

CITY OF VINELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION  
November 13, 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, November 13, 2019, at 6:02 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. English presiding and the following members present: Ms. Acosta, Mr. Fiocchi, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Sbrana, Mr. Silva, Ms. Spinelli, and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: Mr. Medio.

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

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: Veterans Memorial Middle School

Resolution: None.

Special

Presentation(s): In honor of Veterans’ Day, Dr. Mary Gruccio recognized district employees who have served in the military.

Mrs. Deana Ridolfo, Supervisor and District Testing Coordinator, presented district testing scores.

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HIB: No comments.

Approval of

Minutes: Upon motion by Ms. Acosta, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the minutes were approved from September 25, 2019, Board Retreat Meeting, October 2, 2019, Combined Meeting and October 2, 2019, Executive Session.  
All members voted “yes.” (8-0-0)

Committee

Reports: Ms. Spinelli stated that the Facilities Committee met two weeks ago.

Mr. Ulrich stated that the Safety Committee met.

Ms. Acosta stated that the Curriculum and Technology Committee met on October 7, 2019.

Solicitor

Report: Mr. DeSanto - Closing on the 17 W Landis Avenue Property was finalized.

Public Comments

Agenda Items: None.

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

**PERSONNEL (1.1 - 1.4)**

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."  
(8-0-0)

1.2 Approval of the 2019 -2022 collective bargaining unit agreement with the Vineland association of Supervisor's and Administrators (VASA), which contains these salary increases and noteworthy changes:  
2019 - 2020 2.25% plus \$500 per member base salary increase  
2020 - 2021 2.25%  
2021 - 2022 2.5%

All Members voted  
"yes."  
(8-0-0)

1.3 Approval regarding an agreement of resignation with Winslow Elementary School Teacher Jennifer Bishop which is on file with the Board Secretary.

All Members voted  
"yes."  
(8-0-0)

1.4 Approval regarding substitute pay rates, effective December 2, 2019:  
1. Long Term Substitute Teacher from \$115 to \$125 per day  
2. Substitute Teacher from \$100 to \$110

All Members voted  
"yes."  
(8-0-0)

**PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2.1 - 2.8)**

2.1 Approval of trips and district travel.

All Members voted  
"yes."  
(8-0-0)

2.2 Approval of a resolution approving the dates, times, and place of monthly board meeting per the list provided and on file with the Board Secretary.

All Members voted  
"yes."  
(8-0-0)

2.3 Approval regarding the submission of the NJ Department of Education "2018-2019 School Self Assessment for determining grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act." [This is required by the state, at a public meeting, prior to NJDOE submission.]

All Members voted  
"yes."  
(8-0-0)

2.4 Approval regarding entry into a dual credit articulation agreement with Rutgers University for the 2019-2020 school year.

All Members voted  
"yes."  
(8-0-0)

2.5 Authorization for the Board Secretary to enter into an affiliation agreement for the 2019-2020 school year for the placement of the students for field internship, student teaching, practicum, and observations with Simmons College.

All Members voted  
"yes."  
(8-0-0)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

**PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2.1 - 2.8)**

2.6 Approval to enter into an agreement with Golden Gate Inc. in support of their 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant which provides a targeted assistance enrichment program from November 25, 2019 to June 17, 2020, per the terms of the agreement at no cost to the district.

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

2.7 Approval regarding the 2020-2021 Preschool Expansion (PEA) One-Year Preschool Program Plan.

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

2.8 Approval regarding the adoption of the 2020-2021 Budget Preparation calendar.

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (none)**

**FINANCE (4.1 - 4.12)**

4.1 Approval of budgetary transfers for General, School-Based and ECPA for September 2019.

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

4.2 Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports for September 2019.

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

4.3 Approval regarding the following change in signers for the two (2) Safety Patrol Accounts at Newfield Bank:  
REMOVE: Helen Haley  
ADD: Gene Mercoli

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

4.4 Approval regarding the cancellation of the list of checks provided and on file with the Board Secretary and remit the funds to the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury, Unclaimed Property Administration.

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)





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Proposed Item(s)

for Review:       None.

Approval of

Bills:               Bills incurred during September 2019.

Motion made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Acosta.

All members voted “yes.”

(8-0-0)

Emergent

Item:               None.

Public

Comments:       Tom Deitz - His son’s interest in sports and talked about an incident that happened at the High School.

Rylee Howerton - 8th grade Pilla student for appeal on her denied NJHS application.

Julie Howerton - Parent of Pilla student, Rylee Howerton, questioning the appeals process or lack of a process.

Old Business:   Mr. English - Reminder about Board Goals for the December 4, 2019, Board Agenda.

New Business:   None.

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Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Fiocchi to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Mercoli". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gene Mercoli  
Board Secretary

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