

MINUTES
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 12, 2018

Minutes approved at the Monday, March 26, 2018 BOE Meeting.

- Attendance*** Present: Chairman Kraut, Mr. Cap, Ms. Riccio, Mr. Ziman, Mrs. Bunnell, Mrs. Browe, Mrs. Hadlock, Mr. Flynn, Mrs. Welander
- Absent: Mr. Young, Mrs. Slowik
- The meeting was taped by OGAT
- Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Ms. Sierakowski, Dr. Russo, Mrs. Lasto, Mr. Ullring, Mrs. Nardecchia, Mr. Olden, Student from Southern
- Call to Order*** The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Kraut at 7:09 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Mission Statement was read by Mr. Ziman. Mr. Ullring lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Participation*** There was no public participation.
- Correspondence*** In their packets, Board Members received a retirement letter from Mrs. Kim McKnight, School Psychologist at Turkey Hill Schools and a copy of a donation letter from Ms. Lee. Ms. Lee donated \$650 to the Special Education Department.
- Consent Agenda*** A motion was made by Mr. Ziman and seconded by Mrs. Welander to approve the minutes from the January 10th Budget Workshop and the minutes from the January 16, 2018 BOE meeting. Unanimously approved. One correction noted (owe to own under ACES report).
- Presentation(s)*** Mrs. Tricia Lasto, who is the Program Lead for the 21st Century Before & After School Program, gave the Board Members an update of the program. Mrs. Lasto shared her entry plan and broke down what a typical day for a student attending the program would be like. Mrs. Lasto shared a slide indicating how many students attend the programs and shared new program initiatives.
- Superintendent's Report*** Dr. Scarpetti informed the Board Members that the 2017-18 student calendar has been updated due to the February 7th snow day and the last day of school is now Wednesday, June 13th. The revised calendar has been posted on the district's website. Dr. Scarpetti reminded Board Members and those watching from home that new sub-committees have been determined and agendas and minutes of all meetings are posted on the district's website under the BOE tab. Anyone interested in attending sub-committee meetings are welcome to do so. The district continues its work on the 2018-19 budget and will present the boards budget to the Town BOF on February 26th. Dr. Scarpetti reminded the Board that he and Dr. Russo are scheduled to attend the State Department of Education's Board meeting in order to see the state's presentation on the Accountability Report. Dr. Russo & Dr. Scarpetti will present Orange's results at the March BOE meeting. Board members were

***Superintendent's
Report (continued)***

sent an email listing the dates of the DARE Graduations and asked to contact Marie if they were planning to attend any of the graduation ceremonies. Dr. Scarpetti finished his report by updating the Board on personnel; currently the Board is interviewing for a reading consultant at Race Brook and a special education paraprofessional at Mary L. Tracy. A long-term substitute was hired for a grade 6 position at Peck Place School and the district will post for a long-term speech and language pathologist at Peck Place School. The district is also looking for kitchen substitutes.

Ms. Sierakowski reported that the finance sub-committee met prior to the BOE meeting. All monthly expenditures were reviewed. Two areas continue to be over the expected budget, legal costs and special education. Both accounts are being tracked closely and reviewed with the sub-committee each month. One effort the district is looking at to reduce special education costs is perhaps participating in the ACES pilot program which is addressing transportation costs. ACES will look to streamline bus runs and save districts money. All W2s and 1099s were mailed out as required by law. Paperwork on the ADA projects at Turkey Hill school were submitted to the state. The district is now waiting for a scheduled meeting where we will go back up the state for a final review of the plans and the state's approval which will allow the district to go out to bid. Clearing of trees has started at Race Brook School prepping for a redo of the parking lot right after school lets out.

Dr. Russo handed out part of the 2017-18 Professional Learning resources calendar to show the Board Members all of the professional learning that will take place in February. Friday, February 16th is a minimum day of school for students and a professional development for the teachers. The focus will be on Rubicon map hierarchy, bundles standards from YLC, big ideas and EQs aligned to Mps and precise content and skills from the unpack. Dr. Russo also informed the Board of Curriculum Boot Camp to be held in late May at Race Brook School. In April the district will host the New England Music Learning Theory Conference. The district will also be offering two sessions of Camp Invention in June.

Mrs. Slowik was absent.

Board Business

***First Reads -
Employee Reference
Checks - Policy
4112.51/4215.51 &
Student Data
Protection & Privacy
/ Cloud Based Issues
- Policy 3520.13***

The Personnel/Policy/Transportation sub-committee met on January 29th to discuss both policies. The policies were shared with the full board on February 2nd for review. Board members are asked to read through the policies and list as comments any changes they see necessary. There is no action require this evening since the policies are being presented as a first read. Board members were encouraged to reach out to Mrs. Browe or Dr. Scarpetti with any questions they may have. Both policies will be presented at the March BOE meeting as second reads.

***Personnel Request -
Leave of Absence ****

This agenda item will be discussed in Executive Session.

*Discussion - Possible
Personnel Reduction
(2018-19 Budget) **

This agenda item will be discussed in Executive Session.

*Mid-Year
Superintendent
Performance
Conversation **

This agenda item will be discussed in Executive Session.

STANDING COMMITTEES

*Finance &
Operations -
Ms. Riccio*

Finance & Operations Sub-Committee met prior to tonight's BOE meeting and discussed the expenditures, profit & loss, everything seems to be in order.

*Personnel/Policy
Transportation –
Mrs. Browe*

The sub-committee met on January 29th. Two policies were presented as first reads at tonight's meeting. Policies to be reviewed/updated will be divided among sub-committee members. Mrs. Browe urged the board members to review the policies presented this evening. The sub-committee plans to meet twice in March. The sub-committee will create a new policy concerning building permits. The committee will also discuss how to implement the healthy food celebration policy.

*Building & Grounds
/ Safety & Security –
Mr. Young*

Mr. Young was absent. Chairman Kraut stated that the committee will meet soon to discuss the creation of a building permit policy. The Buildings & Grounds & Personnel/Policy sub-committees will work together on creating the building permit policy.

*Curriculum /
Instruction /
Technology -
Mr. Ziman*

Sub-Committee meet on January 29th, Dr. Russo informed the sub-committee on what the district, principals and teachers have been working on. The Orange School System is creating a new curriculum based on the current learning standards. Each standard is analyzed and the most effect methods to present to students is determined. This will ultimately give a truer picture of each students strengths and weaknesses. The creation of the new curriculum is under the guidance of Dr. Russo & Dr. Scarpetti.

*21st Century Ad-Hoc
- Ms. Riccio*

Ad-Hoc Committee met on January 29th with Mrs. Lasto. The ad-hoc committee is planning to meet again on February 28th to discuss budgeting and staffing. Mrs. Lasto is doing a great job. Committee will also meet on March 26th.

ACES Update

ACES met on February 8th. ACES is fifty years old this year and serves 25 cities/towns (Orange being one of them). There are 944 employees at ACES. ACES serves special education students and magnet schools. ACES tries to helps districts with things like the insurance and transportation consortium. Leeder Hill School project is going well, project is still under budget. ACES in in the middle of their budget process as well. Next month Patrice McCarthy from CAFE will be joining the meeting and someone will be speaking about freedom of information.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made by Ms. Ricco and seconded by Mr. Ziman. No discussion. Unanimous vote to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. Dr. Scarpetti, Dr. Russo & Ms. Sierakowski were invited into Executive Session.

Executive Session

Attendees: All BOE members (Mr. Young absent), Dr. Scarpetti, Dr. Russo & Ms. Sierakowski

Orange BOE executive session 1/16/2018 8:17pm

Discussion on the following topics:

1. Personnel Request – Leave of Absence
2. Possible Personnel Reduction Discussion (2018-2019 Budget)
3. Mid-year Superintendent Performance Conversation

Exited out of Executive session at 9:53pm motion by Mr. Flynn, 2nd by Mrs. Bunnell

Back to Regular 2/12/2018 BOE meeting at 9:53pm

Motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:54pm by Ms. Riccio, 2nd by Mr. Ziman

Executive Session minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Riccio, Board Secretary

INFORMATIONAL – Next meeting – **Monday, March 19, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.



Respectfully submitted,
Marie Acampora