

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 14, 2013 at 7:05 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Medio presiding and the following members present: Mr. Bongiovanni, Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. English, Mr. Jennings, Ms. Morello, Dr. Mounier, Ms. Rios and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Guccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Polof, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Ludy, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. DeSanto, Solicitor, press and public. Absent: None.

Mr. Medio 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:

Resolution:

Ms. Ludy read a resolution to convene into executive session for the following reasons as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting. (The nature of discussion is proposed increment withholdings for three teachers, the proposed hiring of the Business Administrator and the proposed hiring of the Principal of Cunningham Alternative School. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity or person with respect to said discussion.

Motion:

Upon motion by Dr. Mounier, seconded by Mr. English, the resolution was passed. All Members voted "yes."

The Board recessed to executive session at 7:08 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:35 p.m.

Public Comments:

Mario Olsen, Principal of VHN

Mr. Olsen updated the board on Mr. Russo's decision not to take the football team to the Pocono's, which was a significant savings to the district. He said the football team have been camped out in the cafeteria a couple of days on cots are engaged and loving it. Mr. Olsen said many people in the public have donated food so the students are eating breakfast, lunch and dinner. The coaches are doing a wonderful job and things are going really well.

Maria Larro

Ms. Larro expressed her concern in regards to her daughter walking down Landis Avenue to school.

Special

Presentation (s):

Dr. Gruccio introduced Mrs. Ruth Ann Polof, Assistant Superintendent, to give a presentation on "School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act."

Mrs. Polof shared the results of the survey that was distributed to all districts in New Jersey to grade each public school on their efforts to implement the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Mr. English, seconded by Dr. Mounier, the minutes were approved from July 10, 2013. All Members voted "yes."

Report of the
Secretary/Custodian
Of School Monies:

Upon motion by Mr. English, seconded by Dr. Mounier, the reports of the Secretary and Custodian of School Monies for the month June of 2013, 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.

Recommendations:

B. Proposed for review or discussion or adoption by Board Members: None.

Approval of Bills: Upon motion by, seconded by, the bills were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted "yes" (\$8,629,478.80 & \$26,058,333.92 Amerihealth).

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

Public: None.

Committee Reports: Ms. Morello said Curriculum & Instruction will provide the committee report for September.

Mr. DiGiorgio said the Finance Committee will provide a combined report in September.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Board Member
Remarks: Mr. Jennings commended Mr. Russo and the Athletic Department for making a great move. He said the students will be playing football for Vineland and should be training in Vineland. Mr. Jennings also commended the volunteers for assisting the coaches. He said as far as tonight's votes he trusts what the superintendent has put before the board and feels confident we are going to see results.

Mr. Ulrich congratulated the newly hired employees and wished them the best success. He congratulated Mr. Schectman the newly hired Business Administration along with Mrs. Beck the new principal of the Cunningham Alternative School. Mr. Ulrich said he shares the safety concerns because there are some areas in Vineland that do not have sidewalks and are very dangerous. He said the police department cannot be everywhere at once but when they receive complaints they try to address them.

Dr. Mounier congratulated the new hires and said he votes his conscience as to what is best for the district with no personal animosity in his decisions. He said as to the safety of the walking students he is sure we can arrive at a solution that minimizes the jeopardy of the students who have to walk a distance to school.

Mr. DiGiorgio congratulated the new employees and said as Dr. Mounier stated it is not personal we all have Vineland at heart. He said we have very high expectations here and hopes these individuals have a lot of energy because they are going to need it. Mr. DiGiorgio said safety is a paramount item for him and he will continue to champion that cause.

Ms. Morello requested for any revisions to the agenda be listed in the yellow box on the board index page.

Report/Remarks by
Board President:

Mr. Medio announced that the September 4, 2013 and September 11, 2013 board meetings will be held at Vineland High School South. There will be training held by Charlene Zoerb from the NJ School Boards Association at the September 4th meeting that will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the September 11th meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Gruccio congratulated the new hires and invited the board to stop by Plum Street on August 19, 2013 to meet the new teachers at the orientation.

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned the meeting by voice vote at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherie Ludy
Board Secretary

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