

# **CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

3400 College Drive, Vineland, NJ 08360

Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes - April 12, 2018

**I. The Cumberland County Board of Vocational Education held a Special Board Meeting on April 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm, Board Secretary Gene Mercoli, read the following statement as required by law:**

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Cumberland County Board of Vocational Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof published in the official newspapers of the Board and posted on school bulletin boards.

- A. President Carlos E. Villar, led the Board in the pledge of allegiance to the flag

**II. Roll Call**

The following Board members answered in the affirmative to the roll call given by Board Secretary, Gene Mercoli: Carlos Villar, Ruth Hands, Sheila McCann, Shelly Schneider, Scott Groff and John Redden. Also present were: Superintendent Dina Rossi Elliott, Ed.D., Board Secretary Gene Mercoli and School District Solicitor Mitch Kizner. Absent: Board Members: Peggy Nicolosi.

**III. Recognition of Visitors**

- A. Cumberland County Freeholder Director Joseph Derella and Liaison George Castellini

**IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - None**

**V. Executive Session (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)**

- A. Entry into Executive Session

1. Motion by Dr. Schneider, seconded by Ms. McCann and approved by a unanimous roll call vote to enter into an closed session part of the meeting at 6:01 pm to discuss topics that the law allows for public exclusion. Specific topic: Personnel, Contracts, Legal Matters.

B. Exit from Executive Session

1. Motion by Ms. McCann, seconded by Dr. Schneider and approved by a unanimous roll call vote to return from closed session at 6:46 pm.

**VI. Post Executive Session Action**

A. Personnel

Motion by Dr. Schneider, seconded by Ms. Hands and approved by a unanimous roll call vote to approve to continue the suspension with pay of the employee whose name is on file with the Secretary of the Board, beginning April 13, 2018 through and including April 26, 2018.

**VII. Adoption of the 2018-2019 School District Budget - Public Hearing**

Dr. Dina Rossi Elliott, Superintendent and Gene Mercoli, School Business Administrator provided a budget presentation that included a detailed PowerPoint presentation.

Board President, Carlos Villar opened the floor to public comment on the proposed 2018-2019 School Budget.

- A. Nancy Ridgeway, Upper Deerfield Twp - Ask about getting financial aid for college credit. Mrs. Ridgeway said funds are getting tighter and everyone must be cognizant of this. Wants to see Bridgeton represented on Board.

Motion by Ms. McCann, seconded by Mr. Groff and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve items A, B.

- A. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2018-2019 School Budget for submission to the County of Cumberland Board of School Estimate as follows:

General Fund	\$14,073,441
Special Revenue Fund	<u>\$ 426,725</u>
Total	\$14,500,166

- B. BE IT RESOLVED, to acknowledge that the 2018-2019 School Budget as described above results in a general fund county tax levy of \$2,530,000 (school year basis).

**VIII. Other Business**

1. Motion by Mr. Groff, seconded by Dr. Schneider and carried by a unanimous roll call to approve joining the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), Service Cooperative, for the purpose of accessing available contracts for goods and service from NJPA Awarded Vendors.
2. Motion by Dr. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Groff and carried by a unanimous roll call to approve the submission of the 2018-2019 Rural Education Achievement Program with an unknown award amount.
4. Motion by Mr. Groff, seconded by Mr. Redden and carried by a unanimous roll call to approve the purchase of additional security upgrades by Advantage Security of Delaware Valley (Sonitrol) necessary to monitor the track location, student parking areas, access between building locations and software licensing under the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission COOP Contract #TECH17-01 totalling \$57,862.28 per the attached proposal.
5. Motion by Ms. Hands, seconded by Mr. Groff and carried by a unanimous roll call to approve a contract to install a fiber line by Park Technology Services, a wholly owned entity of the Somerdale Board of Education, utilizing the cooperative contract #17/18-092 in the amount of \$9,946.20.
3. Motion by Mr. Redden, seconded by Dr. Schneider and carried by a unanimous roll call to approve the attached updated 2017/2018 school year calendar to reflect 2 snow days on March 21, 2018 and March 22, 2018.
6. Motion by Mr. Groff, seconded by Mr. Redden and carried by a unanimous roll call to approve posting for School Safety Officer - Part Time.

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7. Motion by Dr. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Redden and carried by a unanimous roll call to approve the attached list of staff to work the Class of 2022 Meet and Greet on Thursday, May 3, 2018.

**IX. Public Comment - None**

**X. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Groff, seconded by Ms. McCann and approved by a unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Mercoli  
Board Secretary