

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held in the Reber Administration Office, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:01 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Jennings presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Mr. Bordley, Ms. Codispoti, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Medio, Ms. Rios and Mr. Sbrana. Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frangipani and 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. Jennings 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: Students from Johnstone Elementary School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 discussion is performance of the Superintendent. 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. Holmes, the resolution was passed. All Members voted "yes".

Special

Presentation (s): Dr. Guccio introduced Ms. Carmella Heer, Max Leuchter School Principal, to recognize a student.

Ms. Heer introduced Alexica Perez who achieved a perfect score on the PARCC test in Mathematics and Language Arts. Ms. Heer said Alexica made district history and we are so honored and proud of her hard work.

Alexica presented her top three tips for taking the PARCC test.

Dr. Guccio introduced Mr. Donnie Robbins, Athletic Director, to discuss the baseball team.

Mr. Robbins said last spring the VHS baseball team had a historic season and won the Cape Atlantic League Championships, which they had not won since 2006. He said to be a member of a team it takes a lot of work and dedication. Mr. Robbins thanked the Board and Central Administration for supporting our student athletes. He introduced John Malatesta, Baseball Coach, to recognize the team members and present them with their championship jackets.

Mr. Malatesta thanked the Board, Mr. Robbins, community, and parents for supporting our program through the years. He introduced each team member and presented them with their jacket.

Student Liaison
Report:

Dr. Guccio introduced Senior Class President, Jose Mateo, to present the Student Liaison Report.

Mr. Mateo presented an update on the various activities happening at Vineland High School.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Ms. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Bordley, the minutes were approved from August 23, 2017 Combined Meeting and Executive Session, September 6, 2017 Work Session and Executive Session and September 13, 2017 Regular Meeting and Executive Session. All Members voted “yes” except Ms. Acosta, Ms. Codispoti, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Medio who “abstained” on September 6, 2017 executive session and Mr. Sbrana who “abstained” on August 23, 2017 executive session.

Solicitor's Report: None.

Public Comment on
Agenda Items: None.

Recommendations:

JENNINGS	BORRLEY	ACOSTA	CODRISPO	FIOCHI	HOLMES	MEDIO	RIO	SBRANA
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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

PERSONNEL (1.1a-d)

- 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

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who voted "yes" on all items but "abstained" on anything related to Steven Medio. (9-0-0)

PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2.1 - 2.2)

- 2.1 The Board approve field trips and district travel.
- 2.2 The Board approve authorizing the Board Secretary to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Completecare Health Network for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

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

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (none)

FINANCE (4.1 - 4.16)

- 4.1 The Board approve budgetary transfers General, School-Based and ECPA for August 2017.
- 4.2 The Board approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports for August 2017.

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

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

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4.3 The Board approve Special Education student placements.

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

4.4 The Board approve submission of the following grant applications:

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

- a. School Climate Transformation Project (SCTP) for Rossi Middle School in the maximum amount of \$2,000.
- b. Target Field Trip Grant for Petway Elementary School in the amount of \$700.
- c. The 2018 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Application to the State of New Jersey Department of Education.
 July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018
 Title I-A \$3,333,092
 Title II-A..... \$ 445,750
 Title III.....\$ 193,703
 Title III Immigrant..... \$ 8,472
 Title IV Part A.....\$ 45,916
- d. NFL Foundation Grassroots Grant to partially fund a capital improvement project for a synthetic turf field at Gittone Stadium in the amount of \$250,000.

4.5 The Board approve to accept the following funding:

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

- a. Cumberland County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Service Grant- Vineland Municipal Alliance for July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, in the amount of \$5,600 for education and intervention services to VHS students with the amount to be matched with \$1,400 from Vineland Board of Education.

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- b. Reflex Math Grant for Johnstone Elementary School in the approximate amount of \$2,450.
- c. The Franklin Institute Field Trip Grant for Mennies Elementary School in the about of \$1,520 or \$16 per student with 95 students attending.
- d. Young Citizen Scholarship Grant Field Trip to National Constitution Center for Mennies Elementary School.
Paid admission for 100 students @ \$7.50 = \$750.
Use of Lunchroom is \$15. Total amount paid is \$765.

4.6 The Board approve to open a new account at Newfield National Bank for the Dr. John H. Winslow School Student Activity Account with the following signers:

Debra Quinn
Kristina Craig
Lauren Dallago
Helen G. Haley

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

4.7 The Board approve to open a second account at Newfield National Bank for the Safety patrol to be used for trips with the following signers:

Dr. Mary L. Gruccio
Helen G. Haley
Scott Musterel

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

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4.8 The Board approve to close the Landis Student Activity Account and transfer the funds to a Landis Scholarship Account within the VHS Student Activity Account to benefit graduating seniors who attended Landis for all three years of middle school.

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

4.9 The Board approve the Annual Maintenance Reserve Deposit Worksheet (form M-1) indicating the required deposit in the 2017-2018 budget.

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

4.10 The Board approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan Report for:

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

2016-2017 Actual.....\$1,585,088
 2017-2018 Budgeted.....\$1,703,554
 2018-2019 Planned.....\$2,014,000

4.11 The Board approve the following change order to the Landis Intermediate School Elevator:

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

Change Order #1
 To provide and install additional floor support at 2nd floor landing as noted on RFCO#2-Floor Support from Levy Construction dated 8/24/17. Total increase of \$1,375.02 to be funded by the contingency allowance.

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4.12 The Board approve the correction to the following change order to the VHS South locker room upgrades:

Modification #3 approved for \$503.60 should be \$580.60 to provide labor, materials and equipment to install exit lights.

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

4.13 The Board approve Change Order #1 for the Landis Administration Building at a new cost of zero from Capri Construction Company Inc.

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

4.14 The Board approve payment in the amount of \$990 to an employee whose name is on file with the Board Secretary for legal and expungement fees in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-6.1.

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

4.15 The Board approve cancellation of the list of checks provided and on file with the Board Secretary and remittance of the funds to the NJ Department of Treasury, Unclaimed Property Administration.

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

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4.16 The Board approve the Cumberland County Regional Cooperative Transportation Initiatives:

- a. 2017-2018 Jointure
- b. 2017-2018 Transportation Quoted Contracts
- c. 2017-2018 Transportation Addendum
- d. 2017-2018 ESY Transportation Addendum
- e. 2017-2018 Bid #4

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

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

Approval of Bills: Upon motion by Ms. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the bills were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted “yes” (\$14,968,711.50).

Emergent Item(s):

(with prior approval) a. The Board approve a resolution for the withdrawal of funds (\$200,000) from the Maintenance Reserve Account and appropriate into the required maintenance account for use of required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26A-4.

Motion:

A motion was made by Ms. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Holmes, to approve a resolution for the withdrawal of funds (\$200,000) from the Maintenance Reserve Account and appropriate into the required maintenance account for use of required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26A-4. All Members voted “yes.”

b. The Board approve the following award:

Lease of 120 W. Wood Street

Bidder: Golden Gate Inc.

Total Bid Price: 10,000 square feet at \$8.01 per square foot for a yearly rental income of \$80,100.

Mr. DeSanto said this motion is for the adoption of the resolution approving the lease according to what Dr. Gruccio stated.

Mr. Sbrana asked who Golden Gate is. Mrs. Haley said they are a preschool.

Mr. Medio asked if we are leasing to a preschool. Mrs. Haley said they are not one of our providers but a daycare that also cares for babies.

Motion:

A motion was made by Ms. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Bordley to approve the lease of 120 W. Wood Street to Golden Gate Inc. at a bid price of 10,000 square feet at \$8.01 per square foot for a yearly rental income of \$80,100. All Members voted “yes.”

Public: None.

Report/Remarks by
Board President:

Mr. Jennings said this is Breast Cancer Awareness month and thanked those who wore pink tonight. He said our baseball team has done a great job

Board Member
Remarks:

Mr. Fiocchi said he wanted to make sure that his approval of the executive minutes was changed to a “abstained” vote.

Mr. Holmes said it was great visiting all the schools for back to school night and is glad all of our schools are getting off to a great start.

Ms. Codispoti thanked the Johnstone School Safety Patrol for the flag salute. She congratulated the baseball team and said she is looking forward to another championship year. Ms. Codispoti congratulated Alexica Perez for achieving a perfect score on the PARCC test. She also congratulated all of Alexica’s teachers and parents for supporting her. She is glad we continue to wear pink for breast cancer awareness.

Mr. Medio congratulated Alexica Perez and feels it is important that our school system honors success and recognizes successful programs and people. He wished good luck to Tess Fisher and her quest for a state championship in tennis. Mr. Medio said Miss Fisher has been the South Jersey Champion three years in a row. He congratulated the baseball team. Mr. Medio said the football team is 4-0 and hopefully after Saturday will be 5-0. He said we are all looking forward to a big Thanksgiving Day game.

Ms. Rios congratulated Alexica Perez for achieving a perfect score on the PARCC test. She also congratulated all the students who took the PARCC test. Ms. Rios hopes that the students who did not do well will be provided the resources that they need to perform better in the upcoming years. She said a job well done in our athletic department. Ms. Rios said it is impressive to see how well our students do and how they have grown throughout the years.

Mr. Sbrana thanked the flag salute students. He congratulated Alexica Perez on her tremendous achievement. Mr. Sbrana said he is proud of the baseball team and their accomplishments. He reminded everyone that prior to the next Board meeting there will be an election. Mr. Sbrana applauded everyone who is willing to give their time and talent freely to improve our Board, community, and state. Mr. Sbrana urged everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday, November 7th. He congratulated everyone who wore pink tonight and spoke on breast cancer awareness.

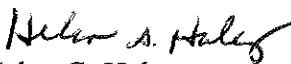
Mr. Bordley congratulated Alexica Perez on her accomplishment as well as the athletic department. He said he looks forward to seeing everyone at the homecoming parade and football game. Mr. Bordley said he lost his aunt to breast cancer and thanked everyone who is raising awareness for that cause.

Dr. Gruccio said we have so much to be proud of in this district and she is humbled to be a part of it. She thanked everyone who took the time to wear pink to show their recognition for what many of us have been touched by.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ms. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Bordley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. to executive session. All Members voted “yes.”

Respectfully Submitted,


Helen G. Haley
Board Secretary