

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, pursuant to notice with Mr. Giordano presiding and the following members present: Mr. Bernardini, Mr. DeWinne, Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. Fanucci, Mr. Franceschini, Mrs. Phillips, and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: Ms. Rios.

Also present: Mr. Ottinger, Superintendent, Mr. Franchetta, Board Secretary, Mr. Smith, Executive Controller and Ms. Greenfield, Executive Director of Personnel. Absent: Dr. Figgs and Dr. Gruccio, Assistant Superintendents and Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor.

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:

Public Comments: None.

Recommendations: See page 2

Vineland Board Of Education
 Report to the Board – July 15, 2009

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

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

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

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

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

Ms. Greenfield explained that on tonight's agenda there are two new employments that are replacements. She said the first one is a necessity because the person who was in the position has retired. The second is a math teacher position, which is very hard to find. Ms. Greenfield said that she wanted this on the agenda because notice had to be given to this individual's former employer. She said there are also summer hours on the agenda that were omitted in June.

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Mr. Giordano thanked the *Daily Journal* for helping the district compile the data for this evening's event. He said all of the nominees are worthy of being nominated and it is an honor for them just to be nominated. Mr. Giordano announced that there were 12 nominees of which 10 qualify under Board Policy.

Mr. Giordano read the following nominees into the record who did not meet the criteria established for the naming of the Athletic Fields at Vineland High School:

1. Allan Bernardini
2. Darren Ford

Mr. Giordano read the following nominees into the record for the naming of the Athletic Fields at Vineland High School:

1. Don Adams
2. James Brown
3. Salvatore C. Ciarlante
4. Billy Consalo
5. Nello Dallolio
6. Anthony DiTomo
7. Francis Guaciaro
8. Charles Mazzola
9. Dominick Pilla
10. D. Jerome Wilson

Mr. Giordano reviewed the criteria for the name selection.

Mr. Bernardini wanted to clarify that the entire Chestnut Avenue complex is being named tonight. At a later date the softball, baseball and soccer fields will be named individually.

At this time Mr. Giordano said members of the public who would like to address the board have three minutes to speak.

Public

Comments:

Dane Barse, Chairman of Vineland High School Historical Committee
Mr. Barse said Vineland has a great tradition that we need to build within our students and programs in our high school. He said a Historical Committee has been formed by high school staff and community members. Mr. Barse read the Historical Committee's Mission Statement.

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Mr. Barse said the response the Historical Committee has received from people in the community has been marvelous. He introduced each of the members of the Historical Committee. Mr. Barse said John Casadia, who will be speaking tonight, has put some very impressive research together on Anthony DiTomo.

John Casadia, Jr.

Mr. Casadia spoke in support of nominee Anthony DiTomo.

John D. Dalesandro

Mr. Dalesandro spoke in support of nominee Anthony DiTomo.

Gary Johnson

Mr. Johnson spoke in support of nominees Don Adams, Charles Mazzola and Salvatore Ciarlante.

Paul Mazzola

Mr. Mazzola spoke in support of nominee Charles Mazzola.

Jim Sauro

Mr. Sauro spoke in support of nominee Anthony DiTomo.

Francis Sparagna

Mr. Sparagna spoke in support of nominee Anthony DiTomo.

Judith Ciarlante-Talarico

Ms. Ciarlante-Talarico spoke in support of nominee Salvatore Ciarlante.

Skip Wright

Mr. Wright spoke in support of nominee Anthony DiTomo.

Mr. Giordano asked Mr. Franchetta to explain the voting procedures.

Mr. Franchetta said the selection process will consist of three rounds. In the first round each board member will nominate five names for consideration on a form and read into the record his/her list of nominations. The results will be tabulated and the five nominees receiving the most votes will advance to round two. In round two each board member will nominate three names for further consideration and read into the record his/her list of nominations. The three nominees receiving the most votes will advance to the third and final round for a vote. The nominee receiving the most votes will then be the subject of a formal motion by a board member to name the Athletic Fields at Vineland High School in honor of that individual. In the last round if a board member would like to comment on the qualifications of any or all three of the final nominees they may do so.

The votes for the first round were as follows:

Mr. DeWinne voted for Anthony DiTomo, Charles Mazzola, Salvatore Ciarlante, Billy Consalo and Jerome Wilson.

Mr. DiGiorgio voted for Anthony DiTomo, Salvatore Ciarlante, Jerome Wilson, Charles Mazzola and Billy Consalo.

Mr. Fanucci voted for Salvatore Ciarlante, Billy Consalo, Anthony DiTomo, Dominick Pilla, Jerome Wilson.

Mr. Franceschini voted for Jerome Wilson, Salvatore Ciarlante, Anthony DiTomo, Charles Mazzola and Billy Consalo.

Mrs. Phillips voted for Anthony DiTomo, Salvatore Ciarlante, Charles Mazzola, Don Adams and James Brown.

Mr. Ulrich voted for James Brown, Salvatore Ciarlante, Jerome Wilson, Anthony DiTomo and Billy Consalo.

Mr. Bernardini voted for Anthony DiTomo, Charles Mazzola, Salvatore Ciarlante, Don Adams and Jerome Wilson.

Mr. Giordano voted for Anthony DiTomo, Salvatore Ciarlante, Charles Mazzola, Nello Dallolio and Francis Guaciario.

Mr. Giordano said it is important to note that all of the candidate resumes were given to the board.

Mr. Franchetta announced the following nominees that would advance to the second round:

Salvatore Ciarlante
Billy Consalo
Anthony DiTomo
Charles Mazzola
Jerome Wilson

The vote for the second round was as follows:

Mr. DeWinne voted for Anthony DiTomo, Charles Mazzola and Salvatore Ciarlante.

Mr. DiGiorgio voted for Anthony DiTomo, Charles Mazzola and Salvatore Ciarlante.

Mr. Fanucci voted for Salvatore Ciarlante, Anthony DiTomo and Jerome Wilson

Mr. Franceschini voted for Charles Mazzola, Salvatore Ciarlante and Anthony DiTomo.

Mrs. Phillips voted for Anthony DiTomo, Salvatore Ciarlante and Charles Mazzola.

Mr. Ulrich voted for Salvatore Ciarlante, Anthony DiTomo and Jerome Wilson

Mr. Bernardini voted for Anthony DiTomo, Charles Mazzola and Salvatore Ciarlante.

Mr. Giordano voted for Anthony DiTomo, Salvatore Ciarlante and Charles Mazzola.

Mr. Franchetta announced the following nominees that would advance to the third and final round:

Salvatore Ciarlante
Anthony DiTomo
Charles Mazzola

Mr. Franchetta said in round three each board member can read their selection and make any comments they wish.

Mr. DeWinne said as a former student athlete he had the good fortune of knowing all of the candidates. He said Mr. Mazzola was a true fun guy. Mr. Ciarlante worked with the special teams and he will never forget whenever there was a fumble he would call it a milkshake. Mr. DeWinne said he is really surprised that nothing yet has been named after Mr. DiTomo who is truly deserving. He said Anthony DiTomo was and is Vineland, commanded respect and has his vote for the naming of the athletic fields.

Mr. DiGiorgio said this is an excellent group of candidates. He said that he played varsity baseball and has some fond memories of Mr. DiTomo as the athletic director. He said that all of the candidates deserve recognition from our community but his vote is for Anthony DiTomo.

Mr. Fanucci said it is important to note that Vineland is truly a blessed community in having a room full of people who have taken their time to come out and support someone. He said that he did not know everyone on the list but knew more than half. Mr. Fanucci thanked everyone for providing such detailed information. He said his vote is for Anthony DiTomo

Mr. Franceschini said this is the sixth time that he has done this and is not always comfortable with it. He said that he went to school here and college and none of this qualifies him to choose someone's loved one over someone else. Salvatore Ciarlante and Charles Mazzola were teammates of his father when he played football in 1951 and called him "Moose's Kid." He said Mr. DiTomo was his boss when he coached wrestling. Six months prior to his death he was a patient of his at the rehabilitation hospital, where they celebrated his 80th birthday. Mr. Franceschini said his vote is for Anthony DiTomo.

Mrs. Phillips thanked everyone for coming out this evening especially the Ciarlante and Mazzola families. She knows that their loved ones deserve some type of honor, which will hopefully be achieved in the future. Mrs. Phillips said her vote is for Anthony DiTomo.

Mr. Ulrich thanked all the family members for coming out to support their relative. He said that he knew Mr. DiTomo when he played sports in the mid seventies. Mr. Ulrich said that he remembers Jerome Wilson as the gentlest, kindest man who was responsible for the feeder programs in the City of Vineland such as Little League Baseball and Mini Wrestling. He said his vote is for Anthony DiTomo.

Mr. Bernardini thanked all the family members who came out tonight to speak on behalf of their candidate. He said that he had a long history with Charles Mazzola who was a close personal friend. Mr. Bernardini said he also had a relationship with Anthony DiTomo who put in a lot of years for Vineland and deserves the naming of those fields. He said his vote is for Anthony DiTomo.

Mr. Giordano said that he feels Anthony DiTomo's presence here tonight. He said these names were all great nominations deserving of such honors and hopefully will be back for nomination for the naming of the other parts of the complex. Mr. Giordano said his vote is for Anthony DiTomo.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Franceschini, seconded by Mr. DeWinne, to name the Athletic Complex at Vineland High Senior School the Anthony DiTomo Athletic Complex. All Members voted "yes."

Mr. Ottinger said he was associated in many ways with almost all of the nominees and feels this could have been an honor awarded to any of the candidates. He said hopefully in the future others will be chosen for the naming of the other fields and facilities. Mr. Ottinger congratulated the DiTomo family and said it is a living tribute to a man who dedicated his entire life to Vineland High School.

Mr. Giordano said that he spoke to the field representative for the superintendent's search today and due to the time sensitive nature of this issue she wanted him to share this with the board tonight. He said currently twenty six applications have been requested and eleven have been turned in. Out of the eleven there are seven that New Jersey School Boards is considering interviewing. Ms. Zoerb is suggesting to the board to extend the deadline by two weeks due to the fact that the school district is so complex and large. Mr. Giordano asked the board what they would like to do in regards to the two week extension.

After board discussion the consensus of the board was not to extend the advertisement.

Public

Comments:

Carmella DiTomo Sparagna

Ms. Sparagna thanked the board on behalf of herself and all of Tony's nieces and nephews. She said he would truly be honored by all this.

Gary Johnson

Mr. Johnson thanked the board for this special meeting to name the athletic complex. He said it is good to know that there will be other parts of the complex named so the other nominees can be considered. Mr. Johnson mentioned that this fall will be the twentieth year anniversary of the passing of Salvatore Ciarlante. He suggested possibly at one of this year's football games members of that year's football team along with Mr. Ciarlante can be recognized.

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Franchetta, CPA
Board Secretary