

MINUTES
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 15, 2016

Minutes approved at the Monday, September 19, 2016 BOE Meeting.

Attendance

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

Absent: Mrs. Saccente, Mrs. Pucillo

The meeting was taped by OGAT & Sound View TV

Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Ms. Sierakowski, Dr. Russo, Mrs. Slowik, Mike Luzzi, Matthew Ullring. Also in attendance were Tony Vitti, Peggy Pisano & Victoria Carnera from Project Teach.

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.

Public Participation

None

Correspondence

None

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mr. Ziman to approve (with one minor typo corrected on page 2) the Consent Agenda items. Items in the Consent Agenda included the minutes from the June 20, 2016 regular BOE meeting and the minutes from the Special Board of Education meeting held on June 27, 2016. Unanimously approved.

***Presentation by
Project Teach -
Sexual Abuse
Prevention &
Education Program
(Policy 5145.511)***

Mr. Tony Vitti, Mrs. Peggy Pisano and Ms. Victoria Carnera from Project Teach a program run by the Milford Rape Crisis Center presented to the Board their 2016 Sexual Assault & Abuse Prevention & Awareness curriculum. Project Teach presents a Body Safety program to schools. The program is designed to give students the understanding of good and not good touches. The State Board of Education & Legislature are mandating districts institute such programs in conjunction with Erin's Law & Policy 5145.511 (Sexual Abuse Prevention & Education Program). The district's Personnel/Policy/Transportation Sub-Committee is working on adopting Policy 5145.511.

***Superintendent's
Report***

Dr. Scarpetti has been sending updates to the Board all summer, informing them about the First Lego League camp, Camp Invention and Summer School.

Dr. Russo informed the Board that two units for every grade level in math are ready to go. The staff will dive into those units at the Professional Development on August 24th. One launching unit for ELA (English Language Arts) and 13 foundational skills units for beginning readers have also been completed. Dr. Scarpetti thanked the teachers that came in over the summer to complete these projects.

Dr. Scarpetti introduced Mr. Matthew Ullring as the district's new Technology Director. Mr. Ullring thanked Dr. Scarpetti, Dr. Russo & Mr. Cap for the interview and stated he was happy to join the district. Mr. Ullring comes from the East Haven School System where they currently have 1-1 computers which Orange will be rolling out this year. Matt has 20 years in the technology field and stated he was a people person. Chromebooks, have been configured, desktops have been set-up in the rooms. Matt has set-up some meetings with VoIP phone vendors, taking a different approach, picking a phone brand and not a phone vendor. Picking a phone that will last a long time, that is reliable and that will integrate with the district's current technology will work best. Dr. Scarpetti then thanked Mr. Cap for all his time during the hiring process.

Ms. Sierakowski reported that the summer is a busy and transitional time for central office. The district is closing out one fiscal year, bringing projects to closure, paying bills, reconciling in preparation for the auditors' visit in the near future. Much effort goes into providing an effective, efficient and safe way to provide transport for our students. The bus routes reflect the school population in any given year, sixth graders are off the routes and new students are added. This shift creates the possibility of changes to long-standing stops and new stops being added. Students' bus numbers will be included on the principal's letter going out on August 16th. There will be a three town meeting at Amity next week to review the new routes with the bus drivers and to review their responsibilities as driver for our students.

Dr. Scarpetti then asked Mr. Luzzi to give the Board an update on all of the projects that took place over the summer. A lot of these projects were funded by savings through the facilities department, with help from Dr. Scarpetti and Ms. Sierakowski. The projects included: Race Brook's & Turkey Hill's gym floors, were sanded down to all natural wood and refinished, All new lines and school letters were painted on. Race Brook school's sidewalk was fixed, pole protectors were installed on the basketball poles. Six new cameras were purchased, these cameras would be used if one of the existing camera stopped working and needed repair. New ballards around the UI box at RB, which was required by the UI Company. LED lighting upgrade at Mary L. Tracy, Turkey Hill and Race Brook has been completed. Audit at Peck Place School to update lighting to LED. Mr. Luzzi commended his staff for their hard work this summer, especially with the excessive heat. Mr. Ziman commented how lucky the district is to have Mr. Luzzi as the Director of Facilities.

Dr. Russo updated the Board on some of the current personnel openings. Currently the board has several non-union positions open, the district is looking for a math aide, a reading aide, a security monitor. The kindergarten position for Mary L. Tracy and the math specialist position at Race Brook should be filled this week.

Superintendent Scarpetti said he was impressed by the teachers, they are already at the schools getting their classrooms ready for the start of school.

Board Business

Second Read - 5113 - Attendance & Excuses & 5113.2 - Truancy

These policies were presented as a first read at the June 20th BOE meeting. Motion made/seconded to adopt Policy 5113 Attendance & Excuses by Mrs. Bunnell/Ms. Riccio. Unanimously approved. Motion made/seconded to adopt Policy 5113.2 Truancy by Ms. Ricco/Mr. Young. Unanimously approved.

First Read - 5141.21 - Administering Medication, 5145.511 - Sexual Abuse Prevention & Education Program, 5144.4 - Physical Exercise & Discipline, 0200 - Statement of Education Goals

These policies are being presented as a first read. Red-lined copies of these policies were provided to Board Members. Board Members with questions or needing clarification should reach out to Mrs. Saccente, Chair of Personnel/Policy/Transportation or to Dr. Scarpetti. These policies will be presented at the next board meeting for approval.

Non-Union Hourly Salaries *

Non-Union Hourly Salaries for those with one-year contracts will be discussed in Executive Session.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance & Operations - Ms. Riccio

Committee met on August 1st and reviewed the expenditures/profit and loss information. Everything looks to be on-track. The additional funds needed for the new teachers at Mary L., Tracy and Turkey Hill have been reallocated within the budget. Some changes may be coming to the 21st program. A professional development has been set-up for the on-site managers. The next sub-committee meeting will take place a week or two before the next BOE meeting.

Personnel/Policy Transportation – Mr. Young

Committee met on August 1st and few other times. Among others, the committee is working on the policies brought forward tonight as a first read. Class Size and Food & Allergy policies will be worked on soon.

Building & Grounds / Safety & Security – Mr. Young

Mr. Luzzi is doing a wonderful job, the buildings look great, the smell of fresh paint is all around. The solar project is going to be great.

Long Range Planning Report Mrs. Pucillo

Mrs. Pucillo was absent, Dr. Scarpetti reported that he and Mrs. Pucillo have been conversing back and forth. Mrs. Pucillo hopes to set up a meeting for the end of September or early October.

*Curriculum /
Instruction- Mrs.
Browe*

Committee didn't meet in August but this doesn't mean the work has stopped. Mrs. Browe referred back to Dr. Russo's update on curriculum. The committee hopes to meet in September.

*ACES Report - Ms.
Riccio*

Nothing to report, no meetings are held during the summer, however, ACES has been providing information.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made/seconded by Mr. Ziman/Ms. Riccio at 8:39 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Executive Session
August 15, 2016
Entered into session at 8:39 PM

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

Not Present: Mrs. Pucillo, Mrs. Saccente

Discussion – Non-Union Hourly Salaries

Exit Executive Session at 9:18 PM. Motion by: Ms. Riccio, Second by Mrs. Browe -
All in favor

Enter back into regular session at 9:19 PM

Motion to end regular board meeting at 9:19 PM

Motion by: Mrs. Browe, Second by: Ms. Riccio – All in favor

Submitted by: Jeffery Cap

INFORMATIONAL – Next meeting – **September 19, 2016** at 7:30 p.m. in the
Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Acampora