

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, October 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. English presiding and the following members present: Ms. Codispoti, Mr. DeWinne, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Pagano, Ms. Rios and Mr. Sbrana. Absent: Ms. Acosta and Mr. Bordley arrived at 7:01 p.m.

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. 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, the Atlantic City Press, the Grapevine, Clerk - City of Vineland, and Administrative Office Public Bulletin Board.

Flag Salute: Students from D'Ippolito Elementary School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution: None.

Special

Presentation (s): Dr. Guccio introduced Mr. Jeff DuBois, Principal of Sabater Elementary School, to honor a fifth grader.

Mr. DuBois said it is a pleasure to recognize and honor Amiya Hopewell for making an excellent decision and returning a purse that she found in the Burger King parking lot to its owner. He said Amiya demonstrates her true character by doing the right thing regularly. Mr. DuBois said he along with the entire Sabater School community are extremely proud of Amiya and the example that she set for her peers.

Dr. Guccio introduced Mr. Ken Schultz, Rossi Middle School Band Director, to discuss the school band trip.

Mr. Schultz discussed a proposal for the trip to Chicago that the Rossi Middle School Band is planning to take in April for a competition.

Mr. English asked what will happen if a nurse is needed for this trip. Mr. Schultz said we will take a nurse if needed.

Mr. English said on behalf of his fellow Board members he wanted to thank Mr. Schultz for the job that he does.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Ms. Codispoti, seconded by Mr. Jennings, the minutes were approved from September 7, 2016 and September 14, 2016. All Members voted “yes” except Mr. English who voted “yes” on all minutes but “abstained” on September 14, 2016.

Solicitor’s Report: None.

Public Comment on  
Agenda Items: None.

Recommendations:

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

Approval of Bills: Upon motion by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Codispoti, the bills were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted “yes” (\$7,614,117.23).

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

Public: Vicky Miller  
Ms. Miller expressed her concern in regards to not having bells in the schools. She wished all the School Board Candidates good luck.

Board Member  
Remarks: Ms. Acosta wished everyone a good month and thanked them for their dedication and support.

Mr. Sbrana thanked the D’Ippolito flag salute students. He congratulated Miss Hopewell for doing the right thing. Mr. Sbrana also congratulated Mr. Schultz and the Rossi Band for continuing to strive for excellence. He thanked Mr. English for calling attention to breast cancer awareness at this month’s Board meeting. Mr. Sbrana said besides skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly misdiagnosed form of this disease and the most deadly.

Mr. Bordley wished all the sports teams, bands and other organizations good luck.

Ms. Codispoti thanked everyone for wearing pink tonight for breast cancer. She announced that Trunk or Treat will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Gittone Stadium. She urged everyone to attend this great family event.

Mr. DeWinne said his mother is a breast cancer survivor. He announced that the Vineland High School Football Team has 4 wins and 0 losses.

Dr. Gruccio thanked D’Ippolito School for the flag salute. She said we are very proud of Amiya Hopewell. Dr. Gruccio thanked Ann Cantoni for the cookies she made for breast cancer month. She also thanked South Jersey Industries for donating 10 compressors to Vineland High Schools Automotive Program.

Report/Remarks by  
Board President:

Mr. English thanked D’Ippolito School for the flag salute. He echoed the comments made by his fellow Board members concerning Amiya Hopewell. Mr. English said Amiya is definitely an outstanding role model for many of our students as well as adults. He said breast cancer is a tough disease and there is no better way to show support than to get out and be part of the fight. Mr. English announced that the homecoming game and parade will be on Saturday, October 22nd. He said that he gives credit to everyone who has the courage to put their name on the School Board election ballot. Mr. English wished Ms. Rios the best of luck on her run for City Council.

Adjournment: The Board adjourned the meeting by voice vote at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen G. Haley  
Board Secretary

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