

CITY OF VINELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 - COMBINED MEETING MINUTES

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The combined meeting of the City of Vineland Board of Education was held in the Landis Administration Building, 61 W. Landis Avenue, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Ulrich presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Mrs. Codispoti, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Sbrana, Mr. Silva, and Ms. Spinelli.

Absent: Mr. English.

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. Ulrich 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 and posting 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.

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Resolution:

Special  
Presentation(s):

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Approval of

Minutes: Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the minutes were approved from June 29, 2020, Executive Session, and the July 22, 2020, Special Meeting.

All members voted “yes.”  
(8-0-0)

Committee

Reports: Ms. Acosta shared the Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Committee Meeting update from August 31, 2020.

Mr. Ulrich shared the Policy & Personnel Committee Meeting update from September 3, 2020.

Solicitor

Report: None.

Motion: Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the motion to suspend By-law 0164 and 0167 was approved.

All members voted “yes.”  
(8-0-0)

Public

Comments: None.

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

**PERSONNEL (1.1)**

- 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

All Members voted  
 "yes."  
 (8-0-0)

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

- 2.1 Approval regarding waiving the time requirements for review according to Policy #0131 "Bylaws and Policies" and adopt the following Policy, Regulation and/or Bylaws:
- Bylaw 0164 Conduct of Board Meetings
  - Bylaw 0167 Public Participation in Board Meeting

All Members voted  
 "yes."  
 (8-0-0)

- 2.2 Approval 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 Rowan University.

All Members voted  
 "yes."  
 (8-0-0)

- 2.3 Approval 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 Stockton University as follows:
- 20-21 Stockton University - Novice Teacher
  - 20-21 Stockton University - Social Work

All Members voted  
 "yes."  
 (8-0-0)

- 2.4 Approval to enter into a dual credit articulation agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

All Members voted  
 "yes."  
 (8-0-0)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (none)**

**FINANCE (4.1 - 4.6)**

4.1 Approval regarding the acceptance of the FY 21 Closing the Digital Divide, a competitive discretionary grant, in the amount of \$2,069,749 for the time period of July 16, 2020, through October 31, 2020, according to the grant guidelines.

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

4.2 Approval regarding the following Non-Public Aid for the 2020-2021 school year:  
 1. Non-Public Chapter 192 Aid in the amount of ... \$121,798.  
 2. Non-Public Chapter 193 Aid in the amount of .... \$136,313.  
 3. Non-Public Nursing Aid in the amount of ..... \$ 36,278.

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

4.3 Approval regarding the list of agencies and consultants for use by the Child Study Team as part of the evaluation process when specialized testing is required or when an independent evaluation is requested by a parent or required through a legal agreement. The evaluation must be aligned with NJAC 6A:14 C 1-7 and not to exceed \$3,000 per evaluation as per VBOE Policy# 2468.

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

4.4 Approval authorization Board Secretary to enter into a partnership with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties Mentor 2.0 in a form acceptable by the Board Solicitor and Superintendent.

All Members voted "yes" except for Mr. Holmes who "abstained." (7-0-1)

4.5 Approval regarding the 2020 - 2021 Joint Transportation Agreement between Pittsgrove Township School District and the City Vineland Board of Education in the amount of \$1,260.00.

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

**FINANCE (4.1 - 4.6)**

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- 4.6 Approval regarding the following Cumberland County Regional Cooperative Transportation initiatives:
- a. 2020-2021 Quoted Contracts
  - b. 2020-2021 Addenda

All Members voted  
 "yes."  
 (8-0-0)

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Proposed Item(s)

for Review: Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Holmes, discussion and approval of a motion authorizing and directing the in-person re-opening of Vineland Public Schools effective October 13, 2020, subject to any contrary Governor executive order or other governmental order, and further authorizing and directing the Superintendent to submit to the NJDOE a plan for the re-opening to include all appropriate health and safety procedures and protocols for the protection of students, teachers, and staff. The plan shall include legal attendance day for students, with student Cohort A, attending on Mondays and Tuesdays, and student Cohort B attending on Thursdays and Fridays. During legal attendance days, teachers and staff shall work a full day. Buildings will be closed on Wednesdays for sanitation and virtual instruction for students was approved.

All members voted “yes.”  
(8-0-0)

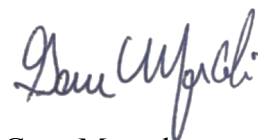
Approval of  
Bills:  
Emergent  
Item(s):

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Holmes, to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Mercoli  
Board Secretary