

The combined meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held in the Reber Administration Office, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 5:35 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Jennings presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Mr. Bordley, Ms. Codispoti, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Holmes, Ms. Rios (by phone) and Mr. Sbrana. Absent: Mr. Medio not present for roll call stepped out at 5:36 p.m.

Also present: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frangipani and Mr. Frey, and Mr. Frangipani, Assistant Superintendents, Mrs. Haley, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. DeSanto, Solicitor, press and public. 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, The Grapevine, Clerk - City of Vineland, and Administrative Office Public Bulletin Board.

Flag Salute:

Resolution: None.

Special

Presentation (s): Dr. Gruccio introduced Mr. John Frangipani, Assistant Superintendent, to present the 2016-2017 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report.

Mr. Frangipani said twice a year by law an update is given on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) and the number of incidents for the year. He said a HIB is anything written, physical, electronic or incidents against a student. Mr. Frangipani said HIB's can only be against students not teachers. He said a HIB is based on a characteristic of an individual and can happen anywhere. Mr. Frangipani said HIB incidents have to disrupt the operation of the school and the rights of the student. He said this year we have the HIBster Program which helps us identify and uniformly report HIBS. Mr. Frangipani reviewed the HIB Report from February to July with the Board.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Mr. Bordley, seconded by Mr. Fiocchi, the minutes were approved from June 7, 2017 Executive Session, June 7, 2017 Combined Meeting and June 21, 2017 Board Retreat. All Members voted "yes."

Solicitor's Report:       None.

Public Comment on  
Agenda Items:

Vicky Miller

Ms. Miller questioned where the district is getting the million dollars to put the turf field in. She expressed her concern that the money for the turf field could be used in other ways.

Recommendations:

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

**PERSONNEL (1.1)**

- 1.1 The Board approve the personnel items in accordance with the lists provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board:
- a. Retirements, Resignations, Terminations, Leaves of Absence, Employment, Transfers
  - b. Substitutes
  - c. Extracurricular Activities
  - d. Extracurricular Summer

**Mr. Bordley thanked everyone who is retiring.**

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

**PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2.1-2.10)**

- 2.1 The Board approve district trips, travel, Spring Baseball Training 2018, Crew Summer Workouts.

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

- 2.2 The Board approve the 2017-2018 Vineland High School Senior Class Trip to Orlando, Florida from March 10 to March 13, 2018 with the stipulation that the nurse would be paid for as presented.

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

**Mr. DeSanto said this approval includes the excused absence for Monday and Tuesday.**

- 2.3 The Board approve the submission of the NJ Department of Education "2016-2017 School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act." [This is required by the state, at a public meeting, prior to NJDOE submission.]

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

- 2.4 The Board approve the Purchasing Manual for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

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2.5 The Board approve to authorize the Board Secretary to enter into partnership with Stockton University for the 2017-2018 school year for the placement of students for field internships, student teaching, practicum and observations.

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

2.6 The Board approve to authorize the Board Secretary to enter into partnership with Western Governor's University for the 2017-2018 school year for the placement of students for field internships, student teaching, practicum and observations.

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

**Mr. Bordley asked where Western Governor's University is. Mr. Frey said Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. Bordley asked how we get these internships if we do not know where this university is. Dr. Gruccio said we have students who are doing their teaching degrees online.**

2.7 The Board approve to enter into a student teaching Affiliation Agreement with Rowan University for 2017-2018 school year.

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

2.8 The Board approve the submission of the 2017-2018 Statement of Assurance for the 2016-2019 Comprehensive Equity Plan and will continue to fully implement the NJDOE approved Comprehensive Equity plan. [This is required by the state annually prior to submission and due to the county by Sept 1, 2017- affirming compliance with laws, statutes and regulations governing equity in education.]

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

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2.9 The Board approve the adoption of Board goals for the 2017-2018 school year:  
 - Work with the Superintendent to continue efforts to educate the community on Vineland Public Schools.  
 - Continue to conduct up to four training workshops including board ethics with our NJSBA Field Service Representative.

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

**Mr. Jennings said we have been actively working on this.**

**Mr. Medio said the last two workshops were not training workshops but Board ethic speeches by our Board Representative. He said that he would like the ethics part of the workshop limited to 10 minutes so bigger issues can be discussed that apply to the Vineland School District.**

**Dr. Gruccio said if anyone has any ideas on topics to please forward them to her. She said the reason ethics was discussed is because we have a new Board member.**

**Mr. DeSanto said his recollection is that the ethics regulations require an annual public discussion on ethics every year.**

2.10 The Board approve the CSA/District Goals for the 2017-2018 school year:  
 - Focus on Academic Achievement.  
 - Work on redistricting and facilities projects.  
 - Continue communication and partnership with various community establishments.

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

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (3.1-3.2)**

3.1 The Board approve regarding the Vineland Police Department and Community Policing Unit to use Vineland High School complex for the 2017 National Night Out Fireworks on Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

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

**Mr. Jennings thanked all the volunteers.**

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3.2 The Board approve regarding the NJ Department of Education Waiver Applications N.J.A.C. 6A:5 for the following:  
 - An additional 2 classrooms at the Casimer M. Dallago Jr. Impact Center to service 15 preschool children, 1 teacher and 2 classroom assistants each.  
 - An additional 2 self-contained classrooms at the Casimer M. Dallago Jr. Impact Center that will service 8 preschool disabled children, 1 teacher and 2 classroom assistants each.

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

**FINANCE (4.1-4.13)**

4.1 The Board approve budgetary transfers for General, School-Based and ECPA for May 2017.

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

4.2 The Board approve of the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports for May 2017.

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

4.3 The Board approve the amended food service change funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year for the Food Service Department.

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

4.4 The Board approve submission of the following grant application:  
 -The preliminary application submission of the FY 2018 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Grant to the New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of \$77,835 for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

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

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4.5 The Board approve the submission of the FY 2018 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Application to the New Jersey Department of Education.  
 July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018  
 Basic Allocation (3-21)..... \$2,786,053  
 Preschool Allocation (3-5).....\$ 93,720

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

4.6 The Board approve the acceptance of funding for the following schools for 2017-2018:  
 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)  
 October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018  
 Dallago Impact Center.....\$14,245  
 Johnstone Elementary School.....\$24,420  
 Sabater Elementary School.....\$43,450

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

4.7 The Board approve the Partnership Agreement between Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem and the Vineland Board of Education for school-based and high school-based mentoring program in the amount of \$12,000.

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

4.8 The Board approve the renewal of the lease with Robins' Nest for 1350 S.W. Boulevard Unit #2 for one-year under the terms of the current lease agreement with a 5% increase in rent, equivalent to \$2,381.40 per month for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

All Members  
 voted "yes."  
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4.9 The Board approve the third amendment to the contract with Camelot Educational Resources, LLC for the operation of the Alternative School Program for 2017-2018. The amendment would provide for an expansion of the middle school program for a total of 95 alternative students with a cost of \$541,351.00. This cost includes additional staffing.

**Ms. Codispoti said she is happy that this is finally coming to fruition and will benefit our students.**

**Mr. Jennings said this is well spent money. He said Board members should take the time out to visit the Alternative School to see the drastic changes in these children.**

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

4.10 The Board approve to award the following bid: Lease Purchase Financing of \$663,000 from U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing & Finance, Inc. at a rate of 1.881% and a term of five years to pay for the acquisition of 9 school buses/vans.

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



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4.11 The Board approve the following in regard to the Cumberland County Regional Cooperative Transportation:

a. 2016-2017 Quoted Transportation Contracts

<u>Route</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
17-253	Kerry Bus Service	\$231.00
17-276	Claybrooks Transportation, LLC	\$280.00
17-277	Sheppard Bus Service	\$170.00

b. 2016-2017 Transportation Addendum for the following routes with the Cumberland County Regional Cooperative: Sheppard Bus Service Route 17-036 #1, and Sheppard Bus Service Route 17-013 #2.

c. 2017-2018 Extended School Year Quoted Contracts

<u>Route</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
CS1727	Jaz Transportation, LLC	\$164.50
CS1728	Sheppard Bus Service	\$325.00

d. 2017-2018 Transportation Addendum for the following routes with the Cumberland County Regional Cooperative: CJ's Bus Service Route CS09 #1, CJ's Bus Service Route CS 1702 #1, B.R. Williams Route CS 1726 #1.

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

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4.12 The Board approve the 2016-2017 Joint Transportation Agreement between Monroe Township Schools and Vineland Board of Education in the amount of \$15,926.75.

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

4.13 The Board approve the rejection of all proposals received for CC #16-17/18 Online Literacy Services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.5 (d) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22 (d). The lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods or services.

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

**Mr. Bordley asked for an explanation on this item. Mr. Frey said Achieve 3000 is the support structure for students in the middle schools. He said we want to expand that process and the prices came in to high. Mr. Frey said we will go back and refine our bid.**

**Mr. Medio asked what the costs were. Mrs. Haley said she will email the costs to the Board.**

At this time Dr. Gruccio introduced Ms. Kimberly Rivera and Mr. Elliott DeShields to discuss the 2017-2018 Senior Class Trip to Orlando, Florida.

Ms. Rivera said they are here tonight to present the senior class trip for 2018 and seek permission from the Board. She said the trip would be from March 10th through March 13, 2018 with an excused absence for Monday and Tuesday. Ms. Rivera said a school nurse would be needed and she requested for the Board to consider paying for the nurse to attend as a chaperone. Dr. Rossi clarified that we have an established pay rate in place for overnight and weekend trips. Dr. Gruccio asked Dr. Rossi if the Board paid for the nurse the last time the students went. Dr. Rossi said it does not recall and would have to research it. Ms. Rivera said the costs were paid for a nurse to attend the trip in 2014 and 2016 at the rate of \$25 per hour. Dr. Rossi said it is the daily rate plus four hours for overnight.

Approval of Bills: Upon motion by Ms. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the bills were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted “yes” (\$8,092,314.47).

Ms. Rios departed from the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Committee Reports: Ms. Codispoti said discussed at the Curriculum & Instruction meeting was early graduation for the “green shirt” athletes, Team Mobile, Sprint Grant implementation for November and GPA calculation.

Mr. Bordley said our goal is to try to change the perception of the Vineland School District and advertise every positive thing we offer including our preschool program.

Mr. Jennings said we are all citizens of this city and want success as well.

Mr. Sbrana said he would like to participate in the efforts.

Ms. Codispoti said as the preschool liaison for the last 3 years she knows that the joint effort will help tremendously.

Public: None.

Items Proposed by  
Board Members:

Mr. Sbrana wished everyone a safe restful summer and to return in September ready to go.

Ms. Acosta urged the parents to remind their children about the summer reading projects. She said on the district website you can register your child if they need help with their reading project.

Ms. Codispoti reminded everyone that National Night Out is Tuesday, August 1st, which is a great event put on by our Police Department.

Mr. Bordley congratulated Ms. Acosta on the award she will be receiving.

Report/Remarks by  
Board President:

None.

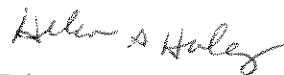
Emergent Item(s)  
(with prior approval)

None.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Medio, seconded by Mr. Fiocchi, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. All Members voted "yes."

Respectfully Submitted,



Helen G. Haley  
Board Secretary