

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, July 9, 2008 at 7:03 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Giordano presiding and the following members present: Mr. Bernardini, Mr. DeWinne, Mr. Fanucci, Mr. Franceschini, Ms. Rios, Mr. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Also present: Mr. Ottinger, Superintendent, Dr. Figgs & Dr. Gruccio, Assistant Superintendents, Mr. Rochetti, Acting Board Secretary, Mr. DeSanto, Solicitor, Mrs. Polof, Special Education Director, press and public. Absent: Mr. Franchetta, Board Secretary, Mr. Peters, Assistant Superintendent and Ms. Greenfield, Executive Director of Personnel.

Mr. Giordano 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

Presentation (s): None.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Fanucci, the Board approved the minutes from June 4, 2008 and June 11, 2008. All Members voted "yes."

Report of the
Secretary/Custodian
Of School Monies:

Upon motion by Mr. Spinelli, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, the reports of the Secretary and Custodian of School Monies for the month of May, 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."

Mr. Spinelli asked for an explanation on payroll agency. Mr. Rochetti explained that it is the deductions that come from the employees paychecks and disbursed out to the proper agencies. Mr. Spinelli asked if we are holding money for the scholarship fund. Mr. Rochetti said there is a William Simpson Scholarship Fund that has been on the books for many years, the interest from the fund is disbursed to recipients at the high school level and the principal remains intact.

Solicitor's Report: None.

Public Comment on
Agenda Items:

Elaine Greenberg

Mrs. Greenberg mentioned that in the Archives she has a binder that has everything on the LPN Program from 1965 to 2008. She asked if registration and graduation for the LPN Program would be done through the college or Vineland Public Schools. Mr. Ottinger said registration will be done through the college and if this is approved tonight a press release will be done explaining registration. Mrs. Greenberg asked if this will now be a ten and a half month program. Mr. Ottinger said he thought it was going to be twelve months but he would find out. He said presently the program is still considered a school district program and graduation would be held by Vineland Board of Education. Mr. Ottinger said the ultimate plan, as the press release will indicate, is that it will be a college program. He said it will be more beneficial as a college program because students would be able to apply for aid that they could not get through the district. Mr. DeSanto mentioned that the credits they earn in the one year will be applied to the college's two year associates program. Mrs. Greenberg said this is a win win situation and hopes it will be approved tonight.

Recommendations: See Page 3

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Board approve the following personnel items in accordance with the lists provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board:
 - a. List of retirements
 - b. List of resignations/terminations
 - c. List of leaves of absence
 - d. List of employment of personnel
 - e. List of transfers, assignments and/or promotions
 - f. List of student assistants and New Jersey Youth Corps
 - g. List of substitute personnel
 - h. List of extracurricular assignments
 - i. List of summer employment
 - j. List of summer hours
 - k. List of summer curriculum
 - l. List of reappointed professional personnel

Mr. Giordano mentioned to the board that Mr. Ottinger has withdrawn a name from the additions on the second page.

2. 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.

Further, the Board approve the amendment to the June report adding two pupils, whose names are provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

(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.)

All Members voted “yes” on all items except transfers name #3 assistant principal at Barse School the entire board voted “no”. Mr. DeWinne also voted “no” on additions transfers names #2, and #4. (8-0-0) Additions/ Transfers Name #3 Assistant Principal at Barse School was defeated.

All Members voted “yes.” (8-0-0)

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

- a. General Fund
- b. Early Childhood Program Aid

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

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

- a. Recreational Opportunities for
 Individuals with Disabilities Grant
 In the amount of ----- \$15,500.00
- b. New Jersey Child Assault Prevention
 Program (CAP); Grades PreK – 6
 FY 2008 – 2009
 In the amount of ----- \$11,644.00
- New Jersey Teen Child Assault Prevention
 Program (Teen CAP)
 FY 2008 – 2009
 In the amount of ----- \$ 6,471.00
- New Jersey Special Needs Child Assault
 Prevention Program
 FY 2008 – 2009
 In the amount of ----- \$ 3,238.00

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

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5. The Board accept funding in the following amount(s):

- a. General Mills
 Champions for Healthy Kids Grant
 Grades K – 12
 In the amount of ----- \$10,000.00

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

6. Bids:

- a. The Board acknowledge receipt of bids as provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board and award as indicated below to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder:

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

Student Transportation Services

Award:
 Sheppard Bus Service
 Bridgeton, New Jersey
 Various per diem rates as provided on price sheet

3 Com Maintenance Services

Award:
 EPlus
 Herndon, Virginia
 In the amount of ----- \$42,814.80

- b. The Board approve district-wide software licenses and support for all Fusion software products supplied by Keystone Information System, Inc., of Maple Shade, New Jersey, in the amount of \$90,895.00 in accordance with 18A:18A-5(19).

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7. 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)

8. The Board approve the contract modification with the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services Office of Education for tuition of State responsible eligible students under the New Jersey Facilities Education Act. (State Child Study Placements.)

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

9. The Board authorize the Memorandum of Understanding with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cumberland County for the New Jersey Nutrition Education Program.

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

10. The Board authorize the Memorandum of Agreement between the Vineland Board of Education and Cumberland County College to develop a partnership for the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Program in accordance with the form of contract approved by the Superintendent and Board Solicitor.

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

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11. The Board approve contracts with Bayada nurses in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 in the following amounts:

Seven (7) LPNs @\$40/hour
 Approximately 220 days @7 hours per day
 In the amount of ----- \$431,200.00

(In accordance with the form of contract approved by the Superintendent and Board Solicitor.)

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

12. The Board approve renewal membership for the 2008 – 2009 school year with the Cape Atlantic League.

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

13. The Board approve the meal prices as provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

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

14. The Board petition the Cumberland County Superintendent of Schools to approve the following for use as temporary facilities for the 2008 – 2009 school year:

1940 South West Boulevard Entire Facility

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

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15. The Board approve a request for a waiver of the toilet room facilities for Vineland Nazarene Learning Center, rooms 19 and 21.

(This request is required in order to continue State approval of our use of these classrooms.)

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

16. The Board approve Vineland Technology Department's submission of the Secondary and State Agency Five-Year Planning document for Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education FY 2009 – 2013.

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

17. The Board approve the revised Learners with Exceptional Abilities Program (LEAP) to be implemented for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

18. The Board approve the curriculum for the new English as a Second Language, Level V course.

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

19. The Board approve the Clinical Education Agreement for student nurses between the Vineland Board of Education and Cumberland County College for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

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

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20. The Board approve the Carl D. Perkins Spending Plan for 2008 – 2009. Project period is July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

All Members
 voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

21. The Board accept the donation of \$1,500.00 from National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation for the Automotive Program in accordance with Board Policy #7230, “Gifts, Grants and Donations.”

All Members
 voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

22. The Board authorize payment in accordance with the Administrative Law Judge and commissioner of Education’s decision to the employee whose name is on file with the Secretary of the Board.

All Members
 voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

Mr. Ulrich said he is only voting “yes” on this because it is a legal requirement.

23. The Board authorize the settlement agreement with South Jersey Paper Products.

All Members
 voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

B. Proposed for review or discussion or adoption by Board Members:

Mr. Bernardini made a recommendation to the Board with permission from the insurance carrier for Frank Romano to restore the Clarence Koch Memorial at the Vineland High School track.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Spinelli, seconded by Mr. Franceschini, to approve Frank Romano to restore the Clarence Koch Memorial at the Vineland High School track. All Members voted “yes.”

Mr. DeWinne commented that this is wonderful.

Mr. Ulrich commented on what a great job the Romano family is doing with their children.

Approval of Bills:

Upon motion by Mr. Franceschini, seconded by Mr. Fanucci, the bills were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted “yes” (\$7,048,734.28).

Mr. Spinelli questioned what the payment made to Adelpia’s and Angelinas Pizza was for. Mr. Rochetti said he will get that information.

Emergent Item(s)

(with prior approval) None.

Public:

Mrs. Greenberg

Mrs. Greenberg thanked the Board and Cumberland County College for developing a partnership for the Licensed Practical Nursing Program.

Board Member

Remarks:

Mr. Ulrich congratulated Melissa Painter and Kristen Estep on their new appointments. He said he voted no on the third candidate strictly based on a financial decision. Mr. Ulrich said the third candidate is highly qualified and he wished her the best of luck in the district. He hopes this does not discourage her from reapplying for any future positions.

Mr. Spinelli mentioned that the meal price increases do not include students who are receiving free or reduced lunch/breakfast. He said that Mr. Brodzik gave an excellent presentation at the last meeting on LEAP and he is sure that our teachers will do a great job implementing it.

Mr. Spinelli commented that Ms. Ramos did a great job with the ESL V presentation and he is looking forward to see how it works. He congratulated the new assistant principals. Mr. Spinelli said personality did not come into the decision made on candidate three but economics did and to create a new administrative position at this time was not feasible. He wished Mr. Romano good luck on the refurbishing of the memorial at the track.

Mr. Franceschini asked if we had a \$50,000 food service profit this year. Mr. Spinelli said we were at a deficit and received no increase from the state for the last fourteen years. Mr. Franceschini asked if Ms. Holt is still reaching out to other districts to provide service. Mr. Spinelli said he is sure she is but the question is would it be profitable to do.

Mr. Bernardini distributed a survey for the board to review that was done with each Early Childhood Provider. He expressed his concern regarding the boiler system at Vineland High School South, which is really becoming a problem. He said as chairman of the Buildings & Grounds Committee he thinks this emergent item should be reviewed again by the state. Mr. Bernardini announced that the benefit for Dave Bennett's son will be held on Sunday, August 10, 2008 at St. Anthony's Greek Hall.

Mr. Ottinger said in response to Mr. Spinelli's question on payment to Adelphia's they are not a restaurant but a distributor to Executive Business.

Mr. Spinelli reminded everyone that there will be a Finance Committee meeting held on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Report/Remarks by
Board President:

Mr. Giordano asked if once the academic year begins could an attempt be made to bring back some of Schedule B. Mr. Rochetti said Schedule B can be brought back anytime during the year and would be prorated.

Mr. Spinelli said the attempt to bring some of Schedule B back was discussed. He feels in elementary school students need more than academics.

Mr. Ottinger mentioned that today he discussed Schedule B with Mr. Rochetti and Mr. Musterel of the Accounting Department.

Mr. Giordano reminded everyone that on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 board candidate presentations will be held and the board will choose a new member.

Resolution: Mr. Rochetti read a resolution to recess into executive session on **Wednesday, July 9, 2008** regarding personnel matters and pending litigation and **Wednesday, August 6, 2008** regarding personnel matters and anticipated or pending litigation.

Motion: Upon motion by Mr. Franceschini, seconded by Ms. Rios, the resolution was passed. All Members voted “yes”.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward J. Rochetti
Acting Board Secretary