

**MINUTES  
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
December 19, 2016**

Minutes approved at the Tuesday, January 17, 2017 BOE Meeting.

***Attendance***

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

Absent: ----

The meeting was taped by OGAT

Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Ms. Sierakowski, Dr. Russo, Mrs. Slowik, Mr. Carbone, Mrs. Arterbery, Mrs. Byrd, Mr. Ullring, Mrs. Kozniewski, Mr. Marino (7:53 p.m.)

***Call to Order***

The regular meeting was called to order by Board Chair Kraut at 7:36 p.m. The Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Pucillo.

***Public Participation***

None

***Correspondence***

In their packets, Board Members received a letter from Linda Rogers, announcing her retirement (January 5, 2017)

***Consent Agenda***

A motion was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mrs. Bunnell to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2016 BOE meeting. Mr. Kraut, Mrs. Browe, Ms. Riccio, Mr. Young, Mrs. Bunnell, Mrs. Hadlock, Mrs. Saccente, Mrs. Pucillo and Mr. Ziman voted in favor of, Mr. Cap abstained.

***Presentation -  
1:World Update***

Mrs. Kozniewski along with Mr. Carbone, Mrs. Byrd, and Mrs. Slowik (Mr. Ullring worked slide presentation) presented an update to the Board Members concerning Chromebook usage, Chromebook reliability and program usage statistics on Chromebooks. The presentation outlined what Chromebooks are being used at each grade level and what the impact of the new technology means for different grade levels. The instructional benefits and next steps were also touched upon. The presentation and application summary sheet will be loaded on the district website.

***Superintendent's  
Report***

Dr. Scarpetti began his report by sharing some information he received from Mrs. Patrick about the Southern Region Middle School Band auditions. Two of our students, SiRu Liang and Adam Zhang were selected to play in the Regional Festival Middle School Band concert in March. Dr. Scarpetti thanked the Music Teachers at all the schools for their hard work with the Winter concerts. Dr. Scarpetti also thanked the Lions Club for their eye screening testing for all pre-k and kindergarten students. Mrs. Hadlock informed the board that the Lions Club has access to the Scope Pedivision 800 Vision Screening Camera. For the past few years the Lions Club has been visiting and screening in nursery schools and preschools in Orange. The camera can diagnosed 6 different possible vision problems that a child may have. 180 students were screened over a three day period which resulted in 10 referrals. The contract for the VoIP system has been

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

signed. The Capital Projects presentation will take place on January 19th. As part of the district's on-going collaboration with Amity, Math Night with Greg Tang will take place on January 9th at the Amity Middle School. Budget workshops will begin with the Board in January. Linda Rogers, the Cafeteria Manager at Peck Place School will be retiring on January 5th after 30 years with the district. Dr. Scarpetti ended his report by wishing everyone at the meeting and at home a happy holiday season.

Ms. Sierakowski reported that the district is actually working in three fiscal years. Last year's 2015-2016 budget was reconciled and audited. The auditors will be in tomorrow (December 20th) for their final sign-off to the state. Their sign-off will close the 2015-2016 year. The 2016-2017 budget continues to be on track. There is nothing of concern to date or on the horizon. Each administrator is staying within their budgets. The 2017-2018 budget continues to be a primary focus for the administrative team. The first budget workshop is scheduled for January 25th.

Dr. Russo reported that at the December faculty meeting teachers from grades 1 and 2 reviewed Flyleaf decodable text and learned how it supports the district's early literacy initiative, teachers from grades K and 3-6 worked on the math curriculum. Symbol & Concept Imagery Modeling and Coaching structures were created for the Reading and TESOL aides, the Reading Consultants and for the Special Education classroom teachers. Instructional Walkthroughs related to early literacy initiatives in kindergarten classes were conducted during the week of December 5th. Information collected will be used as a follow-up to the ELA meeting on January 18th.

Mrs. Slowik shared that she is in the process of working to revise the procedures for the Special Education Department. The last one put out by the State was in 2007. Mrs. Slowik will share the updates with her teams to make sure there is more consistency across the district and to ensure compliance.

***Board Business***

***2017-2018 Student  
Calendar (Draft)***

In their packets, Board Members received the draft 2017-2018 student calendar. Dr. Scarpetti provided the Board Members with an Option B draft calendar as well. Option B provides for an additional afternoon for parent conferences. This additional day will not result in an early release day for students, the conferences will be scheduled during the teacher's faculty meeting. Members were asked to review the calendars and share any concerns with Dr. Scarpetti before the January BOE meeting.

***Out of State Field  
Trip Request - TH  
School***

Mrs. Arterbery is requesting permission for the fifth grade students at Turkey Hill School to travel to Old Sturbridge Village and for the sixth grade students to travel to Newport, Rhode Island in May. A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Bunnell. Unanimously approved.

***School Nurses \****

This agenda item was tabled by Mrs. Saccente. An update concerning school nurses will be given during the Personnel/Policy/Transportation Standing Committees report.

**6 Month Review -  
Cohen & Wolfe**

Attorney Vincent Marino addressed the Board Members giving them the breakdown and comparison legal expenses for the past six months. The Personnel/Policy/Transportation sub-committee will review the information provided and a recommendation will be made to the board.

**STANDING  
COMMITTEES**

**Finance &  
Operations -  
Ms. Riccio**

Finance Sub-Committee met directly before tonight's BOE meeting and reviewed the expenditures/profit and loss information. Everything is in order and is running smoothly.

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

The Personnel/Policy/Transportation sub-committee met prior to tonight's meeting, to discuss the next steps for the allergy policy. There is a meeting set for January 11th to discuss class size and some personnel issues, a routine meeting is set for January 30th and a follow-up meeting concerning class size is set for February 6th. There have been some questions about what jurisdiction the district has over the school nurses who are employed by the town, there is a state statute that allows the district to appoint the members, district will be reaching out to council to see what our responsibilities are to formally appoint them and what impact that may have on the town's contract.

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

Committee met on November 28th to discuss the 2017-18 Ad Hoc Capital Project requests. Issues regarding radios between bus drivers and the Police Department have been resolved. Sidewalk curb at Peck Place has been painted. No plans for a December meeting.

**Long Range  
Planning Report  
Mrs. Pucillo**

Committee meeting was scheduled but it needed to be postponed. Mrs. Pucillo is thinking about using Google Docs to get information out to the Board since January is already busy with meetings.

**Curriculum /  
Instruction- Mrs.  
Browe**

Mrs. Browe thanked Dr. Russo for her report. There is a lot going on with Professional Development. New Class Link has been introduced to the staff and students, giving them one sign-on for access to all their programs. VoIP contract has been signed. Next committee meeting is set for January 30th.

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

The 21st Century Ad-Hoc sub-committee met on December 12th. The committee members will be visiting the programs and will be meeting with the on-site managers.

**ACES Report - Ms.  
Riccio**

Ms. Riccio shared some of the artwork from ACES students. Their artwork has been used to decorate t-shirts, and greeting cards. The students were recognized at the December meeting. ACES has set their calendar, and are looking at their structure including job descriptions. There has been some hiring done by ACES. Some discussion took place about early head-start and 0-3.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Saccente at 9:21 p.m. Unanimously approved.

***INFORMATIONAL*** – Next meeting – **Tuesday, January 17, 2017** at 7:30 p.m.  
in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Acampora