

**MINUTES**  
**ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**December 14, 2015**

Minutes approved at the Monday, January 11, 2016 BOE Meeting.

***Attendance***

Present: Mr. Kraut, Mr. Cap, Mrs. Browe, Mrs. Saccente, Ms. Riccio, Mr. Young, Mrs. Hadlock, Mr. Ziman, Mrs. Bunnell

Absent: Mrs. Pucillo

The meeting was taped by OGAT & Sound View TV

Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Ms. Sierakowski, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Byrd, Mr. Luzzi, Mrs. Slowik, Mr. Carbone, American Solar & Honeywell representatives (Elliot, Candice & Ron), Ms. Kerames, Mrs. Nicefaro,

***Call to Order***

The regular meeting was called to order by Board Chair Kraut at 7:31 p.m. the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Browe.

Board Chair Kraut welcomed the three new Board Members: Betty Hadlock, Chantelle Bunnell and Ken Ziman.

***Public Participation***

Ms. Kerames asked for clarification for why a lock was put on the gate at the Peck Place schoolyard. Ms. Kerames asked if she could find reference to the lock in any past BOE minutes or if a new policy was adopted to prompt the change.

***Correspondence***

There was no Correspondence.

***Presentation(s)***

None

***Consent Agenda***

A motion was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Ms. Saccente to approve the Consent Agenda items. Items in the Consent Agenda included the minutes from the November 9, 2015 regular BOE meeting and the approval of bills for November 2015. Mrs. Browe, Mrs. Saccente, Mr. Kraut, Mr. Cap, Mr. Ziman, Mrs. Bunnell, Ms. Riccio voted in favor of. Mrs. Hadlock and Mr. Young abstained. Mrs. Pucillo absent. Motion carries.

***Superintendent's Report***

In his report, Dr. Scarpetti mentioned that the Weather Advisory letter was sent out to parents and placed in the local newspapers. Also in the local newspapers was information concerning the Blind Lottery for Pre-K and information concerning kindergarten enrollment. Dr. Scarpetti shared that in November the State BOE approved the Next Generation Science Standards which are available at [www.nextgenscience.org](http://www.nextgenscience.org). The schools have been very busy with American Education Week, Fibonacci Day and getting ready for their winter concerts. The district is working in collaboration with Dr. Diamantas, a Professor at Southern. The 2016-2017 budget process has started, Dr. Scarpetti has met with department heads and principals once and will begin their second round of meetings soon.. Teacher negotiations is ongoing. Dr. Scarpetti wished everyone a wonderful Holiday Season.

## ***Board Business***

### ***Election of Officers***

Elections of Officers began by Mr. Kraut reading the guidelines on electing officers. Mr. Kraut asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board - Mrs. Browe nominated Mr. Kraut for Chairman of the Board, with no other nominations, the Board was asked to cast their vote. Mrs. Browe, Mr. Cap, Ms Riccio, Mr. Young, Mrs. Saccente, Mr. Kraut, Mr. Ziman, Mrs Hadlock, Mrs. Bunnell voted in favor of. Mrs. Pucillo absent. Unanimous – Mr. Kraut is Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Kraut asked for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board – Mr. Young nominated Mr. Cap, with no other nominations, the Board was asked to cast their vote. Mrs. Browe, Mr. Cap, Ms Riccio, Mr. Young, Mrs. Saccente, Mr. Kraut, Mr. Ziman, Mrs Hadlock, Mrs. Bunnell voted in favor of. Mrs. Pucillo absent. Unanimous – Mr. Cap is Vice Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Kraut asked for nominations for Secretary of the Board – Ms. Riccio nominated Mrs. Saccente, with no other nominations, the Board was asked to cast their vote. Mrs. Browe, Mr. Cap, Ms Riccio, Mr. Young, Mrs. Saccente, Mr. Kraut, Mr. Ziman, Mrs Hadlock, Mrs. Bunnell voted in favor of. Mrs. Pucillo absent. Unanimous – Mrs. Saccente is Secretary of the Board.

### ***2015-2016 Budget Update – Ms. Sierakowski***

Ms. Sierakowski met with the Finance Committee prior to the BOE meeting; nothing significantly different from last month. Legal fees continues to run high, Ms. Sierakowski will keep the Finance committee updated. All administrators are building their budgets for the 2016-2017 school year and they are confirming their expenditures for this year.

### ***2016 BOE Meeting Dates***

In their board packets, Board Members were given BOE meeting dates for 2016. Except where noted (due to school holidays/recesses) the BOE will meet on the third Monday of each month. A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mr. Cap to approve the 2016 BOE meeting dates. Unanimously approved.

### ***Out of State Field Trip Requests – TH School***

Mrs. Arterbery, Principal of Turkey Hill School requested permission for her fifth grade students to visit Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge MA in May and her sixth grade students to visit Newport, Rhode Island in June. A motion was made/seconded by Mr. Young/Mr. Cap for both field trips. Unanimously approved.

### ***Approval – LED Interior & Exterior Lighting Upgrades***

In their board packets, Board Members received the Building Systems Agreement from Honeywell and Comprehensive Project Summary from Keyspen (American Solar) and the UI Company. Mike Luzzi spoke to the Board outlining the LED interior & exterior project and the potential savings. The Buildings & Grounds Committee met prior to the BOE meeting to review the project. Buildings & Grounds endorses the signing of the proposal to move forward to receive the contract for review. Both companies will make themselves available to attend a follow-up BOE meeting.

**STANDING  
COMMITTEES**

**Finance & Insurance** Mrs. Pucillo absent. Finance Committee did meet prior to BOE meeting.  
**Mrs. Pucillo**

**Personnel/Policy** Committee is trying to agree on meeting date, looks like committee may need to  
**Transportation – Mr. Young** wait until January. Teacher negotiations still on-going. New sub-committees will be determined soon.

**Building & Grounds** Committee met on November 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss 5-Year Capital Plan/Projects. The cost  
**– Mr. Cap** for the three schools to equal the upgrades made to Peck would cost millions of dollars. Plan will included new cabinetry, flooring, new phone system for entire district (which is necessary for security purposes), IT needs.

**Long Range** Mrs. Pucillo was absent,  
**Planning Report**  
**Mrs. Pucillo**

**School of the 21<sup>st</sup>** Since school year is reaching mid-year point, Mrs. Browe would like the committee  
**Century/Food** to meet to discuss how the changes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program are working. Mrs.  
**Services & Health & Wellness- Mrs. Browe** Browe would also like to address whether the program is an after-school-program or an extension of the school day. It's Important to review cafeteria program as well, where we are now and where is the program going, price of lunches, and how to move forward with healthy lunches. The number of students who are purchasing school lunches are up.

**Technology & Safety** Matt Bruder attended the Buildings & Grounds meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>, meeting  
**& Security – Mr. Cap** was two part, new phone system for security was discussed as part of the 5-Year Plan.

**ACES Report - Mrs. Browe** ACES purchased property at 51 Trumbull Street which allows them to extend their ECA program with 80% reimbursement from State. ACES also started an administrator training program for in-house and member district, something for the district to look into..

**Adjourn** A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mr. Ziman to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Unanimously approved.

**INFORMATIONAL** – Next meeting – **January 11, 2016** at 7:30 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Acampora