

**MINUTES
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 17, 2016**

Minutes approved at the November 21, 2016 BOE Meeting.

Attendance

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

Absent: --

The meeting was taped by OGAT.

Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Ms. Sierakowski, Dr. Russo, Mrs. Slowik, Mr. Gray, Mr. Carbone, Mrs. Arterbery, Mrs. Byrd, Mr. Ullring, PTO/A Representative.

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Board Chair Kraut at 7:34 p.m. the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Pucillo.

Public Participation

None

Correspondence

None

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mrs. Pucillo to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2016 BOE meeting (as presented with revisions). Mr. Kraut, Mr. Cap, Mrs. Saccente, Mrs. Hadlock, Mrs. Pucillo, Mrs. Bunnell, Ms. Riccio, Mrs. Browe, Mr. Young voted in favor of. Mr. Ziman abstained (absent from September's meeting). Motion passes. A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mr. Ziman to approve the bills/expenditures for September. Ms. Riccio explained that going forward the Board will not be approving the bills/expenditures. Unanimously approved. Motion passes.

***Presentation &
Superintendent's
Report - Smarter
Balance Assessment
Scores***

Dr. Scarpetti began his report speaking about the lockdown that took place at Race School due to a robbery suspect who fled Woodbridge and was in the vicinity of Race Brook School. The lockdown was issued by the Orange Police Department who remained at the school for most of the day. Dr. Scarpetti's monthly meetings with the PTO/A Executive Officers have started and a focus will be on making the district's mission statement more visible. Assessment meetings are ongoing, the powerpoint is loaded on the district website. Dr. Scarpetti informed the Board/audience that parent/teacher conferences will take place on October 25th & 27th.

Ms. Sierakowski reported that the Finance Sub-Committee met prior to tonight's meeting. Solar panels are officially up and running at the three elementary schools. There are monitors located at each school which provide real-time daily usage and educational information. Mike Luzzi will be monitoring closely for cost savings and will be reporting those savings at later meetings. All bus radios are in full

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Scores (continued)***

operation and at no time where any of the radios not working. Drivers are thrilled with expanded area of reception. Ms. Sierakowski informed the Board that one of Dr. Scarpetti's initiatives is to start the budget process earlier this year. Ms. Sierakowski informed the Board that she attended a workshop last Friday that she found very worthwhile/interesting. Kathleen Demsey, CSDE Chief Financial Officer is hoping not to reduce ECS or Excess Cost funds to towns.

Dr. Russo's report started with Professional Learning: math minis continued in the month of October, focus on grades 3 & 4. Teachers have enjoyed the math mini's and the time to collaborate with their peers. Applicants have been sent out for teachers who are interested in developing background knowledge in STEAM, specifically STEM first. Those interested will facilitate meetings with their grade level peers. TESOL & World Language teachers will be attending a conference this month on the professional development day. ELA collaborate faculty meetings on Wednesdays will continue to focus on inter-ratio reliability with the comprehensive conversation that the district embarked on. Professional Development is planned for Tuesday, November 8th. All Board Members were invited to attend the afternoon portion of the Professional Development.

Mrs. Slowik informed the Board that an open Special Education teaching position open since the start of the school year has filled. The candidate will start on November 14th. The district will need to hire an additional special education paraprofessional due to a student who just moved into district. Three special education teachers, one from TH, PP, & RB will attend the Wilson Reading Program, Mrs. Slowik is thrilled to have one person in each building trained with those skills.

The Superintendent, Building Principals and Dr. Russo presented the Smarter Balance Assessment Scores. The presentation is available on the district webpage.

Board Business

***Out-Of-State Field
Trip Request***

In their packets, Board Members received a request from Principal Carbone seeking permission for his sixth grade students to visit Newport Rhode Island May. A motion was made/seconded to approve Mr. Carbone's request by Mrs. Saccente/Mrs. Bunnell . Unanimously approved.

***2017-2018 Meeting
Dates (proposed)***

In their 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. The Board will vote at the November BOE meeting to approve the dates.

**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 under budget at this time. Reallocation form was included in Board Members packets, adjustments needed in teacher's lines due to class size and enrollment. 21st Century year-to-date budget was reviewed. Cafeteria discussed as well.

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

Committee will meet again on November 2nd. Committee will discuss/revise the allergy policy and will be putting together a proposed plan to talk about class size. The State passed Public Act 16-67, the district has a policy concerning disclosure of certain education personnel records that will need to be reviewed. Ms. Saccente reminded all Sub-Committee Chairs that their annual reports are due at the November meeting.

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

Sub-Committee met prior to BOE meeting. Items reviewed/discussed: ADA status of elementary schools, committee unanimously approved a motion to recommend the Bond Oversight Committee to request allocation of funding for handicap access projects, mainly handicap bathroom accessibility at Turkey Hill School. Committee also supports the Turkey Hill Father's Club idea of paving the school's running track and the new school sign at Peck Place School. Mr. Luzzi reviewed the results of the water tests of all four schools, each test result was within the safe parameters established by the State. On a security note, each 21st Century Program has received new/updated radio's.

**Long Range
Planning Report
Mrs. Pucillo**

Mrs. Pucillo reminded Board that the current Strategic Plan ends this year, a sub-committee meeting has been set for Monday, October 24th to discuss completed tasks, on-going tasks and incomplete tasks.

**Curriculum/
Instruction- Mrs.
Browe**

A lot of professional development has been taking place, board was updated through Dr. Russo's report. Sub-committee plans to meet on Monday, October 24th.

**ACES Report - Ms.
Riccio**

Ms. Riccio reported that the ACES Governing Board rejected the proposed draft calendar for the 2017-18 by a vote of 15-2. Most districts rejected the calendar due to the proposed start date (Monday, August 28th), many districts felt starting school on a Monday made for a long week, most would like to see a Wednesday start date. Ms. Riccio asked the Board Members for their feedback so she could share their input at the next meeting.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mr. Ziman at 9:18 p.m. Unanimously approved.

INFORMATIONAL – Next meeting – **November 21, 2016** at 7:30 p.m. in the
Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Acampora