

CITY OF VINELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 7, 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, October 7, 2020, at 5:09 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. English presiding and the following members present: Mrs. Codispoti, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Silva, Ms. Spinelli, and Mr. Ulrich.

Absent: Ms. Acosta and Mr. Sbrana.

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. English announced that in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public 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 the 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: Mr. Mercoli read a resolution to convene into executive session for the following reasons outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. Discussion is about any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may be part of 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.

Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

All members voted “yes.”

(7-0-0)

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Special

Presentation(s): Dr. Danielle Sneathen, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, presents the new VPS Equity Committee Plan.

Dr. Mary Gruccio, the Superintendent, presents the reopening plans for the 2020-2021 school year.

HIB: No comments.

Approval of

Minutes: Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the minutes were approved from August 5, 2020, Combined Meeting, August 26, 2020, Additional Combined Meeting, and September 9, 2020, Combined Meeting.

All members voted “yes” except for Mr. English who “abstained” from the August 26 and September 9, 2020 meeting minutes.
(6-0-1)

Committee

Reports: Mr. Ulrich shared the Policy & Personnel Committee Meeting update from September 30, 2020.

Mr. Holmes shared the Transportation Committee Meeting update from September 30, 2020.

Solicitor

Report: Mr. DeSanto made a recommendation about the settlement of litigation matters that were discussed in the Executive Session.

Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Silva.
All members voted “yes.”
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Public

Comment: None.

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

PERSONNEL (1.1 - 1.3)

1.1 Approval of the following:
a. Retirements, Resignations, Terminations, Leaves of Absence, Employment, Transfers
b. Students
c. Substitutes
d. Extracurricular Activities
e. Volunteers

All Members voted
"yes."
(7-0-0)

1.2 Approval regarding the Board of Education to withhold salary increment, effective September 1, 2021, for teachers whose names are on file with the Board Secretary.

All Members voted "yes" except for Ms. Spinelli who "abstained."
(6-0-1)

1.3 Approval regarding an increase in the hourly pay rate of substitute bus drivers from \$18 to \$21 per hour, effective October 13, 2020.

All Members voted
"yes."
(7-0-0)

PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2.1 - 2.5)

2.1 Approval of district trips and travel.

All Members voted
"yes."
(7-0-0)

2.2 Approval regarding the Graduation Pathway Report for the 2019- 2020 school year.

All Members voted
"yes."
(7-0-0)

2.3 Approval regarding the Uniform Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials as provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.
- MOA Agreement 2020-2021
- MOA Contact Sheet

All Members voted
"yes."
(7-0-0)

2.4 Approval regarding the Board waiving the time requirements for review according to Policy #0131 "Bylaws and Policies" and adopt the following Policy/Regulation:
- Regulations R2201 Learning Management System Procedures for Certified Staff

All Members voted
"yes."
(7-0-0)

2.5 Approval regarding 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 20-21 Stockton University - Health Services

All Members voted
"yes."
(7-0-0)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (none)

FINANCE (4.1 - 4.16)

4.1 Approval of budgetary transfers for General, School-Based and ECPA for July and August 2020.

All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)

4.2 Approval of the Board Secretary for July and August 2020 and Treasurer reports for July and August 2020.

All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)

4.3 Approval regarding the placement of Special Education students.

All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)

4.4 Approval regarding the acceptance of the Coronavirus Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,069,770 according to the guidelines of the State of New Jersey Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant Allocations assistance program.

All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)

4.5 Approval regarding the submission of the Camden County Education Services Commission Grant Funds district application for School-Based Mental Health Services for a period of five (5) years. Amount TBD pending on the needs of the district.

All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

FINANCE (4.1 - 4.16)

1	2		4.6 Approval regarding a resolution authorization extensions of various Subgrant Shared Services Agreements Between The County of Cumberland and Various Local Units for CC-THRIVE Programs for the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office; Nix Gangs Program	All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)
1	2		4.7 Approval regarding the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan Report for the following period: 2019-2020 Actual \$1,034,743 2020-2021 Budgeted.....\$2,581,500 2021-2022 Planned.....\$3,817,500	All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)
1	2		4.8 Approval regarding the Annual Maintenance Reserve Deposit Worksheet (form M-1) indicating the required deposit in the 2020-2021 budget.	All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)
1	2		4.9 Approval regarding the results of the FY 2018 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title I audit. July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018 Title I-A ----- \$3,333,092 Title I 2016-2017 Carryover-----\$204,301 Total -----\$3,537,393	All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)
1	2		4.10 Approval of an addendum to the March 30, 2020 letter agreement with Ford Scott & Associates approved by the Board on May 6, is 2020 and authorizing further consulting services by Ford Scott & Associates at an additional cost not to exceed \$1,500.	All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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4.11 Approval regarding the fee schedule for Voorhees Pediatric Facility for use by the Child Study Team as part of the evaluation process when evaluation is required as the student is residing in the facility but is the financial responsibility of Vineland Public Schools.

All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)

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4.12 Approval regarding the tuition contract between the City of Vineland Board of Education and Egg Harbor Township Schools for one student in the total amount of \$4,560.57 for September 3, 2020, to December 2, 2020.

All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)

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4.13 Approval regarding the tuition contract between the City of Vineland Board of Education and Hammonton Public Schools for one student in the total amount of \$6,560.82 for September 3, 2020, to January 16, 2021.

All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)

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4.14 Approval regarding the acceptance of the following vehicle donated by Subaru in accordance with Board Policy #7230.1 "Acquisition and Use of Donated Vehicles."
 - 2013 Forester - Value: \$15,110.00

All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)

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4.15 Approval regarding the 2020 - 2021 Joint Transportation Agreement between High Point Regional High School and the City Vineland Board of Education in the amount of \$18,437.40.

All Members voted "yes." (7-0-0)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

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

All Members voted "yes."
 (7-0-0)

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Proposed Item(s)
for Review:

Approval of
Bills:

Bills incurred during July and August 2020.

Upon motion by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Holmes.
All members voted "yes."
(7-0-0)

Emergent
Item(s):

Public

Comment: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mrs. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Holmes, to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Mercoli
Board Secretary

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