

The special meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held Monday July 24, 2017 at 12:16 p.m. in the Reber Administration Building, Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, pursuant to notice with Mr. Bordley presiding and the following members present: Ms. Codispoti, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Jennings, (by phone) Mr. Medio, Mr. Holmes, Ms. Rios and Mr. Sbrana. Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Guccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey and Mr. Frangipani, Assistant Superintendents, Mrs. Haley, Board Secretary and Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor. Absent: None.

Mr. Bordley 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, Clerk - City of Vineland, and Administrative Office Public Bulletin Board.

Flag Salute:

Mr. Bordley asked for a moment of silence for a student, Kevin Vasquez, who passed away this week.

Public Comments

On Agenda Item:

Ernie Marcacci

Mr. Marcacci spoke in support of putting in the turf field.

Vicky Miller

Ms. Miller spoke against putting in the turf field.

Louis Russo

Mr. Russo urged the Board to prioritize the educational program because there have been cuts to the program at all four levels. He said football can go on without the artificial turf and Landis School can be utilized without an elevator.

Recommendation:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

The Board approve the Finance Committee’s plan as modified by the Superintendent to revise the 2017-2018 district budget due to reductions in State Aid.

All Members
 voted “yes.”
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Dr. Guccio asked Mrs. Haley to explain what the three options were and the plan we came up with without touching surplus.

Mrs. Haley said on July 14th notice was received from the state that we have a \$2,059,792 reduction in state aid. She said the state gave everyone the following three choices.

1. To use surplus to maintain budgeted appropriations.
2. To reduce appropriations for 2017- 2018
3. Or a combination of those two items.

Mrs. Haley said we met with the Finance Committee and other Board members and were able to come up with reductions of appropriations item #2 without touching surplus. She reviewed each of the reductions to budgeted appropriations to make up the reduction in state aid for year 2018, which totals \$2,059,792.

Dr. Guccio said in regards to the vice principal substitute she feels very strongly that we need consistency for our students. She said the only reason she agreed to put a substitute in this position is because we are going to try to get one substitute that would stay. Dr. Guccio said since we are redistricting we did not want to take a chance in case that vice principal was not needed after everything washes out and have them loose their job in one year. She said this is for one year and after the new school is opened we will have a much better picture of exactly what we need in administration.

Ms. Rios asked for a clarification on the grant that was applied for in reference to the turf field.

Mrs. Haley said we have been using NJ School Boards to look for grants for us. She said one of the grants available is an NFL Grant for this type of project.

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Mrs. Haley said we paid them to work on a grant for that project. She said we are also looking for corporate sponsorships to help offset the cost. Mrs. Haley said we are not making payments for the turf field until fiscal year 2019. She said this gives us time to fund raise or apply for grants, which will be used to offset the principal and interest payments on the lease purchase.

Mr. Bordley said several Board members are attempting to find donors towards the project.

Dr. Gruccio thanked the Board for adjusting their schedules for the special meeting.

Public Comments: Ernie Marcacci
Mr. Marcacci asked if the field will be redone. Dr. Gruccio said that is correct. Mr. Marcacci complimented the Board on their thinking and said we need to look out for our children.

Mr. Jennings said this is a move in the right direction and he thanked the Board, Finance Committee and Administration for working hard to put this together.

Mr. Bordley said this is an all-purpose field for all sports not just football.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Medio, seconded by Mr. Bordley, to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 p.m. All Members voted “yes.”

Respectfully submitted,



Helen G. Haley
Board Secretary

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