for reasons of economy, reduction in the number of pupils, change in the administrative or supervisory organization and/or other good cause.

All Members voted “yes” except for Mr. English who voted “no.”
(7-1-0)

Furthermore, the Board create the position of 10-Month Coordinator or District Testing, effective September 1, 2010. Compensation, terms and conditions of employment will be negotiated with the Vineland Education Association (VEA).

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42. The Board authorize the assignments of the pupils, whose names are provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board, to special education programs outside the district with tuition costs to be borne by the Board.

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

Further, the Board approve the acceptance of the tuition pupil(s), whose names are on file with the Secretary of the Board, for placement in special education programs offered in Vineland with tuition costs to be borne by the sending district(s).

(Tuition payment and assignments shall be regulated by Chapter 46, Laws of 1966, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the State Department of Education.)

43. The Board approve budgetary transfers in accordance with the list provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board:

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

- a. General Fund
- b. School-Based Budgets

44. The Board approve submission of the following grant(s) as provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board:

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

- a. City of Vineland
 Recreation Opportunities for
 Individuals with Disabilities Grant
 Special Olympics Program
 January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010
 In the amount of ----- \$ 6,240.00
- b. 21st Century Community Learning
 Center Grant
 Landis Middle School
 In the amount of ----- \$65,757.00

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45. Bids:

- a. The Board acknowledge receipt of bids as provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board and award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the following items in the amount shown:

Bulk Trash Containers

Earthtech Contracting, Inc.
 Seaville, New Jersey
 In the estimated amount of - - - - - \$ 7,500.00

Collection of Trash and Materials

Trash Containers
 Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc.
 Ewing, New Jersey
 In the estimated amount of - - - - - \$105,214.00

Before and After School Program

Cumberland Cape Atlantic YMCA
 Vineland, New Jersey
 In the estimated amount of - - - - - \$335,401.00

Number Two Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel Oil

Major Petroleum
 Rosenhayn, New Jersey
 In the estimated amount of - - - - - \$649,990.00

- b. The Board renew the contract for Transportation of Non-Public and Public Routes with Sheppard Bus Service of Bridgeton, New Jersey in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 27-9.13. The per diem, per route contract price will remain the same as the 2009 – 2010 contract. Note: The final number of routes that will be renewed is still to be determined by the District.

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

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

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

47. The Board approve the submission of the FY 2010 ARRA Title I Amended Application to the State of New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of \$3,188,262.00 for the period July 1, 2009 to August 31, 2011.

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

48. The Board approve the submission of the Annual Statement of Assurance for the Comprehensive Equity Plan (CEP) for the 2010 – 2011 school year. (We will continue the implementation of the CEP submitted by the district for 2007 – 2010.)

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

49. The Board authorize an update to the Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) to decommission the use of Butler Avenue School.

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

50. The Board approve a Resolution that will allow private schools to provide free nutritional breakfast and/or lunch for students with disabilities.

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

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51. The Board approve an Agreement with Catapult Learning to enter into a Non-Public Service Agreement for the 2010–2011 school year for Evaluation and Determination of Eligibility services in a form acceptably by the Board Solicitor and the Superintendent of Schools.

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

Mr. DeSanto said he reviewed the Catapult Contracts and they are all consistent with the changes that were made last year.

52. The Board approve an Agreement with Catapult Learning to enter into a Non-Public Service Agreement for the 2010-2011 school year for IDEIA (Part B) Services for Cumberland Christian School in a form acceptable by the Board Solicitor and the Superintendent of Schools.

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

53. The Board approve an Agreement with Catapult Learning to enter into a Non-Public Services Agreement for the 2010-2011 school year in a form acceptable by the Board Solicitor and the Superintendent of Schools. (This service is authorized under P.L. 1977, Chapters 192 and 193.)

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

54. The Board approve the Three-Year District Technology Plan, July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

All Members voted “yes” except for Dr. Mounier who “abstained.”
 (7-0-1)

Dr. Mounier said he is going to “abstain” for technical reasons because he could not read the plan

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55. The Board reaffirm the use of the following physical facility by the American Red Cross as mass shelter for the victims of disasters:

Gloria M. Sabater Elementary School

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

56. The Board approve the Final Exam Schedule for Vineland High School and Cunningham Alternative School for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

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

57. The Board adopt the 2010 – 2011 Bell Schedule for the Vineland High School Campus.

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

58. The Board approve the Summer 2010 Programs, preschool through grade 12, as on list provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

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

59. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Robert A. DeSanto, Esquire as Board Solicitor and Lawrence Pepper, Esquire as VEA Negotiator/Alternate Counsel for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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

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

Approval of Bills: Upon motion by Mr. Fanucci, seconded by Ms. Rios, the bills were approved and warrants issued for same (\$8,537,697.95). All Members voted “yes” except for Dr. Mounier who voted “yes” on all bills except #11519 he “abstained.”

Emergent Item(s)
(with prior approval) None.

Public: Karen Malatesta, 2059 Venezia Avenue
Mrs. Malatesta said the coach of the boys’ baseball team, Mr. Malatesta, requested for her to display and distribute the first annual Vineland High School Baseball poster that is dedicated to Robert S. Allen.

Richard Boone, Adult Education Instructor
Mr. Boone spoke in support of the Adult Education Center. He said many of the students that attend the Adult Center have worked their entire life and need retraining.

Fay Romanik, Adult Education Guidance Counselor
Ms. Romanik spoke in support of the Adult Education Center.

Rich Giannini, Adult Education Graduate
Mr. Giannini spoke in support of the Adult Education Center. He said attending the Adult Education Center was worth every tax dollar that he ever paid.

Andrea Joynes, Adult Education Student
Ms. Joynes spoke in support of the New Jersey Youth Corp Program at the Adult Education Center.

Wianna Taylor, Adult Education Student
Ms. Taylor spoke in support of the New Jersey Youth Corp Program at the Adult Education Center.

Natalie Bermudez, Adult Education Student
Ms. Bermudez spoke in support of the New Jersey Youth Corp Program at the Adult Education Center.

Joseph Camardo, Principal Adult Education Center
Mr. Camardo spoke in support of the Adult Education Center.

Stephen Bowers, Adult Education Graduate
Mr. Bowers spoke in support of the Adult Education Center.

Gary Curtis, Adult Education Student
Mr. Curtis spoke in support of the Adult Education Center.

Layanor Rodriguez, Adult Education Student
Ms. Rodriguez spoke in support of the Adult Education Center.

Gary Berg, Adult Education Instructor
Mr. Berg spoke in support of the Adult Education Center.

Lee Burke

Mr. Burke commended the Board of Education and City Council members for their civility in trying to explain a very complicated process at Monday's public meeting. He said that he would grade the presentation given at Monday's meeting as a C-. Mr. Burke feels the same type of scenario is being repeated, which he does not believe. He said you are all elected officials and we are the people who pay the taxes. Mr. Burke said we cannot keep going the way we are. A zero budget is admirable but it is not what the public wants it needs cuts. Mr. Burke felt the Board came across as a bit intimidating to City Council. He urged the school district to go back and make the 406 thousand dollars in cuts before the Board has to get involved with it any further.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Rios said discussed at the Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting was the VHS South security desk. She said the project will be completed within the next two weeks and there was a tremendous savings by constructing the desk in-house. She said we are waiting on the Department of Education to approve the plan submission for the Life Skills room at VHS. Ms. Rios said all approvals have been received for construction on the Veterans Memorial School electrical upgrades and new sound booth. She said the district hired a consultant, who is a well known expert in the field of wood flooring, to determine who is liable for the repairs on the Veterans Memorial School gym floor. Ms. Rios said the committee received an update on Middle School #2 and Mr. Weaver stated that all discussions with the School Development Authority (SDA) indicate the project will be moving forward. She said Mr. Weaver provided reports on the districts work order system. Ms. Rios said Mr. DeSanto has a couple comments in regards to the VHS track.

Mr. DeSanto said a meeting was held on Monday with the bonding company and contractor. He said they inspected the track and took core samples of the asphalt base. Mr. DeSanto said the removal of the existing track will be postponed until next Wednesday. He said this will not have a serious impact on the bid schedule and it is our hope after administration reviews everything that in June it can be decided whether this can go out to bid.

Ms. Rios said the Buildings & Grounds Committee meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at Plum Street.

Mr. Fanucci said discussed at the Finance Committee meeting was a variety of issues with respect to the budget.

Board Member
Remarks:

Dr. Mounier thanked everyone who spoke tonight. He said last weekend he attended the spring event at Mennies Elementary School and enjoyed the art display. Dr. Mounier said in reviewing the paperwork for tonight's meeting in noticed a disproportionate number of football coaches and relative pay in comparison to other sports, which is something that needs to be looked at in detail in the future. He said last week members of the public approached him to discuss the superintendent's new secretarial choice. Dr. Mounier said that he thought the name of the candidate was privileged information and this appears to be a breach of confidentiality, which we all should be concerned about. He said that he received an anonymous letter that appears to have legitimate concerns. Dr. Mounier encouraged anyone who has a problem or suggestion to identify who they are directly to him and he will assure them his confidence.

Mrs. Phillips announced that the Gabriel Project at Veterans Memorial School will be performing a play this weekend called *Into the Woods*. She said Vineland High School will be having an Art Show on May 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Vineland Public Library. Mrs. Phillips said Mennies Elementary School will be performing *School House Rock* next Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. She congratulated Mr. McDevitt on the excellent rating the Vineland High School band received at the parade competition in Ocean City, Maryland. Mrs. Phillips also congratulated the Math 24 and Skills USA students who worked very hard to earn their honors. She asked all the students who will be attending the Vineland High School Prom tomorrow night to be safe and have a great time.

Mr. DiGiorgio thanked all the unsung heroes and people in the district who volunteer. He said adult education is an important part of our community and everyone on the board hears the concerns of those that spoke. Mr. DiGiorgio said every district in this state is facing the same difficulties and we will do our best.

Ms. Rios thanked the Petway students for the flag salute and dessert. She congratulated the Math 24 and Skills USA students for their hard work.

Mr. English thanked those who spoke from the public and said that he listened to what they said. He reminded students who are attending the prom that they are representing the City of Vineland and to exhibit respect, be safe and have a great time. Mr. English said he also attended the event held at Mennies Elementary School on Saturday and saw many parents and students involved.

Mr. Fanucci said it is imperative that our community knows that we do not like to cut programs or jobs. He said that we are continually looking at the programs and have had discussions with Mr. Camardo. Mr. Fanucci said we are looking for ways to keep the program and lessen the impact on the Adult Education Center and community. He said the Adult Education Program is a viable program and has wonderful outcome. Mr. Fanucci appreciates the hard work and effort that comes out of the Adult Education Center. He said we understand the need for a thorough and efficient education on all levels and we do not want anyone to tamper with our budget. Mr. Fanucci said we are human and now it is the time to pull back on the reigns, which we are doing. He said we want to hold a forum to discuss how the tax levy and budget works to try to educate the public. Mr. Fanucci said at this point if we lose an additional 400 thousand dollars it would make it even more difficult to save additional programs and jobs. He said it is quite possible that there will be an injunction to stop the 1.5% mandated health insurance contribution and if it happens it will create another shortfall. Mr. Fanucci said it is unfortunate and never easy to tell someone that they are losing their job. He said the board does understand what is happening out there and we have a district full of great people. Mr. Fanucci said we are being active with the community and how we are monitoring our budget. He said we want to help educate everyone and urged the public to please attend the town hall forum when it is scheduled so we can control our own destiny with our budget.

Mr. Ulrich thanked the Math 24 and Skills USA students for their efforts. He said when Governor Christy was elected one of his recommendations was that Adult Education would not be funded in public high school. Mr. Ulrich said he is a 100% supporter of adult education because it provides a second chance and opportunities for people that are displaced from the workforce or need a GED. He said adult education is a vital part of our community. Mr. Ulrich said unfortunately Dr. Banks, the Finance Committee and Mr. Franchetta are looking at ways that we can distribute our existing funds in the most economical sense that we can. He said that we are going to do the best we can to maintain the core amount of programs through grants and different ideas as far as funding.

Board President
Remarks:

Mr. Franceschini said he heard Mr. Burke's comments about increasing communication with the city. He said that he exchanged cell phone numbers with the city council vice president and plans to bridge that gap along with our board. Mr. Franceschini said we are all in this together and are going to try to do the right thing. He said we are all here for the instruction and the safety of our children. Unfortunately the governor came in with a chain saw and is almost terrorizing us with the budget. Mr. Franceschini said let's not lose what our mission is in this district, which is instruction of the children. On a lighter note, he said that he attended the Petway Wellness Program on Friday and it was great.

Dr. Banks thanked everyone who spoke tonight. She said due to time constraints we knew that we did not have opportunities to present the budget and have dialogue with the community prior to the vote. Dr. Banks said we do pledge that a series of community forums will be held to have dialogue with the public on the budget. She said one of the things that she would like to do as superintendent is to hold some informal forums with the community on general topics to hear concerns.

- Resolution: Mr. Franchetta read a resolution to recess into executive session on **Wednesday, June 2, 2010** regarding budget issues, personnel matters, contract negotiations, student residency/disciplinary matters and anticipated or pending litigation.
- Motion: Upon motion by Mr. Fanucci, seconded by Ms. Rios, the resolution was passed. All Members voted “yes”.
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin J. Franchetta, CPA
Board Secretary

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