

The combined meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held in the Landis Administration Building Auditorium, 61 W. Landis Avenue, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 6:02 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Bordley presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Medio, Mr. Sbrana, Ms. Spinelli, and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frangipani and Mr. Frey, Assistant Superintendents, Mrs. Haley, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. DeSanto, Solicitor, press and public. Absent: None.

Mr. Bordley 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: None.

Special
Presentation (s): None.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Fiocchi, the minutes were approved from August 8, 2018. All Members voted "yes."

Solicitor's Report: None.

Public Comment on
Agenda Items:

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

PERSONNEL (1.1)

- 1.1 The Board approve the personnel items in accordance with the lists provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.
- a. Retirements, Resignations, Terminations, Leaves of Absence, Employment, Transfers
 - b. Students
 - c. Substitutes
 - d. Extracurricular Activities
 - e. Extracurricular Summer

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

PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2.1-2.2)

- 2.1 The Board approve district travel and field trips.

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

- 2.2 The Board approve the first reading of the following Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations for adoption.

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

Mandated Changes:

- Policy 1613 – P1613 Disclosure and Review of Applicant’s Employment History – New (Mandated)
- Regulation 1613 – R1613 Disclosure and Review of Applicant’s Employment History – New (Mandated)
- Policy 5561 – P5561 Use of Physical Restraint – Revised (Mandated)
- Regulation 5561 – R5561 Use of Physical Restraint – Revised (Mandated)
- Policy 8561 – P8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition – Revised (Mandated)

Mr. Medio asked if the regulation comes from the state. Dr. Gruccio said yes.

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Mr. Sbrana asked if this was an investment in keeping students in our district rather than sending them out. Mrs. Godlewski said our hope is always the more support, services and interventions that we give students within our district will keep them in the district.

Mr. Medio asked how long it takes for a student's behavior to be changed. Mrs. Godlewski said it could take weeks or months. She said it depends on the student and their cognitive ability. Mr. Medio asked how many students are affected by this. Mrs. Godlewski said we are almost at capacity at our self-contained autistic program. Mr. Medio asked who was doing this last year. Mrs. Godlewski said we had one person on staff for the entire autistic program. Mr. Medio asked if the child study team psychologist cannot do the same job in-house. Mrs. Godlewski said they do not have the specialized training.

Ms. Acosta asked if the quote that was given for \$127,000 could be less depending on what the needs of the district are. Mrs. Godlewski said correct.

Mrs. Haley said it is not to exceed that total amount and there are estimates in the contract.

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4.2 The Board approve the following name changes to the authorized signers on the Winslow Elementary School Student Activity Account at BB&T Bank:

Remove: Debra Quinn
 Kristina Craig

Add: Renee Braxton
 Debra Flumenbaum
 Lauren Dallago
 Helen G. Haley

All Members
 voted "yes."
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4.3 The Board approve the tuition contract with Salem County Vocational Technical School for the Career, Technical and Academy Programs for the 2018-2019 school year with a tentative tuition charge per student of \$5,527 (full-time).

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

Mr. Ulrich said the Salem County Vo-Tech is charging us \$5,527 and we pay \$7,400 how can they do it for less money. Mrs. Haley said every year around January or February the certified tuition rates come out and they are required to adjust the tuition down for that. She said we do not have that number yet for the Cumberland County Vo-Tech. Mr. Ulrich feels we are being over charged. Mrs. Haley said they are required to give the money back once the certified rate comes out. She said as we get more full-time students and less shared-time it will turn from us owing CC Tech money to CC Tech owing Vineland money based on the certified tuition rates.

4.4 The Board approve the Professional Service Agreement with Educational Based Services (EBS) for state certified speech therapists in the amount of \$75-\$85 per hour from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

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

Mr. Sbrana asked what the total amount is for this contract. Mrs. Godlewski said there is no amount because this contract is just to be proactive in case we do not have a speech therapist available.

Mr. Jennings asked what service this contract provides. Mrs. Godlewski said it is for students who need speech therapy within their IEP's. Mr. Jennings asked what happens to the students who do not have IEP's and have a speech problem. Mrs. Godlewski said they do not have a need in the educational setting so they would not receive speech in school.

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Ms. Acosta said most of these disabilities manifest themselves pretty early. She said many times these children begin to receive services in preschool and may continue into regular grades.

- 4.5 The Board approve a resolution to authorize the Business Administrator to purchase, in excess of the bid threshold of \$40,000, office supplies, school supplies, janitorial supplies, vehicles & buses, technology infrastructure, playground equipment, repair work and computers/computer accessories on State contract and/or from Cumberland County and/or Educational Services Commission of Morris and/or the Educational Service Commission of New Jersey (see vendor list on file with the Business Administrator) and/or Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (see vendor list on file with the Business Administrator) and/or Western States Contracting Alliance and/or US Communities and Sourcewell (formally NJPA) during fiscal year 2018-2019.

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

Mr. Medio asked approximately how often we will use this. Mrs. Haley said we use it for the items that are listed. She said whenever we can get a better number we go out to bid.

Mr. Sbrana asked if the purchase would still be on the agenda for approval. Mrs. Haley said no because this agenda item is authorizing the district to purchase from these entities if the purchase is over \$40,000. Mr. Sbrana asked if the Board has oversight over these purchases. Mrs. Haley said this is just a vote to authorize the district to buy from these entities that have already gone out to bid.

Mr. Ulrich said this does not prevent us from having our purchasing agent go out and do a separate bid on the products that are listed.

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Mrs. Haley said that is correct we always compare prices.

Mr. Sbrana asked how this differs from the way that we operate now. Mrs. Haley said it does not differ at all. She said this is a standard item that we put on our agenda once a year that authorizes her to sign a purchase order buying these items from the various Educational Services Commissions or coops.

4.6 The Board approve submission of the following FY 2019 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Application to the State of New Jersey Department of Education:

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Title I-A-----	\$3,375,705
Title I SIA-----	\$134,500
Title II-A-----	\$481,926
Title III-----	\$165,192
Title III Immigrant-----	\$13,431
Title IV Part A-----	\$204,116

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

4.7 The Board approve Change Order #1 from Asphalt Paving Corporation for the VHS South Parking Lot Restoration – Phase 2 for a credit of unused contingency allowance in the amount of \$10,000.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Fiocchi who "abstained." (8-0-1)

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4.8 The Board approve Change Order #1 from Asphalt Paving Corporation for the Dr. John H. Winslow School Parking Lot Restoration for a credit of Unused Contingency allowance in the amount of \$10,000.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Fiocchi who "abstained."
 (8-0-1)

4.9 The Board approve the Program Agreement between Community FoodBank of New Jersey, Inc. and Vineland Public Schools for NJ SNAP-Ed nutrition and fitness education programming from September 4, 2018 through September 31, 2020.

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

4.10 The Board approve the following final financial reports for June 2018:
 - Board Secretary
 - Treasurer Reports

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

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4.11 The Board approve the 2018-2019 Joint Transportation Agreement between Cape May County Special Services and the Vineland Board of Education in the amount of \$45,131.40.

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

4.12 The Board approve the following contract renewals with Sheppard Bus Service from September 2018 to June 2019:

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

- a. Charter School/Private/Pre-School---\$740,179.80
- b. St. Mary's E. Vineland 01-----\$128,136.60
- c. WALL/DUR/VHS6pm/21stCen/Carrera/Cumb
 Christian -----\$509,913.00
- d. Multi Site VPS ----- \$648,146.00

Mr. Ulrich asked if we have to bus to St. Mary's by law. Dr. Gruccio said yes.

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4.13 The Board approve the following Cumberland County Regional Cooperative Transportation initiatives:

- a. 2018-2019 Jointure
- b. 2018-2019 Transportation Quoted Contracts
- c. 2018-2019 Transportation Addendum

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

- B. Proposed for review or discussion or adoption by Board Members: Ms. Spinelli proposed having a pilot program at one of the schools where a local landscaper would be hired to come in and maintain the school. She feels the schools are the flagship of our community and should be kept up.

Mr. Weaver said one of the problems we have is this is an unbudgeted service. He said if we are going to take a look at doing some type of outsourcing we would have to cut something out of the facility budget to fund this. Mr. Weaver said in the contract for Lincoln Avenue Middle School we wrote in a maintenance bond, which requires two years of full maintenance on the grounds. He said the contract is \$149,000 for two years, which is part of the project.

Ms. Spinelli said driving around town she has seen a lot of overgrown things such as weeds and dead trees at the schools. She would like to get all that taken care of and get the schools looking as they should. Ms. Spinelli said even if we cannot do a pilot program can we possibly have a professional come in quarterly to take care of the needs.

Mr. Weaver said he agrees but it is an additional cost with this service. He said Dr. Gruccio could review the budget with him to see if there is something that we could cut.

Mr. Bordley thinks the school principals can add this service into their budgets.

Dr. Gruccio said she suggested to the principals about having a beautification club.

Mr. Ulrich said this is not an educational item but something that should be absorbed into the general budget not the school based budgets. He said having a beautification project with volunteers is great. Mr. Ulrich expressed his concern that having large overgrown bushes can also turn into a safety issue.

Mr. Weaver said another option is giving our staff additional hours to do the work. Ms. Spinelli said she would prefer to use professionals.

Mr. Jennings agrees with Ms. Spinelli because he has always been an advocate of keeping our schools clean and looking nice.

Ms. Spinelli gives credit to the people who are currently doing this job but we are growing and she feels we need to look at other avenues.

Mr. Bordley asked Dr. Gruccio if this is something that administration needs to discuss with the Finance and Facility Committees.

Dr. Gruccio said we will look into this. She said we have parents through the PTO's who will come out and do things for the schools. Dr. Gruccio said she will encourage the principals.

Approval of Bills: None.

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

Public: Carl Biletta

Mr. Biletta distributed and read a letter to the Board in regards to the naming of the Lincoln Avenue Middle School. He asked why should a service person who died serving his country be bestowed a second honor when many service people have died and have not had anything dedicated to them.

Ron Walker

Mr. Walker said he is here to say thank you to the Board, Administration and all Vineland Board of Education employees who played a part in his three children's education.

Marcus Reed

Mr. Reed promoted Mission 2 which is a recreational center for teens.

Ms. Acosta thanked Mr. Reed for sending the email to the Board. She is very impressed with the services that are given to the teenagers at this recreational center.

Pamela Fanelli

Ms. Fanelli asked the Board if there is a plan or direction as far as the elimination of 54 passenger buses. Mr. Bordley said we are not permitted to get into question and comment situations. He suggested for Ms. Fanelli to speak with Dr. Gruccio.

Mr. DeSanto said this is public comment and is not for questions and answers. He said questions from the public should be directed by the Board to the Superintendent or Administration for a response. Mr. DeSanto said Ms. Fanelli should after the meeting arrange a meeting with Dr. Gruccio for her questions.

Dr. Gruccio asked Mr. DeSanto if it were appropriate for Mr. Callavini to share the plan he is working on with transportation.

Mr. DeSanto said yes and if they are not satisfied with what Mr. Callavini presents to them then they can see Dr. Gruccio.

Dr. Gruccio asked Mr. Callavini to set up a meeting with his bus drivers to share the 3-year plan he discussed with the Board.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Fiocchi said the Finance Committee met on September 7th and discussed the update given by Mrs. Haley on additional state aid, budget planning, proposal to lease Leuchter School, ROTC Instructor and budget projections.

Mr. Ulrich said discussed at tonight's Policy & Personnel Committee meeting was a complaint involving diesel garage employees, fitness for duty evaluation process, staff with perfect attendance, summary of employee administrative ethics violation and resolution, media inquiry concerning two recent employee settlements, update on Jr. ROTC instructor search, and possible shared service agreement with City of Vineland.

Board Member

Remarks:

Mr. Sbrana said he is pleased with the smooth opening of school. He expressed his concern in regards to the large amount of some of these items on the agenda. Mr. Sbrana said we have to be as fiscally prudent as possible. He is pleased that we were able to find the \$25,000 to reinstate winter track.

Mr. Ulrich gave a thumbs up to the start of a difficult school year. He believes that the 3 year transportation plan was addressed with the prior school Board. Mr. Ulrich said he is unaware of a 3 year plan to reduce busing services. He said there was communication out there that somehow the Board was currently involved in this. Mr. Ulrich said for the record he never said that we are privatizing bus services and he does not know if that would be such a great option anyway.

Ms. Acosta thanked all the school employees for making the transition of the schools a success. She said Vineland High School looks beautiful and she congratulated Mrs. DeMarchi because she was extremely impressed. Ms. Acosta said many parents attended Back to School Night at Vineland High School and it is was truly a success. She also congratulated the AMSA Academy.

Dr. Gruccio welcomed everyone back to a new school year. She thanked everyone in the district for the fine job that they did. Dr. Gruccio thanked the Foundation Title Company for their donation of book bags and school supplies. She also thanked Gary and Betty Galloway for their donation of 15 gift certificates in the amount \$100 each for students in need of school supplies, uniforms etc. Dr. Gruccio thanked Larry Bertacchi for his donation of gym equipment for the Landis employees to utilize after work.


Report/Remarks by
Board President:

Mr. Bordley thanked Mr. Callavini for a smooth opening. He also thanked various staff members for a fantastic school opening.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. All Members voted "yes."

Respectfully Submitted,


Helen G. Haley
Board Secretary

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