

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, August 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Giordano presiding and the following members present: Mr. Bernardini, Mr. DeWinne, Mr. Evans, Mr. Fanucci, Mr. Franceschini, Ms. Rios, Mr. Spinelli and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Also present: Mr. Ottinger, Superintendent, Dr. Figgs and Dr. Gruccio, Assistant Superintendents, Mr. Franchetta, Board Secretary, Ms. Greenfield, Executive Director of Personnel, Mrs. Polof, Special Education Director, Mr. Shapiro, Associate Solicitor, press and public. Absent: Mr. DeSanto, 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:

Special

Presentation (s): None.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Mr. Spinelli, seconded by Mr. Franceschini, the Board approved the minutes from July 2, 2008, July 9, 2008 and July 16, 2008. All Members voted "yes."

Report of the
Secretary/Custodian
Of School Monies:

Upon motion by Mr. Spinelli, seconded by Mr. Fanucci, the reports of the Secretary and Custodian of School Monies for the month of June, 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: None.

Public Comment on
Agenda Items: None.

Recommendations: See page 2

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Board approve the following personnel items in accordance with the lists provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board:
 - a. List of retirements
 - b. List of resignations/terminations
 - c. List of leaves of absence
 - d. List of employment of personnel
 - e. List of transfers, assignments and/or promotions
 - f. List of student assistants and New Jersey Youth Corps
 - g. List of substitute personnel
 - h. List of extracurricular assignments
 - i. List of summer employment
 - j. List of summer hours
 - k. List of summer curriculum
 - l. List of reinstated personnel

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

Mr. Giordano asked the board if there were any questions on the additions.

Mr. Fanucci asked if the back two sheets are basically for compensation. Ms. Greenfield said yes it is for curriculum world language work.

A motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Franceschini, to table item A.1(e) name #3 preschool principal until the September meeting to allow the board further deliberation to outline priorities within our preschool program and for the matter to come before the Personnel & Policy Committee. All Members voted "yes" except for Mr. Bernardini and Mr. Giordano who voted "no." The motion carried.

Mr. Bernardini said the person in question is very qualified and he is hurt by the fact that the board will not vote on this. He does not know how much more information members of the board need to clarify this position. Mr. Bernardini said he is disappointed that this is being tabled and he is voting "no."

Mr. Ottinger congratulated Andrea Evans and Ross Stanger on their promotions.

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2. 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.

(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)

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

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

4. The Board approve submission of the following grant(s) as provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board:
 a. NJEA PRIDE Grant
 D'Ippolito Elementary School
 In the amount of ----- \$7,864.50

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

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5. The Board accept funding in the following amount(s):
 - a. City of Vineland
 Recreation Opportunities for Individuals
 with Disabilities Grant
 Special Olympics Grant
 January 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008
 In the amount of ----- \$ 2,145.00
 - b. State of New Jersey
 LEADS Grant
 July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009
 In the amount of ----- \$ 35,100.00
 - c. Cumberland County
 Office of Employment & Training
 Job Search Assistance program
 Through Adult Education Program
 In the amount of ----- \$ 67,200.00
 - d. State of New Jersey
 Department of Labor & Workforce
 Development
 New Jersey Youth Corps
 Through Adult Education Program
 In the amount of ----- \$397,304.00
 - e. State of New Jersey
 Department of Labor & Workforce
 Development
 Consolidated Adult Basic Skills and
 Integrated English Literacy Civics
 Education Grant
 Through Adult Education Program
 In the amount of ----- \$660,452.00

All Members
 voted "yes."
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6. Bids:

- a. The Board acknowledge receipt of bids as provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board and award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the following items in the amount shown:

Non-Food Supplies

Award:

Dubin Paper Company
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In the amount of ----- \$ 91,750.75
 (Estimate)

Resurfacing of High School Track

Award:

Greenlane of South Jersey, Inc.
 Mullica Hill, New Jersey

In the amount of ----- \$104,540.00
 (Option 3)

- b. The Board add “Auctioneering Services: Internet Auctions to Sell Surplus Property” to the list of Board-approved contracts on file with the Board Secretary that is bid by the State of New Jersey and/or Cumberland County for use by local entities for materials and supplies that are expected to exceed \$29,000.00 from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10 and 11.
- c. The Board approve the professional agency of Partners in Pediatrics, L.L.C. as Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapists for Section 504 students at the rate of \$68.00 per hour in accordance with 18A: 18A-5.a.1.

All Members
 voted “yes.”
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7. 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.

Mr. Franceschini asked why some are highlighted. Mr. Franchetta said they are newly added since last week.

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

8. The Board approve the Public Donor Agreements with South Jersey Healthcare for the period July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009:

- a. Family Outreach Program (FOP)
 In the amount of ----- \$ 5,000.00
- b. School-Based Youth Services Program (SBYSP)
 In the amount of ----- \$340,566.00

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

9. The Board approve a contract with Bayada Nurses in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, in the following amount:

One (1) LPN @ \$40/hour
 Approximately 220 days @ 7 hours/day
 In the amount of ----- \$61,600.00

(In accordance with the form of contract approved by the Superintendent and Board Solicitor.)

All Members
 voted "yes."
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10. The Board approve the submission of the FY 2008 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Amended Application to the State of New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of \$3,834,997.00.

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

11. The Board approve an Agreement with Salem County Special Services School District to enter into a Non-Public Services Agreement for the 2008 – 2009 school year. (This service is authorized under Federal I.D.E.I.A.)

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

12. The Board approve the Clinical Education Agreement between the New Jersey Memorial Home and the Vineland Board of Education for the training of students for the career of Nursing from September 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

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

Mr. Spinelli questioned if the contract dates are correct. Mr. Franchetta said he will check all three of the contracts to make sure the motion agrees with the contract.

13. The Board approve the Clinical Education Agreement between South Jersey Hospital and the Vineland Board of Education for the training of students for the career of Nursing from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

All Members
 voted "yes."
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14. The Board approve an Agreement with Ancora Psychiatric Hospital related to the Vineland Adult School Practical Nursing Program for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 as on file with the Secretary of the Board and in accordance with the form of contract approved by the Superintendent and Board Solicitor.

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

15. The Board approve the Joint Transportation Agreement for the 2007 – 2008 school year with the Cumberland County Educational Cooperative for route #59101.

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

16. The Board approve the Student Transportation Contract renewal with Sheppard Bus Service for the 2008 – 2009 school year for the routes which are provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

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

17. The Board approve Parent Transportation Contract #5399 in the amount of \$16,200.00.

All Members
 voted "yes."
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18. The Board approve the submission of the contracts for service field experience placement from the following colleges and universities:

All Members voted "yes."
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- Atlantic Cape Community College
 Computer Technologies Internship Program
- Cumberland County College
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- Fairleigh Dickinson University and Satellite Campuses at
 Cumberland County College & Gloucester County
 College
- Rowan University
 Rowan University
 Cumberland County College Campus
- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

19. The Board approve the Bilingual/ESL Three-Year Program Plan for school years 2008 – 2011.

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

**Mr. Spinelli asked if this was for the entire district.
 Mr. Ottinger responded yes.**

20. The Board approve the Foster Grandparents Program at IMPACT for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

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

21. The Board accept the donation of nets from Allen Associates to Vineland High School in accordance with Board Policy #7230, "Gifts, Grants and Donations."

All Members voted "yes."
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22. The Board approve an Agreement with Salem County Special Services School District to enter into a Non-Public Services Agreement for the 2008 – 2009 school year in a form acceptable by the Board Solicitor and Superintendent. (This service is authorized under P.L. 1977, Chapters 192 and 193.)

All Members
 voted “yes.”
 (9-0-0)

23. The Board approve a Resolution that will allow private schools to provide free nutritional breakfast and/or lunch for students with disabilities.

All Members
 voted “yes.”
 (9-0-0)

24. The Board approve the Second Reading and adopt the revisions to Policy #3230, “Outside Activities.”

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. Franceschini, seconded by Mr. Fanucci, the bills were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted “yes” (\$6,252,349.30).

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

Public: Keisia Jackson
Ms. Jackson expressed her concern in regards to having to pay for the Before & After School Program now that it is being handled by the YMCA.

Margarita Davila
Ms. Davila expressed her concern in regards to her son not being able to attend Wallace Intermediate School as per her request.

Debbie Davis
Ms. Davis expressed her concern in regards to her daughter’s school transfer request being denied.

Board Member
Remarks: Mr. Ulrich congratulated Andrea Evans and Ross Stanger on their promotions. He said in regards to the tabling of the preschool principal position in no way is the reputation or qualifications of the applicant being considered. Mr. Ulrich said the individual is highly qualified and that is undisputable. He said that he made the motion strictly to allow the Policy & Personnel Committee to review the priorities of the preschool program, administration and need for growth in that area.

Mr. Spinelli commented that when the budgets are done in February and March they discuss the cuts publicly as well as privately. He said we are getting flat funding from the state and every department took a hit including personnel. Mr. Spinelli said the board knows that every cut that is made impacts the children. He congratulated the two new supervisors. Mr. Spinelli said the person involved with the preschool program is extremely qualified but there are other issues dealing with the program. He said the board wants to be solid on what they are doing and know where they are going with the preschool program.

Mr. Bernardini expressed his concern as to how the board will receive information in regards to the problems with approving a preschool principal position if the next Policy & Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled right before the September board meeting. He asked Mr. Franceschini if the next Policy & Personnel meeting could be held between now and August 26 so the board could vote on this at the special board meeting in August. Mr. Franceschini said unfortunately he along with Mr. Ulrich will be out of the district for the August 27 meeting. He said he would gladly have a meeting between August 27 and the next work session.

Mr. Ottinger asked if he was being told that the board wants this position re-advertised so many candidates could apply and be interviewed. Mr. Giordano said the hiring of the principal, assistant principal and supervisor should all be done at once.

Mr. Bernardini said it is his understanding that for the early childhood principal position you need to have early childhood training, which is not normally what other principals need to have. Mr. Ulrich said they were told tonight that only a principal certification was needed.

Mr. Ottinger asked if we are looking at clearing this up at the September or October board meeting. Mr. Franceschini said hopefully by the September work session this will be done. Mr. Ottinger asked if he was to re-post the principal's position. Mr. Bernardini said only the assistant principal and supervisor position.

Report/Remarks by
Board President:

Mr. Giordano mentioned that he spoke to Mr. Franchetta in regards to the issue of student photos and school pictures. He said effective this academic year pictures done by outside vendors are going to cease. Mr. Giordano respectfully requested if this year we could go ahead as planned with the vendors.

Mr. Spinelli said he spoke to Mr. Franchetta and Mr. Sbrana tonight about this and basically the safety of the students was discussed. He said there are so many vendors coming into the district and they would like to try to consolidate into using only one or two vendors. Mr. Spinelli said they discussed having the yearbook or identification pictures done in-house. He said Mr. Sbrana did not think that he would be able to do it for this year because of all the equipment that is necessary.

Mr. Spinelli said we wanted to have a prospectus made for the photographers so we could limit who is coming in. He emphasized that this has been done strictly for the safety of the students. Mr. Bernardini asked if the schools hire the photographers. Mr. Spinelli said the principal hires them. Mr. Bernardini asked if this could go out for bid. Mr. Spinelli said that is what we initially spoke about doing but it progressed with us doing our own pictures. Mr. Franceschini asked if these vendors were screened. Mr. Spinelli responded no that was the point. Mr. Ulrich feels this should be left to the professionals that are already doing this. Mr. Spinelli said the entire intent was safety and we are having too many people come into our buildings. Mr. Ulrich asked if these vendors are non-escorted. Mr. Spinelli responded yes. Mr. Ulrich suggested having the vendor escorted at all times by a staff member such as security personnel. Mr. Ottinger asked if this could be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting. Mr. DeWinne said as a parent he is concerned that we do not know who is taking the pictures. Mr. Giordano said that is a legitimate argument.

Mr. Bernardini asked Mr. Weaver if we were bonded or if there was a warranty on the work that is being done at the track. Mr. Weaver said the standard warranty for workmanship and labor is one year on the project. He said a recoat is recommended every eight to nine years and we have been going about eight to ten.

Resolution: Mr. Franchetta read a resolution to recess into executive session on **Wednesday, August 13, 2008** regarding personnel matters and **Wednesday, August 27, 2008** regarding personnel matters and pending litigation and **Wednesday, September 3, 2008** regarding personnel matters and anticipated or pending litigation.

Motion: Upon motion by Mr. Spinelli, seconded by Mr. Fanucci, the resolution was passed. All Members voted “yes”.

Adjournment: The Board adjourned to executive session by voice vote at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Franchetta, CPA
Board Secretary