

An open work session of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held in the Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 7:10 p.m., pursuant to notice with Ms. Rios presiding and the following members present: Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. English, Mr. Fanucci, Mr. Medio, Mr. Mercado, Dr. Mounier and Mrs. Phillips. Absent: Mr. Ulrich.

Also present: Dr. Guccio, Superintendent, Dr. Figgs, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Ludy, Board Secretary, Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor, Mrs. Polof, Director of Special Education, press and public. Absent: None.

Ms. Rios 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.

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Presentations: None.

Comments by

Board Solicitor: None.

Items for Review:

A. Superintendent

1. **Personnel Items** – Mr. DiGiorgio asked who makes decisions on coaches. Dr. Guccio said it comes to us from the athletic director and principal. Mr. DiGiorgio asked what new position means under transfers. Mr. Rossi said there is a need for those positions. Mr. Medio asked if positions were eliminated to create these new positions in the budget. Mrs. Polof explained that these positions were budgeted for last November and are accounted for in the district budget. Mr. Medio asked if he is being told that we added money this year in the teaching budget. Mrs. Polof said we did add money for teaching positions. Mr. DiGiorgio asked what is ELL testing. Dr. Guccio said it means English Limited Learner. Mr. DiGiorgio asked if there are a lot of language clubs. Dr. Guccio said usually there is one club for each language. Mr. DiGiorgio asked what “Heat” Professional Development is for. Dr. Guccio said it is higher order thinking and what we utilize in our walk through form.
2. **Budgetary Transfers** – No discussion.

3. **Travel** – Mr. Mercado asked what the \$6,000 travel is for. Dr. Gruccio explained that we have been doing this for several years for our Non-Tenured Teacher Academy.
4. **Sheppard Bus Service Contract** – Mr. DiGiorgio asked if this comes out of ECPA. Dr. Gruccio responded yes.
5. **Zonar Systems Agreement** - Mr. Mercado asked how long will the installation take and it will be ready for the start of the school year. Mr. DeSanto said the information that he received from the company’s attorney is if the board approves this on August 8th they should be in a position to have this ready for the start of school.

B. Board

1. None.

Review of Bills: Ms. Ludy said she currently does not have any bills because the new check printer is being set up.

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Comments: None.

Committee Reports: Mr. English said discussed at yesterday’s Facilities Committee meeting was the status of the surplus, auction and warehouse. He said they also discussed the new tennis courts, Landis School locker renovations, D’Ippolito partial roof replacement, NJSBAIG Safety Grant, overcrowding in the elementary schools and summer projects. Mr. English thanked Mr. Weaver and his department along with Mr. Zorzi for getting the information that was requested and handling the auction in a timely fashion.

Mr. Medio asked what was discussed with the overcrowding problem. Mr. English said we discussed making Rossi School an elementary school.

Mr. Fanucci said at today’s Finance Committee meeting a presentation was given on Energy Education, which is a savings on utility costs. He said the transportation audit was discussed along with savings and efficiency for ordering supplies.

Ms. Ludy mentioned that the employees in the district have been outstanding in learning the new system.

Ms. Rios said discussed at yesterday's Policy & Personnel meeting was Policy #8505 the School Nutrition Wellness Policy. She said also discussed was Policy/Regulation #8451 Communicable Diseases, summer school, student uniforms and school bus ads. Ms. Rios said the next meeting will be held on September 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Mercado asked if someone failed to enroll during the summer for summer school can they enroll during the school year to make up the class. Dr. Figgs said we do not have a protocol in place.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Mr. English asked how we handle students who fail gym. Ms. Rios said there is an online summer school class for gym.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by voice vote to executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Ludy
Board Secretary

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