

**MINUTES**  
**ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**April 17, 2017**

Minutes approved at the Monday, May 15th BOE meeting.

***Attendance***

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

Absent: Mrs. Pucillo

The meeting was taped by OGAT

Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Ms. Sierakowski, Dr. Russo, Mrs. Slowik, Boy Scout Troop 12 and their parents. Boy Scout Troop 12 are working on their Citizenship in the Community Merit badge.

***Call to Order***

The regular meeting was called to order by Board Chair Kraut at 7:35 p.m. Troop 12 lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance was and the Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Browe.

***Public Participation***

None

***Correspondence***

In their packets, Board Members received a copies of three employee resignation letters and a copy of the thank you note received from the Orange Lions Club.

***Consent Agenda***

A motion was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mrs. Saccente to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2017 BOE meeting and the minutes from the Special BOE meeting held on March 27th. . Unanimously approved.

***Presentation -  
Next-Generation  
Accountability  
Report***

Dr. Russo shared the Next-Generation Accountability Report with the Board using a Powerpoint presentation. The Connecticut State Department of Education has created a new system for state, district and school reporting and new reports to go along with this system. The purpose of the presentation was to share information that will help readers orient themselves to the reports and understand them more clearly. There are 12 indicators, but only 4 apply to an elementary district. The four indicators are: academic achievement (performance index), academic growth, chronic absenteeism, physical fitness. The Next-Generation Accountability Report will be loaded on the district's website (oess.org).

***Superintendent's  
Report***

Dr. Scarpetti welcomed everyone back from the Spring recess and welcomed Troop 12 who were in the audience working on their Citizenship and Community Merit badge. Dr. Scarpetti updated the Board on the 2017-2018 budget. Dr. Scarpetti said that the budget being presented is fiscally responsible. The 2017-2018 budget has a 0.72% increase over this year's budget. The Town Board of Finance budget presentation will take place on Thursday, April 27th at 7:30 p.m. and the referendum will take place on May 18th. The Smarter Balance Assessments for ELA and CMT Grade 5 Science are completed. SBA's for math will be starting on April 18th. The State Department of Education has decided that

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state mastery scores will be removed from teacher evaluations. Negotiations will be starting with two bargaining units, the Central Office Administrative Assistants and the Administrative Assistants/Paraprofessionals. Dates are being scheduled to discuss the ground rules with each bargaining unions. The district has had three (3) resignations. The payroll administrative position was posted and an internal candidate was hired to fill that position. A posting for a Library Media Specialist and a General Food Worker will be going out soon. The new phone system (VOiP) is up and running, some training took place over the Spring recess. There will be a Curriculum/Instruction/Technology Sub-Committee meeting on May 1st, vendors for new copies will present at that meeting. 2nd Annual Screen Free Week will take place from April 24th - April 28th. Information has been distributed to all parents listing activities for their children. The culminating event for unified sports will take place on April 29th at Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Dr. Scarpetti thanked the 21st Century On-Site Managers for their hard work planning their family dinners.

Ms. Sierakowski reported that the district just closed out March leaving only three months left to the 20216/17 fiscal year. The budget continues to be in good shape. Ms. Sierakowski reminded the Board that the Bond Referendum would take place on Tuesday, April 18th. There are 14 projects listed in the \$15M bond and three projects are specific to the BOE. The projects would be: paving at Turkey Hill & Race Brook Schools and ADA improvements at Turkey Hill School. Ms. Sierakowski reported that the DOT will be doing road work by Chips Restaurant beginning in late summer with a completion date in 2018. It has been determined that there should be no impact to Orange's bus runs.

Dr. Russo gave the Board an update on professional learning; March 24th launched the process with the ELA research and development team which was shared out the Curriculum/Instruction/Technology Sub-Committee. An assessment literacy presentation was done for the same team, they will be designing assessments for units of study. Write Process Writing professional development is planned for the month of May.

Mrs. Slowik reported that state regulations require all school professionals, paraprofessionals and administrators to be trained in the prevention of incidents requiring restraint and seclusion and the proper means of physically restraining or secluding students by July 2019. On March 4th, four staff members completed the "train the trainers" professional development given by Rob Davis a BCBA from SUMMIT Support Services. The four staff members trained will be able to train other staff in the district. To date all paraprofessionals and the crisis intervention teams have been trained. Missy Wrigley from SERC will provide a 3 hour professional development to members of the special education department. The professional development will address IEP writing, specifically writing present levels of performance and alignment with goals and accommodations. Mrs. Slowik explained the difference between ESY (Extended Service Year) and summer school. ESY is provided in a special education setting, inclusive/integrated setting, or a combination of both, as determined by a PPT. Summer School is offered to regular education students who receive Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions. A positing will to out tomorrow for a full-time special education preschool teacher. This position needs to be filled due to a resignation.

## ***Board Business***

### ***Contract Non-Renewals - Non-Tenured Teachers***

In their packets, Board Members received a list of non-tenured classroom teachers for contract non-renewals. In accordance with Connecticut General Statute 10-151 non-tenured teachers need to receive notification that their contract may not be renewed by May 1st. Non-renewals could be based on a reduction in force due to a budget cut.

## ***STANDING COMMITTEES***

### ***Finance & Operations - Ms. Riccio***

Finance Sub-Committee met prior to tonight's BOE meeting to review the expenditures/profit and loss information. Budget is in good shape.

### ***Personnel/Policy Transportation - Mrs. Saccente***

The Personnel/Policy/Transportation Committee discussed the topic of a class size policy at the March 27th Special BOE meeting; minutes have been posted on the website. Follow-up meeting is scheduled for April 24th a discussion on class size and food allergies will take place.

### ***Building & Grounds / Safety & Security - Mr. Young***

Nothing to report. At this time there is no need for a monthly sub-committee meeting.

### ***Long Range Planning Report - Mrs. Pucillo***

No report, Mrs. Pucillo absent from meeting.

### ***Curriculum / Instruction- Mrs. Browe***

Committee met on April 4th. Sub-committee will meet again on May 1st to review vendor presentations for new copiers. Committee is also discussing an opt out paper initiative for report cards for next school year. Committee is addressing how food is used in curriculum projects and the goals of Spanish.

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

Ad-Hoc Committee has met prior to meeting this evening. Recommendations are almost set, Ad-Hoc Committee will have a first read of recommendations at the May BOE meeting.

### ***ACES Report - Ms. Riccio***

ACES had their regular monthly meeting, main topic was budget cuts. ACES is being creative trying to find ways to save and make money. ACES will host a Summer Academy and are working on an insurance consortium with other districts.

### ***Adjourn***

A motion to adjourn was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mr. Ziman at 8:22 p.m. Unanimously approved.

***INFORMATIONAL*** – Next meeting – **Monday, May 15, 2017** at 7:30 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Acampora