

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 14, 2010 at 6:33 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Franceschini presiding and the following members present: Mr. DeWinne, Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. English, Mr. Fanucci, Dr. Mounier, Mrs. Phillips, Ms. Rios, and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Banks, Superintendent, Dr. Guccio and Mrs. Elliott, Assistant Superintendents, Mr. Franchetta, Board Secretary, Mr. DeSanto, Solicitor, Ms. Greenfield, Executive Director of Personnel, Mrs. Polof, Special Education Director, press and public. Absent: None.

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

Presentation (s):

Mr. Franceschini said tonight a portrait will be dedicated in honor of former Board President, Frank N. Giordano, who passed away suddenly. He read a letter of praise about Mr. Giordano from former Board President, Elaine Greenberg, who could not be in attendance at tonight's dedication.

Carmella Weber, Mr. Giordano's sister, reminisced about her brother.

Mr. Bernardini said he is here tonight with a heavy heart. He said Mr. Giordano was his friend and his death was a tremendous shock that left him with an unbelievable sense of sadness and loss. Mr. Bernardini said as a School Board member and President Mr. Giordano led this school district in some incredibly difficult times and brought calm and consensus to this board at a time when it was needed most.

Mr. Spinelli said he served three years on the board with Mr. Giordano. He said all board business was taken care of in a respectful way due to Mr. Giordano. Mr. Spinelli said what he remembers most is Mr. Giordano sitting at mid court for every Vineland High School basketball game.

Mr. Franceschini said on behalf of himself and the Board of Education he is presenting Mr. Giordano's family with his School Board photograph.

The board recessed at 6:47 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:01 p.m.

Resolution: Mr. Franchetta read a resolution to recess into executive session on **Wednesday, July 14, 2010** and **Wednesday, August 4, 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”.

The board recessed to executive session at 7:03 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:47 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Mr. Fanucci, seconded by Ms. Rios, the Board approved the minutes from June 2, 2010, June 9, 2010 and June 19, 2010. All Members voted “yes” except for Ms. Rios, Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Ulrich who voted “yes” on all minutes except June 19, 2010 they “abstained” and Mr. DeWinne and Mr. DiGiorgio who voted “yes” on all items except June 9, 2010 he “abstained.”

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 May 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 gave a presentation on the School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics. He said those who are covered under the school ethics are board members and any certificated administrator and non-certificated administrator who make recommendations regarding purchasing or hiring of personnel. Under the administrative code each district board of education is required to discuss the School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics with school board members at a regularly scheduled public meeting annually. Mr. DeSanto said each board member is required to sign an acknowledgement that they read the Code of Ethics and understand it. He reviewed each of the definitions and conflict requirements that are evaluated in the School Ethics Act along with each Code of Ethics.

Mr. DeWinne mentioned that the New Jersey School Boards Association has lawyers available for any questions or issues board members may have. He asked if ethics charges are filed against a board member that are unfounded does the board member have a responsibility to do anything about it. Mr. DeSanto said when ethic charges are filed against a board member you cannot act individually. He said you cannot come to the aid of someone without thoroughly exploring the ramifications.

Public Comment on
Agenda Items:

None.

Recommendations:

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4. 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 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.)

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

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

- a. General Fund

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

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

All Members
voted “yes.”
(9-0-0)

- a. Vineland Municipal Alliance Program
January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010
In the amount of ----- \$ 6,250.00
- b. State of New Jersey
Department of Children & Families
Family Friendly Center Grant
Sabater Elementary School
July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
In the amount of ----- \$45,463.00
- c. Carl D. Perkins Spending Plan
July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
In the amount of ----- \$96,038.00
- d. NJSBA Insurance Group
Safety Grant Program
July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
In the amount of ----- \$96,808.00

Mr. Fanucci asked for an explanation on the Perkins Grant. Mr. Franchetta said this is a federal funding grant that is for vocational programs at the high school.

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

All Members
voted “yes.”
(9-0-0)

- a. General Mills Foundation Grant
Mennies Elementary School
In the amount of ----- \$3,000.00

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8. 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." (9-0-0)

9. The Board approve the requisition to the City of Vineland for Local school taxes according to the schedule provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board. (This meets the requirement recommended by the State auditors for requisition of local district taxes for school purposes.)

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

10. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Maryann Greenfield to the position of Certifying Officer/Appointing Authority for the New Jersey State Civil Service System for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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

11. The Board approve a Resolution appointing Kevin J. Franchetta as the district's Qualified Purchasing Agent, and establish the bid threshold at the amount pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-a and any increase authorized in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3b.

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

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12. The Board approve the creation of the title of Assistant School Business Administrator and abolish the title of Executive Comptroller.

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

13. The Board approve district participation with Hannah's House, Inc. in providing English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for parents of children enrolled in the Vineland Schools. Classes will be held in the evenings, three days per week at the Sabater Elementary School. There is no cost to the district. (Hannah's House is covering the cost of this service through the Even Start Family Literacy Program.)

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

14. The Board approve contracts with Bayada nurses in accordance with the form approved by the Board Solicitor and the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A:1 in the following amount:

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

Six (6) LPNs @ \$39/hour
 Approximately 220 days @ 7 hours per day
 In the amount of ----- \$360,360.00

15. The Board approve the Learning Resource Center – South Van Outreach Program contract for Barse Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with the form of contract approved by the Board Solicitor and the Superintendent of Schools.

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

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16. The Board approve the Standard Operating Procedures for Business Function in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.6.

Mr. English asked if changes could be made at anytime during the year on this. Mr. Franceschini said that was his understanding. Mr. English asked if the changes would go to the Policy & Personnel Committee. Mr. Franceschini said yes.

All Members voted “yes.” (9-0-0)

17. The Board petition the Cumberland County Superintendent of Schools to approve the following for use as temporary facilities for the 2010-2011 school year:

- a. Adult Education Center – Entire facility at 610 Montrose Street
- b. Landis Middle School – Relocatable classroom; small group and special education classrooms
- c. SUCCESS Program – Entire facility
- d. Veterans Memorial Middle School – Five temporary classroom units (10 classrooms)

All Members voted “yes” except for Mr. DiGiorgio who voted “yes” on all items but “abstained” on a. (9-0-0)

18. The Board approve a request for a waiver of the toilet room facilities for the following:

- a. Max Leuchter School – Rooms 1 through 11, 13, 15 and 16
- b. Golan Learning Center – Rooms 19 and 21

All Members voted “yes.” (9-0-0)

19. The Board approve the Veterans Memorial Restructuring Plan for the 2010-2011 school year.

All Members voted “yes.” (9-0-0)

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20. The Board approve payment in the amount of \$400 to an employee whose name is on file with the Secretary of the Board for legal fees that were provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-6.1.

All Members voted “yes” except for Mr. Ulrich who “abstained.” (8-0-1)

21. The Board approve the following donations in accordance with Board Policy #7230, “Gifts, Grants and Donations”:

- a. Sony 50” television
 Donated by Steven Rothfarb
- b. Cook with Books Reading Program
 Petway Elementary School
 Donated by the Tarabbio family
 In the amount of ----- \$650.00

All Members voted “yes.” (9-0-0)

22. The Board acknowledge Request for Proposals (RFP’s) for Alternate Attorney and recommend that all RFP’s are rejected in accordance with 18A:18A-22.a.

All Members voted “yes.” (9-0-0)

23. The Board waive the time requirements for review according to Policy #0131 “Bylaws and Policies” and adopt the following Policy: [as per Smith v. Hudson County Register, 411 N.J. Super. 538 (App. Div. 2010) Public Agencies Must charge Actual Costs to Duplicate Government Records – to be effective July 1, 2010] #8310 Public Records

All Members voted “yes.” (9-0-0)

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. All Members voted “yes” (\$7,967,776.73).

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

Public: Kristen Estep & Lisa Arena, Mennies School
Ms. Arena announced that the third First Day Celebration will be held at Mennies Elementary School on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. She invited all school board members and administrators to please join them in the celebration. Ms Arena said they will be hosting about 40 community vendors and other service organizations that provide activities for children.

Board Member
Remarks:

Ms. Rios said as the Early Childhood Program liaison she met with Nancee Bleistine, Principal of the Preschool Program, on Monday, June 14 to learn about the daily operations of the preschool program.

Mr. DeWinne said he will be emailing Dr. Banks about placement of people due to retirements.

Dr. Mounier said it was very fitting tonight to celebrate Mr. Giordano’s life and service. He thanked those who donated items to the district along with grant sponsors/writers. Dr. Mounier said there is a fine line in the matter of ethics and ethics charges. He said the threat of ethics charges are censored as a means of controlling the independent judgments on the part of particular board members by other board members when a difference of opinion arises between them. Dr. Mounier said there was an example of this in the last board term and hopes that this is not repeated.

Ms. Phillips noted that in 55 days the students will be back in school.

Mr. DiGiorgio said when we lost Mr. Giordano the community lost a great person and it will be difficult to except for a while. He said Mr. Giordano will be literally watching over us.

Mr. English thanked everyone who came out to honor Mr. Giordano tonight. He said the economy is at an all time low and we need to stay focused on student achievement first and keep working together to raise the morale a day at a time. Mr. English said we are on the same team with the same goals and if anyone feels differently then maybe this district is not for you.

Mr. Fanucci thanked everyone who attended tonight's dedication to honor Mr. Giordano. He said Mr. Giordano will be sorely missed by all of us and he commends him for all his years of efforts on the board. Mr. Fanucci said his heart and prayers are with his family at such a difficult time. He thanked his fellow board members for staying together.

Mr. Ulrich echoed some of the remarks made about Mr. Giordano. He said when something sudden and unexpected occurs it leaves an aftershock that people feel for months. Mr. Ulrich said his prayers go out to the family and he thanked everyone who attended tonight to pay their respects.

Dr. Banks said she would also like to honor the memory of Mr. Giordano this evening. She feels privileged to have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Giordano when he served as Board President. Dr. Banks said she had a great deal of respect for Mr. Giordano and is stunned that he is no longer here. She is appreciative of the fact that Mr. Giordano was one of several board members instrumental in bringing her to Vineland and she will always remember him in a very fond way.

Report/Remarks by
Board President:

Mr. Franceschini said is going to miss Mr. Giordano. He admired him because if he thought you were wrong it did not matter how big you were he would go after you.

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned to executive session by voice vote at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin J. Franchetta, CPA
Board Secretary

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