

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, September 14, 2016 at 7:02 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. DeWinne presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Mr. Bordley, Ms. Codispoti, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Pagano, Ms. Rios and Mr. Sbrana. Absent: Mr. English.

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

Mr. DeWinne 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, the Grapevine, Clerk - City of Vineland, and Administrative Office Public Bulletin Board.

Flag Salute:

Resolution:

Mrs. Haley 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 the discussion is the Superintendent's evaluation. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer. **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 Ms. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Bordley, the resolution was passed. All Members voted "yes".

Special

Presentation (s): Dr. Gruccio introduced Ms. Kimberly Friddell, Executive Director of Inspira Medical Centers, IMPACT Program to give a presentation on teen pregnancy.

Ms. Friddell thanked the Board for having her here tonight and introduced Brenda Smaniotto, Director of RAFT School Based Youth Service Program at Vineland High School and Wallace Middle School along with Dolores Turse, Nurse Practitioner. Ms. Friddell presented a brief overview of the IMPACT Program and what they do.

Ms. Brenda Smaniotto discussed the School Based Youth Services Program.

Ms. Dolores Turse discussed the data that we are seeing with the teenagers in the schools.

Ms. Acosta asked Ms. Turse if parents receive any type of notification if their child is seen by her. Ms. Turse said if a student is coming to her with any kind of sexual reproductive health issue that information is highly protected and cannot be shared with a parent or guardian unless the student wants it to be shared. She said serious medical issues unrelated to a sexual reproductive health care issue can be discussed.

Ms. Rios said she is glad the students have someone like Ms. Turse that they can trust and go to. She asked Ms. Turse if she is able to write prescriptions for the students. Ms. Turse said yes. Ms. Rios asked what the process would be if the student did not have transportation to pick up the prescription. Ms. Turse said that she has the prescriptions locked up. She said when she is ordering a depo shot for a student it is made very clear to the pharmacy that the student's house is not to be called when a refill is due and only their private cell phone number, which is HIPPA Laws that have to be followed by the pharmacist.

Mrs. Haley asked for an explanation on how RAFT is funded.

Ms. Friddell explained that our funding comes from the NJ Department of Children and Families. She said in our model we budget for the nurse practitioner services. Ms. Friddell said there is no additional funding coming in for this program and there is no cost to the district.

Mr. Sbrana said these are very alarming statistics and it is concerning that this has been going on for a very long time. He asked beyond the treatment is there a way to break the cycle. Ms. Friddell said we had a federal grant that began at Wallace School and followed the student through the end of ninth grade. She said the grant looked at the full aspect of youth development, goal setting, relationships, parent communication, tutoring and all the components that helped the adolescent make decisions and ultimately prevent pregnancy. Ms. Friddell said this was a very expensive program and the funding ended. She said that we recently applied for another federal grant, which is similar and we are waiting to hear if we were awarded.

Ms. Codispoti said she knew that Cumberland County had the highest teen pregnancy rate. She thanked Ms. Friddell and her staff for being there for our students.

Mr. DeWinne asked Ms. Friddell to send the Power Point presentation to Mrs. Haley so she can forward it to the Board. He asked if data could be linked on our website to educate everyone about this. Mr. DeWinne requested for this topic to be put on the next Policy & Personnel Committee agenda so we can move forward with this.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Mr. Bordley, seconded by Ms. Codispoti, the minutes were approved from August 10, 2016 and August 24, 2016. All Members voted “yes” except Ms. Acosta who voted “yes” on August 24, 2016 and “abstained” on August 10, 2016 and Ms. Rios who “abstained” on both dates. Mr. DeWinne voted “yes” on both dates even though he was not present at the August 24, 2016 meeting but watched the video and reviewed the documents.

Solicitor’s Report: Mr. DeSanto said last Thursday he attended a meeting with district staff members and the topic was several lots that the Vineland Board of Education owns on Pilgrim Way in East Vineland. He said many years ago we had a building trades program and the vacant lots were there so the students can build houses on them. Mr. DeSanto said at the October meeting Dr. Guccio intends to request Board approval to file an application with the Department of Education for permission to sell the 7 vacant building lots because they are no longer necessary to keep.

Mr. DeSanto said it is his recommendation along with Mr. Weaver, Executive Director of Physical Facilities and Mr. Merighi, Architect to merge lot 35 into the back of lots 28 – 31 to create a larger valuable lot. Mr. DeSanto requested for the Chair to entertain a motion to authorize an application to the City of Vineland Planning Board for the re-division of District owned properties located on Pilgrim Way and known Lots 28, 29, 30, 31 and 35 Block 7409.

Mr. Sbrana asked what street Pilgrim Way runs into. Mr. DeWinne said Mays Landing Road.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Bordley, seconded by Ms. Codispoti, to authorize an application to the City of Vineland Planning Board for the re-division of District owned properties located on Pilgrim Way and known Lots 28, 29, 30, 31 and 35 Block 7409. All Members voted “yes.”

Public Comment on
Agenda Items:

None.

Mr. DeWinne asked for a brief update on the start of the school year and air conditioning at Vineland High School.

Dr. Gruccio said there are many classrooms at the high school that now have air conditioning. She said the central office team has been out to every school and they are all clean, orderly and students are in uniforms. Dr. Gruccio said we have had a few transportation glitches and Mr. Callavini along with Mr. Frangipani have been working very hard to iron all of them out. She said the entire transportation department have also been working very hard and doing the very best to get the school year off the ground. Dr. Gruccio said there have been no issues in any of the schools that we have been in and everyone seems happy. We are pleased to see the uniforms being worn in all the buildings including Vineland High School, which on Friday there were only 4 students out of uniform. Dr. Gruccio said students and teachers seem happy to be back and thanked the teachers for taking the time to prepare their classrooms.

Mr. DeWinne thanked all staff members.

Recommendations:

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

Approval of Bills: Upon motion by Ms. Codispoti, seconded by Ms. Acosta, the bills were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted “yes” (\$4,443,285.90).

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

Public: None.

Board Member

Remarks:

Mr. Bordley thanked Mr. Weaver and his staff for the remarkable job on the asbestos abatement. He also thanked Mr. Frangipani for all the issues he has been dealing with along with central administration and staff members. Mr. Bordley wished the sports teams’ good luck.

Ms. Codispoti thanked Mr. Weaver and his staff. She also thanked the teachers, principals, central administration and staff.

Ms. Acosta echoed all the wonderful things that were stated by her colleagues. She encouraged all parents to attend the Back to School Night and to support your school.

Mr. Sbrana thanked Mr. Weaver and his staff. He said the opening of school went smoothly and many people have worked very hard to make it happen, which he is very grateful for.

Ms. Rios welcomed the students and staff members and wished them good luck through the year.

Dr. Gruccio thanked everyone who helped to get the school year off to a good start. She also thanked Mr. Purvesh Patel, Director of Food Service, for providing bottled water to the students last week when it was hot. Dr. Gruccio thanked the central office staff for all that they do. She thanked Deb Marko, Daily Journal Reporter, for all the wonderful articles in the newspaper about the opening of school and happenings in our buildings. Dr. Gruccio said our class president will be present at next month’s Board meeting to give her report. She said the class president asked her to mention that club night will be held on September 21st at Vineland High School.

Report/Remarks by
Board President:

Mr. DeWinne encouraged everyone to attend the football game Friday night at Gittone Stadium. He said we are very fortunate to receive state money for our buildings.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ms. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Bordley, to adjourn the meeting by voice vote at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen G. Haley
Board Secretary

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