

CITY OF VINELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 2, 2019 - 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, October 2, 2019, at 6:09 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. English presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Medio, Mr. Sbrana, Mr. Silva, Ms. Spinelli, and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Mercoli, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. DeSanto, Board Solicitor, Ms. Curio, Attorney, press, and public.

Mr. English 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: Sabater Elementary School

Resolution: Mr. Mercoli read a resolution to convene into executive session for the following reasons as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. Discussion is about VASA Negotiations, employment, and 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.

Special

Presentation(s): Ms. Tracey Morgado, High School Special Education/ESL Teacher, presents an opportunity for the students to participate in an educational trip to Los Angeles and the Grand Canyon in the Summer of 2020.

At 6:21 p.m. the Board retired to executive session.

The meeting resumed at 7:05 p.m.

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HIB: No comments.

Approval of  
Minutes:

Upon motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Acosta, the minutes were approved from August 7, 2019, Combined Meeting, August 21, 2019, Additional Combined Meeting, and the September 4, 2019, Combined Meeting. All members voted "yes." (9-0-0)

Solicitor

Report: Mr. DeSanto - Public comment update.

Committee

Reports: Mr. Ulrich stated that the Policy and Personnel Committee met on September 25, 2019.

Mr. Holmes stated that the Transportation Committee met on September 24, 2019.

Public Comments

Agenda Items: None.

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS																																							
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<b>PERSONNEL (1.1 - 1.2)</b>																																							
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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																																							
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1.2 Approval of the 2019 -2022 collective bargaining unit agreement with the Non-Certificated Supervisor's Association, which contains contractual language changes to health benefits waiver, sick day buyout provisions, minimum and maximum salary ranges, and salary increases according to the following schedule:																																							
2019 - 2020 2.3%																																							
2020 - 2021 2.4%																																							
2021 - 2022 2.5%																																							
<b>PROCEDURES &amp; OPERATIONS (2.1 - 2.2)</b>																																							
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2.1 Approval of trips, district travel, and Spring Baseball Training 2020.																																							
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2.2 Approval of the Board/CSA/District Goals for 2019-2020.																																							
<i>- Board Goals pulled from the list to be reviewed for further discussion and reapproval.</i>																																							
<b>BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS (none)</b>																																							
<b>FINANCE (4.1 - 4.14)</b>																																							
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4.1 Approval of budgetary transfers for General, School-Based and ECPA for July 2019 and August 2019.																																							
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4.2 Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports for July 2019.																																							
4.3 Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports for August 2019.																																							
4.4 Approval regarding the placement of Special Education students.																																							

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

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

**FINANCE (4.1 - 4.14)**

4.10 Approval regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the Rowan University College of Education and Vineland Public School D'Ippolito Elementary School for 2019-2020.

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

4.11 Approval regarding the Health Care Staffing Agreement between the Vineland Board of Education and Starlight Homecare Agency, Inc. to provide Licensed Practical Nurses at \$45 per hour and Registered Nurses at \$55 per hour for special education students in a form acceptable to the Board Solicitor and Superintendent for September 4, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

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

4.12 Approval regarding the 2019-2020 Joint Transportation Agreement between Millville Public Schools and the Vineland Board of Education at no cost.

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

4.13 Approval of contract renewals with Sheppard Bus Service from September 2019 to June 2020:

- a. 21st Century/Carrera/Cumb Christian-----\$402,472.80
- b. VPS 2018-2019-----\$1,135,099.80

All Members voted "yes" except for Mr. Ulrich who voted "no." (8-1-0)



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Proposed Item(s)

for Review: Discussion and approval of a motion authorizing the Board Solicitor to submit a request for an opinion to the New Jersey School Ethics Commission regarding possible Board member conflicts relating to the future employment of relatives of the Superintendent.

Motion made by Mr. Medio, seconded by Mr. Holmes.  
All members voted “yes.”  
(9-0-0)

Approval of  
Bills:

Bills incurred during July and August 2019.

Motion made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Medio.  
All members voted “yes.”  
(9-0-0)

Emergent  
Item:

None.

Public

Comments:

Luz Vazquez Guzman - Opposition to LGBTQ curriculum law.

Randy Lundy - Concern on Teacher bending a knee during the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron Maccri - Concern on Teacher bending a knee during the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greg Norberg - Concern on 9/20/19 (active shooter) event at the local football game.

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Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Fiocchi to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Mercoli  
Board Secretary

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