

Orange Board of Education

Special Meeting

March 27, 2017

Minutes approved at the Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting

Attendees:

W. Kraut, J. Cap, M. Saccente, C. Young, D. Pucillo, B. Hadlock, C. Bunnell, S. Riccio, K. Browe, K. Ziman  
V. Scarpetti, M. Ullring, E. Russo, M. Sierakowski

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM

Motion by S. Riccio to amend the agenda to discuss the personnel matter as item 2. Seconded by D. Pucillo.

No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

M. Ullring brought two Invoices for approval for the phone upgrades. C. Young said that there are still outstanding items to be completed. M. Ullring reported that the wiring project is complete. The project is about 85% complete. Northeast Communications work is 100% complete. The invoice from Total is for delivered hardware.

Motion made by W. Kraut to pay Northeastern Communications & Electrical LLC \$38,392.98 and Total Communications \$9,490.27. Seconded by S. Riccio.

No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Invitation of E. Russo, M. Sierakowski, and V. Scarpetti into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion by C. Bunnell to enter into executive session at 6:20 PM. Seconded by K. Ziman.

No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Exit executive session at 6:37 PM

W. Kraut made a motion to grant additional paid leave to certified staff member through April 7, 2017. Seconded by S. Riccio.

No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Invite Ms. Byrd to join the Board of Education meeting.

M. Sierakowski provided a budget update. The Board's share of health insurance costs was reduced by \$100,000 as a result of savings with health savings accounts. This would reduce the current budget increase to 1.09% for the 2017-2018 year. Additional potential reductions and their impact were discussed. The Town Board of Finance may require additional cuts.

The Board charged the Superintendent to look into an RFP for supplying food in the schools.

The Board also requested review of potential transportation cost savings in the Special Education budget.

The Board took up discussion of possible class size guidelines number 6151. The Policy, Personnel and Transportation subcommittee met on March 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the guidelines to be outlined in 6151 and recommended it be reviewed by the entire Board. Discussion took place regarding factors to be considered when establishing the appropriate class size. Members discussed the merits of having a guideline with and without numbers. The Board agreed that a guideline should be established which formalizes the Board of Education's philosophy towards class size.

C. Young made a motion to send 6151 back to the policy committee. Motion was seconded by K. Ziman.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously

Motion by K. Ziman to adjourn and seconded by S. Riccio.

No discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Submitted by M. Saccente