

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

Minutes approved at the October 17, 2016 BOE Meeting.

- Attendance*** Present: Mr. Kraut, Mr. Cap, Mrs. Browe, Ms. Riccio, Mr. Young, Mrs. Bunnell, Mrs. Hadlock, Mrs. Saccente, Mrs. Pucillo
- Absent: Mr. Ziman
- The meeting was taped by OGAT & Sound View TV
- Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Ms. Sierakowski, Dr. Russo, Mrs. Slowik, Mr. Gray, Mr. Carbone, Mrs. Gilson, Mrs. Arterbery, Mrs. Byrd, PTO/A Representative.
- Call to Order*** The regular meeting was called to order by Board Chair Kraut at 7:32 p.m. the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Mission Statement was read by Mrs.Pucillo.
- Public Participation*** None
- Correspondence*** Included in Board Member packets; letter from State Board of Education congratulating Orange for being in compliance with IDEA, the flyer for the Bus Driver Appreciation breakfast, and the CABE/CAPSS Convention information.
- Consent Agenda*** A motion was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mrs. Hadlock to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Items in the Consent Agenda were the minutes from the August 15, 2016 regular BOE meeting. Mr. Kraut, Mr. Cap, Ms. Riccio, Mr. Young, Mrs. Pucillo, Mrs. Browe, Mrs. Hadlock, Mrs. Bunnell voted in favor of, Mrs. Saccente abstained. Mr. Ziman absent. Motion passes.
- Presentation(s)*** None
- Superintendent's Report*** Dr. Scarpetti thanked the Board Members that were able to attend the district's Welcome Back (August 24th) and shared the theme of the day for those who could not attend. Dr. Scarpetti shared some slides in regards to how powerful adults are and the impact they make in young children lives. Dr. Scarpetti touched on the Mission Statement informing the Board that they are not just words on a piece of paper, that the district leaders are making those words part of the theme for the their schools. Mrs. Nicole Gilson (grade 5 teacher at Peck Place) was awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in math & science teaching. Mrs. Gilson was recognized at the Welcome Back and again at tonight's BOE meeting. Mrs. Gilson shared her experiences at the White House and informed the Board of process it took to apply for the award.

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

Dr. Russo informed the Board of the Rubicon Atlas professional development that took place on August 25th. Rubicon Atlas is the instructional platform for curriculum. There were also sessions on math units of study. Grade level teams had deep dives into unit 1 of each grade level. Professional development will take place again on September 21st. Mini meetings will be happening at each school.

Dr. Russo updated the Board on personnel: the new math specialist at Race Brook School started today (September 19th), a new kindergarten teacher was hired at Mary L. Tracy, a part-time accounting clerk was hired at Central Office, a new security monitor was hired at Peck Place School and interviews are currently underway for a school security monitor at Mary L. Tracy School.

Dr. Scarpetti shared that the PTO/A Council meetings have begun. Dr. Scarpetti and Dr. Russo would like to hold a two-part event for parents sharing assessments and showing the instructional strategies that they can also do at home. Dr. Scarpetti congratulated Mrs. Slowik for receiving a letter from the State Department of Education congratulating Orange for being in compliance with IDEA, this letter comes after a lengthy file review.

Ms. Sierakowski reported that Finance Committee met last week, at this point of the year, there are no financial surprises. Ms. Sierakowski indicated that the auditors will be in soon to perform an independent audit for the financial books.

Dr. Scarpetti informed the Board that the judge's ruling of the CCJEF vs. Rell court case has been appealed. The court's decision may have a significant impact on educational funding. Dr. Scarpetti reported that the Smarter Balance scores will be presented to the Board at next month's BOE meeting.

Board Business

***Second Read - Policy
5141.21 -
Administering
Medication***

The following policies were presented as a first read at the August 15th BOE meeting. Motion made/seconded to adopt Policy 5141.21 Administering Medication by Mrs. Pucillo/Mrs. Saccente. Unanimously approved.

***5145.511 - Sexual
Abuse Prevention &
Education Program***

A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Ricco/Mrs. Browe, much discussion followed, Mrs. Bunnell wanted parents to sign a permission slip for their child to participate in the program which prompted an amended motion made by Mrs. Hadlock and seconded by Ms. Riccio to include language "a student shall participate in a sexual abuse assault awareness program offered within the school in its entirety or any part thereof only upon written notification from a parent or guardian." Chairman Kraut expressed his concerns about the program and the curriculum, he feels Board will have some added pressure because of the State's mandate. Mr. Kraut feels parents should parent their own children. Discussion followed. Amended motion unanimously approved. A motion was made/seconded to adopt policy 5145.511 by Mrs. Saccente/Mrs. Hadlock. Discussion followed from Mrs. Browe. Mrs. Browe, Ms. Riccio, Mrs. Pucillo, Mrs. Hadlock, Mrs. Bunnell and Mrs. Saccente voted in favor of, Mr. Kraut and Mr. Young opposed. Mr. Cap abstained. Mr. Ziman absent. Motion carries.

**5144.4 - Physical
Exercise &
Discipline**

A motion was made/seconded by Mrs. Saccente/Mrs. Hadlock to adopt policy 5144.4 - Physical Exercise & Discipline. Unanimously approved.

**0200 - Statement of
Education Goals**

A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Saccente. Discussion followed; Mrs. Hadlock pointed out that some language in the policy referred to the district as an elementary school district and other language listed it as Pre-K - 12, Mrs. Hadlock came up with the amended language below. A motion was made/seconded by Mrs. Pucillo/Mrs. Bunnell to amend the language to say "the Orange Elementary School district in conjunction with the Amity School district shall maintain a coordinated Pre-K - 12 program. Amended motion unanimously approved. A motion was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mrs. Browe to approved Policy 0200 - Statement of Education Goals as amended. Unanimously approved.

**STANDING
COMMITTEES**

**Finance &
Operations -
Ms. Riccio**

Committee met on September 12th and reviewed the expenditures/profit and loss information. Everything is in order. Finance committee has decided to meet before BOE meetings going forward, this started with the October BOE meeting. Cafeteria and 21st Century year-to-date budgets were reviewed as well.

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

Committee met on September 12th. Committee will be meeting again soon to discuss/revise the allergy policy. Much of the practices are currently being implemented so the children are safe. Class size will also be developed/discussed soon.

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

Solar will be operational soon, school will be compensated for the delays. Capital improvements are going on, routine water testing has been done, test results will be available soon. Buildings & Grounds plans to meet on Monday, September 26th.

**Long Range
Planning Report
Mrs. Pucillo**

Mrs. Pucillo reported that she and Dr. Scarpetti have conferenced several times, and continue to review the district's accomplishments of the goals that are currently being addressed. The current Strategic Plan ends this year, a meeting will be scheduled in October to update sub-committee and to work on creating the updated plan for the new year.

**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 next week (September 26th). Doodle out there, trying to set meeting date for VoIP project presentations.

**ACES Report - Ms.
Riccio**

ACES is looking to make sure that the design of ACES and the way it runs is still favorable to the school districts. ACES will be holding design sessions and are seeking input from districts. Ms. Riccio will be looking from input from other Board Members.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Pucillo at 8:25 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

INFORMATIONAL – Next meeting – **October 17, 2016** at 7:30 p.m. in the
Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Acampora