

The combined meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held in the Vineland High School North Auditorium, 3010 E. Chestnut Avenue, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 6:06 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 Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Haley, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, press and public. Absent: Mr. Frey, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. DeSanto, Solicitor.

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 Vineland High School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution: None.

Special

Presentation (s): Dr. Gruccio introduced Mr. William McDevitt, Band Advisor, to honor the Vineland High School Marching Band for their achievement. She said this is Mr. McDevitt's last year and she thanked him for the job that he does.

At this time the Vineland High School Marching Band played a holiday musical selection.

Mr. McDevitt spoke about the accomplishments of the marching band during the 2017-2018 season.

Dr. Gruccio introduced Ms. Lori Cummines, VHS Choir Advisor, and the Vineland High School Choir to present musical selections.

Ms. Cummines said this is a really great time of the year and she discussed the various concerts that the Choir will be performing in. She said that we are going to miss Mr. McDevitt. Ms. Cummines said it has been an honor to work with the band and learn so much from Mr. McDevitt.

Dr. Guccio introduced Mr. Vince Luciano and Mr. Dominic Massaro, VHS Girls' Tennis Coaches, to honor the team.

Mr. Massaro discussed the accomplishments of the girls' tennis team.

Mr. Medio, on behalf of the School Board, presented Tess Fisher with a plaque to recognize her accomplishment.

Dr. Guccio introduced Mr. Geoff Ashton and Mr. Hamidullah Lundy, Camelot Administration, to present an update on the Alternative Program.

Mr. Ashton and Mr. Lundy discussed the Cunningham Academy and highlighted some of the events and programs taking place at the academy.

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.

HIB: No Discussion.

Mr. Medio stepped out at 6:43 p.m.

Mr. Medio returned at 6:51 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Ms. Codispoti, seconded by Ms. Acosta, the minutes were approved from the November 1, 2017 Combined Meeting. All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote.

Mr. DeSanto arrived at 6:57 p.m.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. DeSanto apologized for a being late due to a prior commitment. He said in conferring with Mr. Jennings we agreed that it would be appropriate for him tonight to update the Board and public with respect to a presentation he made in October regarding the Superintendent's contract. Mr. DeSanto said at that time he advised the Board of the options available to them with respect to Dr. Guccio's contract.

Mr. DeSanto said under Title 18A in Dr. Gruccio's contract it states that she must be notified by December 31st of the Board's intention to non-renew her or her contract is automatically renewed for an additional three years. Mr. DeSanto said Mr. Jennings contacted him in regards to what to do on the December agenda. He said that he indicated, as he did in October, that only the five non-conflicted Board members could vote on renewal, non-renewal, extension etc. Mr. DeSanto said the law requires five affirmative votes regardless of the number of Board members voting. He said five Board members out of the five non-conflicted are necessary to carry the vote. Mr. DeSanto said Mr. Jennings sent an email to the Board stating if any Board member wanted to discuss Dr. Gruccio's contract they should notify him and it would be placed on the agenda. He said since a unanimous vote of five Board members is needed there would be a meaningless discussion of her contract if one Board member wanted to discuss it. Mr. DeSanto said the matter is not on the agenda tonight and on January 1st by operation of law and Dr. Gruccio's contract she will be renewed for a three year term.

Public Comment on
Agenda Items:

Vicky Miller

Ms. Miller thanked Mr. McDevitt for everything that he has done for the band.

Recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

PERSONNEL (1.1a-e)

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
- e. Volunteers

Dr. Gruccio said #11049 has been pulled from the agenda.

PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS (2.1 -2.5)

2.1 The Board approve field trips and district travel.

2.2 The Board approve the Uniform Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Official.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

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2.3 The Board approve a resolution approving the dates, time and place of open work sessions, regular monthly meetings, special and combined meetings as per list provided and on file with the Board Secretary.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

2.4 The Board approve bus evacuation drills completed in October and November as per the list provided and on file with the Board Secretary in accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Code 6A:27-11.2.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

2.5 The Board approve the disposal of various items which are on file with the Board Secretary.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (3.0) none

FINANCE (4.1 – 4.24)

4.1 The Board approve budgetary transfers for General, School-Based and ECPA for October 2017.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

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4.2 The Board approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports for October 2017.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

4.3 The Board approve the placement of Special Education students.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

4.4 The Board approve submission of the following grant applications:

- a. Dick's Sporting Goods Grant for D'Ippolito Elementary Schools to use in the Sports Club Program in the amount of \$140 plus family discounts.
- b. Members 1st of NJ FCU Back to School Mini Grant \$100 for each of the 13 schools in the district for a total amount of \$1,300.
- c. Wetlands Institute Environment Field Trip Program for Mennies Elementary School in the maximum amount of \$970 for 92 students and 5 chaperones to attend.
- c. Kohls Grant for Breakfast with Santa for Mennies Elementary School to be held on Friday, December 8th.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

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4.5 The Board approve the acceptance of funding from the Mennies 1st of NJ FCU Back to School Mini Grant in the total amount of \$600. The following schools will receive \$100.00 to purchase supplies for the Tree Decorating Contest between the Vineland Downtown Improvement District (VDID) and the Vineland Board of Education. Barse Elementary School, D'Ippolito Elementary School, Sabater Elementary School, Winslow Elementary School, Veterans Memorial Middle School and Wallace Middle School.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

4.6 The Board approve the submission of the FY 2017 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant Final Report to the State of New Jersey Department of Education for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Basic (3-21)-----	\$3,157,087
Preschool (3-5)-----	\$ 77,096

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

4.7 The Board approve the submission of the FY 2017 Carl D. Perkins Grant Final Report to the State of New Jersey Department of Education totaling \$85,665 for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

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4.8 The Board approve the 2016-2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditor’s Management report by Ford Scott & Associates LLC.
 a. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
 b. Auditor Synopsis
 c. Auditor’s Management Report 2016-2017

The 2016-2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditor’s Management Report was presented by Michael Garcia of Ford Scott & Associates, LLC and discussed by the Board at the Wednesday, November 1, 2017 combined Board meeting.

All Members voted “yes” except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote.
 (8-0-0)

4.9 The Board approve the Board Secretary to implement each of the following recommendations from the 2016-2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditor’s Management Report in accordance with the Corrective Action Plan (CAP), which is provided and on file with the Board Secretary-NONE.

There were no audit recommendations.

All Members voted “yes” except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote.
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4.10 The Board approve the implementation of the recommendations from the Corrective Action Plan from the New Jersey Department of Education for the Courtyard School Inc.

All Members voted “yes” except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote.
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4.11 The Board approve the tuition contract with Cape May County Technical School for two students in the amount of \$3,760.60 per month from September 2017 to June 2018.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

4.12 The Board approve the tuition contract with Gloucester County Technical School District for the Career-Technical Program for one student in the amount of \$846 per month from September 2017 to June 2018.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

4.13 The Board approve the tuition contract with Cumberland County Technical Education Center for 197 students in the amount of \$152,745 per month from September 2017 to June 2018.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

4.14 The Board approve the Cumberland County Regional Cooperative Transportation initiatives:
 a. 2017-2018 Transportation Quoted Contracts
 b. 2017-2018 Transportation Addendum
 c. 2017-2018 Record and Award Bid #5

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

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4.15 The Board approve the following contract renewals with Sheppard Bus Service from September 2017 to June 2018:

- a. Schalick/Compass/Public Elem.....\$423,478.80
- b. Wall 11/12..... \$ 60,660.00
- c. Multi Site VPC..... \$636,512.00
- d. WALL/DURVHS6PM/21Cen
 Carrera/Cumb Christian..... \$502,335.00
- e. Wall13/DPS 11 Add'l.....\$ 49,827.60
- f. St. Mary's E Vld 01.....\$126,228.60
- g. Charter/Private/Preschool.....\$778,192.20
- h. Dallago/Tiny/Wall.....\$ 5,100.00

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

4.16 The Board approve Change Order #2 to the Landis Administration Building for a net credit to the contract of \$750.97 from Capri Construction Company, Inc.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

4.17 The Board approve Change Order #002 from Union Roofing Contractors, Inc. for the VHS South 2017 Partial Roof Replacement for addition of metal panel full height at brick masonry end wall of B wing to correct buried wall flashing condition as described in Quote from Union Roofing dated 9/11/17 in the amount of \$9,650.52 to be funded by contingency allowance.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

4.18 The Board approve the Shared Service Agreement between the Vineland Board of Education and the Cumberland County Improvement Authority for the removal of top soil at the Gittone Stadium football field at no cost, to prepare for the installation of a synthetic turf field, in a form acceptable by the Board Solicitor and Superintendent of Schools.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

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4.19 The Board approve to award the following contract for:
 PW-Bid #25-17/18
 Project Name: Gittone Stadium Synthetic Turf
 Contractor: The LandTek Group, Inc.
 235 County Line Road
 Amityville, New York 11701
 Base Bid: \$825,000.00
 Alternate 1B: \$ 16,200.00
 Alternate 2: \$ 15,900.00
 Alternate 3: \$ 6,500.00
 Total Contract Price: \$863,600.00
 Subject to a form of contract acceptable to the Superintendent and Board Solicitor.

Ms. Codispoti asked if this was the lowest bid and does it conform with everything. Mrs. Haley said yes it was the lowest bid and there are several alternates that go with it. She said we are awarding all of the alternates except for one. Mrs. Haley said we will probably receive a credit on some of them because we have to determine if we want the 2 ¼ or 2 ½ inch turf. Mr. Bordley said the specs were for exactly what has been examined and proven to be quality material. We have seen this company’s work because they also put a turf field in for the Cumberland County Technical Center.

All Members voted “yes” except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

4.20 The Board approve the agreement of sale with the City of Vineland for purchase of the Reber Administration Building.

All Members voted “yes” except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

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4.21 The Board approve a resolution conditionally accepting the terms and conditions of a loan for additional general funds state aid in the amount of \$2,059,792.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

4.22 The Board approve a resolution for the withdrawal of funds from the maintenance reserve account and appropriate 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" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

4.23 The Board approve to adopt the 2018-2019 Budget Preparation Calendar.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

4.24 The Board approve the sale of various items which are on file with the Board Secretary to be auctioned on Gov.Deals.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (8-0-0)

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 for October 2017 were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted “yes” except Mr. Medio who was not present for the vote. (\$21,722,776.99).

Committee Reports: Ms. Codispoti said she has been on the Curriculum Committee for her entire three years on the Board and thanked Mr. Frey for everything he has done with the curriculum. She said discussed at the meeting was a possible real estate development credit. Ms. Codispoti said also discussed was our website, yearbooks and honor science classes.

Ms. Codispoti said discussed at the Transportation Committee meeting was Zonar, bus purchase plan, redistricting, and busing for Charter School. She said that she has also sat on the Transportation Committee for 3 years and thanked Mr. Frangipani along with Mr. Callavini and his staff for the exceptional job they do.

Mr. Bordley said discussed at the Facilities Committee meeting was the updated status of the Landis Administration Building, turf field and shared services agreement with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority (CCIA).

Ms. Acosta said discussed at the Policy & Personnel Committee meeting was various personnel matters.

Items proposed for review or discussion or adoption by Board members: None.

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

Public:

Tom Ulrich

Mr. Ulrich said he served three terms with Ms. Rios and thanked her for her time on the Board. He also thanked Ms. Codispoti, a longtime friend, for her dedication to the citizens. Mr. Ulrich said the Board will be losing two good people with three good people starting. He said the Camelot Program is making progress with the students working with them to try to get them on the right track. Mr. Ulrich said kudos to the band, Miss Fisher and sports teams. He wished everyone a good holiday.

Vicky Miller

Ms. Miller said she was always proud when Ms. Rio's challenged and questioned everything. She said Ms. Codispoti is dedicated and loves the students. Ms. Miller hopes that after a little break they both return to the Board.

Scott English

Mr. English said to see the Camelot Program progress is something that is dear to him. He feels the upcoming Board should investigate getting trades into the Camelot Program. Mr. English said tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. will be the Dennis Tanner building dedication. He congratulated Ms. Spinelli, Mr. Ulrich and Mr. Holmes on winning the Board election. Mr. English said it is bittersweet for him to praise Ms. Rios and Ms. Codispoti for their service to our city and students. Mr. English spoke about Ms. Codispoti and Ms. Rios and thanked them for all they have done for the Board. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mr. DeSanto arrived at 6:57 and gave his Solicitor's report.

Mr. Fiocchi left the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and returned at 7:07 p.m. He immediately left again and returned at 7:13 p.m.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Board Member

Remarks:

Mr. Medio wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Sbrana thanked the flag salute students. He congratulated Mr. McDevitt who is retiring after a stellar career. Mr. Sbrana thanked Ms. Cummines for the festive choir performance. He wished everyone a healthy, happy, holiday season and safe new year.

Mr. Holmes congratulated everyone who was recognized tonight. He thanked Mr. McDevitt for his years of service. Mr. Holmes congratulated Mr. Ulrich and Ms. Spinelli on being elected to the Board and looks forward to working with them both. He thanked Ms. Rios and Ms. Codispoti for all their time, wisdom and dedication to the students in this district. Mr. Holmes wished everyone a happy holiday.

Ms. Acosta wished everyone a happy holiday and echoed the sentiments made by her fellow Board members. She congratulated all of the students on their accomplishments. Ms. Acosta thanked Ms. Rios and Ms. Codispoti and said it has been an honor serving with them both. She wished them both a lot of success and hopes to see them very soon.

Ms. Codispoti congratulated Mr. Ulrich, Ms. Spinelli and Mr. Holmes for being elected to the Board. She thanked everyone who came out tonight and congratulated Winslow School for their winning float in the Christmas parade. She thanked the flag salute students along with Ms. Cummines and the choir. Ms. Codispoti congratulated Tess Fisher on winning the state singles tennis championship. She thanked Mr. Ashton and Mr. Lundy for their update on Camelot. Ms. Codispoti congratulated the band on a great season. She also congratulated Mr. McDevitt on his retirement. Ms. Codispoti said when she ran for the Board three years ago she had no clue as to what she was getting herself into because it was so much more than that. She was fortunate her first year to be mentored by a few of the best. Ms. Codispoti said the best part of being a Board member is having the opportunity to see the accomplishments of all of the students. She thanked Mr. English for his kind words and said he is a great leader, role model and friend. Ms. Codispoti said Ms. Rios is the epitome of what a good Board Member should be. She is grateful that she had the opportunity to serve with her over the past three years.

Ms. Codispoti wished Ms. Rios and her family the best in whatever the future holds for her. She wished her husband a happy birthday. Ms. Codispoti thanked her husband and family for always being there and supporting her. She thanked various people in and out of the district. Ms. Codispoti said it has been an honor and privilege to serve the district, tax payers and students. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ms. Rios congratulated all of the award recipients tonight. She said a great job has been done by the coaches, educators and students. Ms. Rios said Mr. Ulrich will be replacing her so he has no worries what so ever. She thanked everyone for their kind words. Ms. Rios congratulated the new and re-elected Board members. She thanked the Board for their wonderful words and said it has been a pleasure working with them. She said it has been an honor and pleasure to serve on the Board. She thanked her son for allowing her to sacrifice time from him and home in order to provide volunteer service to our community. Ms. Rios said it has been a pleasure working with everyone for the betterment of our district. She wished the students nothing but the best and urged them to take advantage of the educational opportunities being offered to them. Ms. Rios thanked everyone for this wonderful opportunity and wished happy holidays to all.

On behalf of the Board Ms. Rios and Ms. Codispoti were presented with a plaque, certificate of appreciation and their Board photograph.

Mr. Bordley said there are tremendous things going on in this district. He thanked all of our district staff for doing a fantastic job. Mr. Bordley thanked Ms. Rios and Ms. Codispoti for helping him progress as a Board member and for their service on the Board. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Board President

Remarks:

Mr. Jennings said the contributions of Ms. Codispoti and Ms. Rios on this Board will be missed. He thanked Dr. Gruccio for the plaques and photos that were given to Ms. Codispoti and Ms. Rios.

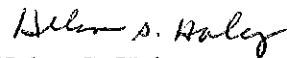
Dr. Gruccio said tonight is another fine example of how proud we can be of our district. She gives everyone a lot of credit who runs in an election because it is not an easy thing to do.

Dr. Guccio said the people on the Board are here because they care and want to make a difference for our children. She said if our decisions come from our heart and are based on what is right for our children none of us can go wrong. Dr. Guccio said it has been an honor and pleasure to work with Ms. Rios and Ms. Codispoti. She thanked them for the time that they have given to help make this a better district and wished them the very best. Dr. Guccio wished everyone a very blessed, happy Christmas and new year. Dr. Guccio said keep the families in our district who are going through a lot in your thoughts and remember there is always somebody who is worse off. She said be grateful for what we have and for one another.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ms. Rios, seconded by Ms. Codispoti, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. All Members voted “yes.”

Respectfully Submitted,



Helen G. Haley
Board Secretary

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