

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

3400 College Drive, Vineland, NJ 08360

Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes - May 4, 2017

**I. The Cumberland County Board of Vocational Education held a Special Board Meeting on May 4, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. 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 Daniel G. Vivarelli Sr., 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 and Daniel Vivarelli. Also present were: Superintendent Dina Rossi Elliott, Ed.D., Board Secretary Gene Mercoli and School District Solicitor Mitch Kizner. Absent: Board Members: Peggy Nicolosi, Edward Lazarcheck, Scott Groff.**

**III. Recognition of Visitors**

- A. Dr. Rossi Elliott offered a general welcome to the audience.

**IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only**

- A. Nancy Ridgeway questioned if the Board was going to discuss V. B2 before acting on it.

**V. Board Secretary's Motions and Resolutions**

- A. Monthly Business, including routine reports, contracts and grants: None  
B. Contracts, Grants, Other Business
1. Motion by Mr. Villar, seconded by Ms. McCann and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the attached resolution requested by OceanFirst Bank to recognize the school district does not utilize dual control banking practices.
  2. Motion by Mr. Villar, seconded by Ms. McCann and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve a 12 month agreement with Comcast Business Services to provide a 10 Mbps bandwidth

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- connection to 601 Bridgeton Ave, Bridgeton, NJ at a monthly rate of \$438.00 beginning on or about July 1, 2017.
3. Motion by Mr. Villar, seconded by Ms. McCann and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve a 36 month agreement with Comcast Business Services to provide a 1Gbps bandwidth connection to 3400 College Drive, Vineland, NJ at a monthly rate of \$2,400.00 beginning on or about July 1, 2017.
  4. Motion by Mr. Villar, seconded by Ms. Hands and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve accepting the May 3, 2017 bid and entering into a contract with Team Reed Landscaping Inc. of Bridgeton, NJ for Landscaping Services at an annual cost of \$28,755 subject to pricing changes as allowed by the bid specifications from May 4, 2017 to May 3, 2018 renewable for 2 years at the Board of Education's option. Other bidders not recommended: TLC Landscape Company of Williamstown, NJ with bid submission of \$29,245.

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

- A. Entry into Executive Session
  1. Motion by Ms. McCann seconded by Ms. Hands and approved by a unanimous roll call vote to enter into an closed session part of the meeting at 4:42 pm to discuss topics that the law allows for public exclusion. Specific topic: Personnel.
- B. Exit from Executive Session
  1. Motion by Ms. McCann, seconded by Mr. Villar and approved by a unanimous roll call vote to return from closed session at 5:13 pm.

**VI-a. Post Executive Session Action**

- A. Personnel
  1. Motion by Mr. Villar, seconded by Ms. Hands and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to reduce in force the following employees:  
Candida Krupa - Speech Language Teacher; Enrollment changes  
Judith Zirkle - Dental Teacher; Program Changes  
Siobhan Palau - LPN Teacher; Program Changes  
Kelly Brown - LPN Teacher; Program Changes  
Deirdre Conroy - LPN Teacher; Program Changes
  2. Motion by Mr. Villar, seconded by Ms. McCann and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the Superintendent's

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recommendation to hire the following individuals from July 1, 2017 to August 10, 2017:

Kelly Brown - LPN Teacher, \$346.55 per day

Siobhan Palau - LPN Teacher, \$322.20 per day

Deirdre Conroy - LPN Teacher, \$411.03 per day

## **VII. Superintendent's Motions and Resolutions**

- A. Personnel Recommendations (All hiring is contingent upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, proper certification and the results of the criminal history background investigation.)
1. Motion by Mr. Villar, seconded by Ms. McCann and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the motion to approve the resignation due to retirement of Judith Zirkle, Dental Assisting Teacher, effective June 30, 2017.
  2. Motion by Mr. Villar, seconded by Ms. McCann and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve as per the Superintendent's recommendation and pending sufficient enrollment, to approve continuing employment of the attached staff members for the 2017-2018 school year, funding and tenure year listed. Additionally, all custodian and maintenance employees are hired for a definitive term of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 also, per the attached staff listing.
  3. Motion by Mr. Villar, seconded by Ms. McCann and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve as per the Superintendent's recommendation to approve continuing employment of the attached non-bargaining unit employees for the 2017-2018 school year, as presented.
- B. Curriculum and Program Approvals
1. Motion by Mr. Villar, seconded by Ms. McCann and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the LEA General Intent to Collaborate with the McKinney-Vento Education for the Homeless and Youth Program for the 2017-2018 school year.
  2. Motion by Mr. Villar, seconded by Ms. McCann and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the Congress Sorbello Farms Fundraiser to benefit Mock Trial/Model Congress.
- C. Policies and Regulations
- D. Other
1. Discussion- August 24th Regular Board Meeting

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2. Discussion- Superintendent's Evaluation due back by May 19, 2017.
3. Discussion- Board Self Evaluation presentation at the June 19, 2017 regular meeting.
4. Welding Scholarship - The John Munyon Award
5. Wellness Committee - Jeans Day - GI Go Fund

**VIII. Public Comment - Any**

- A. Mrs. Ridgeway made comments about kids photos in newspaper.

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


- A. Entry into Executive Session
1. Motion by Mr. Villar, seconded by Ms. McCann and approved by a unanimous roll call vote to enter into an closed session part of the meeting at 5:22 pm to discuss topics that the law allows for public exclusion. Specific topic: Personnel.
- B. Exit from Executive Session
1. Motion by Ms. McCann, seconded by Mr. Villar and approved by a unanimous roll call vote to return from closed session at 6:02 pm.

**X. Public Comment - None**

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Villar , seconded by Ms. Hands and approved by a unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gene Mercoli  
Board Secretary