

MINUTES
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 21, 2016

Minutes approved at the December 19, 2016 BOE meeting.

Attendance

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

Absent: Mr. Cap

The meeting was taped by OGAT.

Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Ms. Sierakowski, Dr. Russo, Mr. Gray, Mr. Carbone, Mrs. Arterbery, Mrs. Byrd, Mr. Ullring, Mrs. Moffett, Mrs. Lasto, Mr. Taylor Auger, Parent

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Board Chair Kraut at 7:31 p.m. Mr. Kraut thanked the Veterans for their service and asked Mr. Ullring to lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Pucillo.

None

Public Participation

None

Correspondence

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mrs. Pucillo to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2016 BOE meeting. Unanimously approved.

Presentations

1. Professional Development Evaluation Committee (PDEC) - Mr. Gray & Mrs. Moffett. Mr. Gray & Mrs. Moffett (Co-Chairs) presented a PowerPoint representation outlining the changes made to the TEVAL plan. The changes made were made to the “paperwork” portion of the plan not the process.

2. Mr. Taylor Auger, Keynote Speaker from Professional Learning - Mr. Auger also shared a computer presentation indicating how important the integration of technology is to facilitate learning in the classroom.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Scarpetti began his report by thanking the parents, Board Members and the Town Board of Finance members who attended one of the visitation days (Tuesday, November 15th & Thursday, November 17th) for American Education Week. Dr. Scarpetti reported that the 2017 budget process is underway, meetings have taken place with school principals. Attorney Marino (Cohen & Wolfe) will present attorney costs at the December (December 19th) BOE meeting. Dr. Scarpetti updated the Board on the Harlem Wizard’s community event. The event was organized/hosted by the PTO/A’s of all schools with achievement in addressing the district’s goals to bring all schools together.. The Orange Crush team was made up of administrators, staff members and community members. Out of 1000 tickets, 995 of them were sold. There has been some discussion with Dr. Dumais, Superintendent of Amity about mirroring “Coffee with a Cop”, this would give both Superintendents the ability to reach-out and connection with more parents and community members. Dr. Scarpetti mentioned attending the Veterans assemblies at the schools and wished the Orange community a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Ms. Sierakowski reported that the Finance Sub-Committee met prior to tonight's meeting. The committee reviewed major expenditures and confirmed that the district continues to be aligned within the budget. Next year's budget process is moving forward. BOE budget workshops dates will be set soon. The auditors were in over the past few weeks, all indications are for a clean audit. The auditors will be finishing up the audits for both the district and town over the next few weeks. Professional Development was held on November 8th for the Cafeteria staff and the School Security Monitors.

Dr. Russo reported on Professional Learning, there was a professional development day for teachers on November 8th, all descriptions were sent to the BOE. STEAM Team training will take place on November 29th at ACES and Robotic training will take place on December 7th. The Lego competition was held on Saturday, November 19th, Peck Place, Turkey Hill and Race Brook all had teams competing. A BOWA Family Math Night has been scheduled for January 9th at the Orange Middle School, Greg Tang will be speaking to parents and there will be hands on activities for students and their parents.

Board Business

***2017-2018 Meeting
Dates***

In their October packets, Board Members received the proposed meeting dates for 2017-2018. Board Members were asked to review the meeting dates and share any concerns with Dr. Scarpetti or with Chairman Kraut. With no concerns, a motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Pucillo to approve the 2017-18 meeting dates as proposed. Unanimously approved.

VoIP Project

Mr. Ullring forwarded updated vendor comparison numbers, product information and schematics to Board Members with their board packets. The Curriculum/Instruction/Technology sub-committee met on Monday, November 14th to discuss the project. Mr. Ullring reviewed the information the Board received from him and answered questions from Board Members. A motion was made by Mr. Ziman and seconded by Mrs. Pucillo to accept the subcommittee's recommendation of choosing vendor #2. Included in the motion was the contract would not be signed until it was reviewed by the Chairman Kraut, Vice-Chairman Cap and Secretary Saccente. The Curriculum/Instruction/Technology sub-committee will review invoices before they get sent to the town for processing. Mr. Kraut, Mrs. Saccente, Mrs. Pucillo, Mrs. Browe, Mr. Ziman, Mrs. Hadlock, Mrs. Bunnell, Mr. Young voted in favor of. Ms. Riccio abstained. Mr. Cap absent. Motion carries.

***STANDING
COMMITTEES***

Annual reports were included in Standing Committee reports this month.

***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. Ms. Riccio indicated she likes being chair of the committee. In her annual report, Ms. Riccio mentioned that there is a wonderful collaboration with Ms. Sierakowski and throughout the year the committee has provided close oversight and diligent review of the finances and there has been cost savings. The cafeteria and 21st expenditures have been reviewed as well, the committee is trying to schedule a 21st Century meeting for next week.

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

Mrs. Saccente started with her annual report, district contracted with CABE to do an audit of our policy manual, since the audit the committee has reviewed/updated 13 policies, there are 26 to go, 8 are being reviewed by the Leadership Team and 2 are being reviewed by the committee. The committee hopes to have all policies updated by the end of next year. The sub-committee will meet again on November 28th, they are currently reviewing the food allergy policies (5141.25 & 5141.26). The committee is close to being done revising the policies and hope to bring the policies to the Board in December. A time frame to discuss the class size policy will be set soon. The goal is for the policy to be reviewed and proposed before the next academic year.

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

Mr. Young started his annual report by saying it has been a productive year with parking lot paving, drains, phones, new radios for 21st Century and bus drivers, capital improvement projects, drills and trainings with law enforcement, new lights, solar panels. Mr. Young praised the hard work of Mr. Luzzi, Ms. Sierakowski and thanked Selectman Zeoli for his support. Next sub-committee meeting is set for Monday, November 28th.

**Long Range
Planning Report
Mrs. Pucillo**

Committee met on October 24th. Throughout the year there have been several meetings to discuss the Strategic Plan. Superintendent Scarpetti, Administrators and committee members have categorized each goal in the plan as completed, incomplete, ongoing and current task. The committee has reviewed proposals for a possible facilitator to assist in developing a strategic plan. The sub-committee will continue reviewing, editing and incorporate changes as needed with input from the district administrators. Next sub-committee meeting will be held in December.

**Curriculum /
Instruction- Mrs.
Browe**

Committee has been active this year. Regarding curriculum, Dr. Russo makes sub-committee look productive by always reporting on professional learning activities, excellence in summer programming. Committee has discussed and will revisit the appropriate implementation of the State mandated sexual assault and abuse prevention and awareness curriculum. New significant technology initiatives have taken place in 2016 including implementation of 1-1 computers in grades 3-6 and the new VoIP project.

**ACES Report - Ms.
Riccio**

Ms. Riccio reported that the ACES Governing Board approved the regional calendar for the 2017-18. The State Department of Education has a survey on their website, they are looking for feedback on how can teachers and schools improve.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mr. Ziman at 9:19 p.m. Unanimously approved.

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

Sub Committee selection sheets were given to Board Members, they are to number their preferences and return the sheet for review.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Acampora

