

CITY OF VINELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AUGUST 5, 2020 - COMBINED MEETING MINUTES

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The combined meeting of the City of Vineland Board of Education was held remotely, Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 5:03 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. English presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Mrs. Codispoti, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Sbrana, Mr. Silva, Ms. Spinelli, and Mr. Ulrich.

Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Sneathen, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Mercoli, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor, press, and public.

Absent: None.

Mr. English 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, SNJ Today, the Press of Atlantic City, Nuestra Comunidad, Visto Bueno, the Clerk - City of Vineland, and Administrative Office Public Bulletin Board.

Flag Salute:

Resolution: Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Sbrana, the Executive Session resolution was approved.

All members voted “yes.”  
(9-0-0)

Special  
Presentation(s):

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Approval of

Minutes: Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Sbrana, the minutes were approved from June 9, 2020, Executive Session, June 29, 2020, Special Meeting, and the July 1, 2020, Combined Meeting.

All members voted “yes.”  
(9-0-0)

Committee

Reports: Mr. Fiocchi shared the Finance Committee Meeting update from July 29, 2020.

Ms. Spinelli shared the Facilities Committee Meeting update from July 29, 2020.

Mr. Ulrich shared the Policy & Personnel Committee Meeting update from July 28, 2020.

Mr. Holmes shared the Transportation Committee Meeting update from July 30, 2020.

Ms. Acosta shared the Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee Meeting update from July 20, 2020.

Solicitor

Report: None.

Motion: Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Sbrana, the motion to suspend By-law 0164 was approved.

All members voted “yes.”  
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Public

Comments: Meghan Greenfield - Vineland Teacher, Parent, and Taxpayer.

Blake Pescatore - Prior Student.

Jose Montanez - Vineland Parent and Community Member.

Jodi Morales - Vineland Parent.

Nicole Shaffer - Vineland Parent.

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

**PERSONNEL (1.1 - 1.2)**

- 1.1 Approval of the following:
- a. Retirements, Resignations, Terminations, Leaves of Absence, Employment, Transfers
  - b. Students
  - c. Substitutes
  - d. Extracurricular Activities
  - e. Extracurricular Summer
  - f. Volunteers

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

- 1.2 Approval regarding the following daily pay rates, effective September 1, 2020:
- Substitute Long-Term Teacher from \$125 to \$150
  - Building Permanent Substitute Teacher from \$125 to \$150
  - Daily Substitute Teacher from \$110 to \$125
  - Substitute Long-Term Paraprofessional from \$90 to \$100
  - Daily Paraprofessional from \$80 to \$90
  - Substitute Custodian from \$11 to \$13.50
- Note: N.J. minimum wage rises to \$12 per hour, effective January 1, 2021

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

**PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2.1 - 2.4)**

- 2.1 Approval regarding the proposed plan to reopen schools in September.

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

- 2.2 Approval for the Board to waive the time requirements for review according to the Policy #0131 Bylaws & Policies and adopt the following policy:
- Policy 1648 - Restart & Recovery Plan
  - Policy 1648.2 - Remote Learning Options for Families

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

- 2.3 Approval regarding authorizing the Board Secretary to enter into an affiliation agreement for the 2020 - 2021 school year for the placement of students for field internship, student teaching, practicum, and observations with Capella University

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

- 2.4 Approval regarding authorizing the Board Secretary to enter into an affiliation agreement for the 2020 - 2021 school year for the placement of students for field internship, student teaching, practicum, and observations with Grand Canyon University.

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

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (none)**

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

**FINANCE (4.1 - 4.23)**

4.1 Approval of budgetary transfers for General, School-Based and ECPA for June 2020.

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

4.2 Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports for June 2020.

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

4.3 Approval regarding submission of the following grant applications:  
 a. The FY 2021 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Application to the State of New Jersey Department of Education. July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021  
 Basic Allocation (3-21)----- \$3,016,982  
 Preschool Allocation (3-5)----- \$94,421  
  
 b. The FY 2021 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Application to the State of New Jersey Department of Education from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021  
 Title I-A \$3,618,918  
 Title I Reallocated \$ 231,089  
 Title I SIA Part A \$ 500,300  
 Title II-A \$ 561,779  
 Title III \$ 169,346  
 Title III Immigrant \$ 13,453  
 Title IV Part A \$ 99,009

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

4.4 Approval regarding the Alyssa Law Grant submission to the NJDOE in the amount of \$527,555 for meeting school building compliance requirements for notification of law enforcement. The grant includes law enforcement notification, new burglar alarm, and access control systems for all school buildings.

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

4.5 Approval to accept the following funding:  
 - State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families - Family Friendly Center Grant for Sabater Elementary School, in the amount of \$45,463.

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





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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

**FINANCE (4.1 - 4.23)**

4.17 Approval regarding awarding the following contract for: Before and After School Program (RFP #07-20/21) for the term of August 6, 2020, to June 30, 2021, with an option to renew two one year terms or one two year term for a maximum of a three-year term:  
- Before and After School Program  
Contractor: AlphaBest Education  
5980 Kinney Rd.  
Lewisville, NC 27023  
Estimated contract amount: \$579,982.00  
Annual Registration \$50.00 per student  
AM Program \$4.90 per student  
PM Program \$6.50 per student

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

4.18 Approval regarding an addendum to the July 1, 2020, renewal of the following contractor the same term of one year starting July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021:  
- Maintenance and Support of District IT Services  
Contractor: The Pro Computer Service  
304 Harper Dr., Suite 130  
Moorestown, NJ 08057  
Total addendum to contract amount: \$35,900 per month/\$430,800 yearly to \$43,150 per month/\$517,800 yearly

All Members voted "yes" except for Mr. Holmes and Mr. Ulrich who voted "no" and Mr. Fiocchi who "abstained."  
(6-2-1)

4.19 Approval regarding submission of the FY 21 Closing the Digital Divide, a competitive discretionary grant, in the amount of \$2,069,749 according to the grant guidelines.

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

4.20 Approval regarding the tuition contract between the City of Vineland Board of Education and Westville BOE Contract for one student in the total amount of \$10,968.36 at \$61.62 per day x 178 days from September 9, 2019, to June 15, 2020.

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

4.21 Approval regarding the 2020-2021 Itinerant/Shared Services Agreement between Burlington County Special Services School District and Vineland Public School District Board of Education for July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

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

4.22 Approval regarding the sales of the vehicle list which are on file with the Board Secretary to be auctioned on Gov. Deals.

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



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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

**FINANCE (4.1 - 4.23)**

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4.23 Approval regarding the following Cumberland County Regional Cooperative Transportation initiatives:  
 a. 2020-2021 ESY Quoted Contracts

All Members voted "yes."  
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Proposed Item(s)

for Review: Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Sbrana, discussion regarding returning to in-person Board Meetings and motion to accept emails regarding police presence in the schools was approved.

All members voted “yes.”  
(9-0-0)

Approval of

Bills: Bills incurred during June 2020.

Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Sbrana  
All members voted “yes.”  
(9-0-0)

Emergent

Item(s): Motion to approve a Resolution of Emergent Need No. 1 for the emergency award of thermal imaging scanning technology equipment in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7 and Governor Murphy’s Executive Order No. 103 to DNS Solutions LLC of Vineland, NJ in the amount of \$180,000.

Upon motion by Ms. Spinelli, seconded by Mr. Fiocchi  
All members voted “yes” except for  
Mrs. Codispoti, Mr. Sbrana, and Mr. Ulrich who voted “no”  
and Mr. Fiocchi who “abstained.”  
(5-3-1)

Motion to approve a Resolution of Emergent Need No. 2 for the emergency award of a COVID19 school facility sanitization service contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7 and Governor Murphy’s Executive Order No. 103 to Holden Disinfecting Service of Marlton, NJ in the amount of \$19,898 per service not to exceed \$159,184.

Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Ms. Spinelli  
All members voted “yes.”  
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Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. Spinelli, seconded by Mr. Silva, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gene Mercoli". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "G".

Gene Mercoli  
Board Secretary

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