

MINUTES
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 23, 2018

Minutes approved at the May 21, 2018 BOE meeting.

Attendance

Present: Chairman Kraut, Mr. Cap, Ms. Riccio, Mr. Ziman, Mrs. Browe, Mrs. Hadlock, Mr. Flynn, Mrs. Welander, Mr. Young

Absent: Mrs. Bunnell, Dr. Russo

The meeting was taped by OGAT

Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Ms. Sierakowski, Mr. Ullring, Mrs. Slowik,

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Kraut at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Mission Statement was read by Mr. Flynn. Mr. Ullring lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Correspondence

In their packets, Board Members received two resignation letters, a security monitor at Peck Place School resigned as of April 12th and a teacher at Turkey Hill School will be resigning as of June 30, 2018.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Hadlock and seconded by Mr. Ziman to approve the minutes from the March 19th, 2018 BOE meeting. Mr. Kraut, Mr. Cap, Ms. Riccio, Mr. Ziman, Mrs. Hadlock, Mr. Flynn, Mrs. Browe, Mrs. Welander voted in favor of. Mr. Young abstained (Mr. Young was absent from March's meeting, Mrs. Bunnell absent this evening).

Presentation(s)

No presentations this evening.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Scarpetti began his report welcoming everyone back from April break. Dr. Scarpetti updated the Board on the Professional Learning that took place on March 29th. Professional Learning work included Process Writing, NGSS work, Units 1 & 2 for District Consensus Mapping, TEAM Modules for new teachers, Field Day/Olympic planning, PMT Training, and CPR & First Aid training for the Security Staff. Dr. Scarpetti shared with the Board (using the LCD projector) the Safety Tip Line the district has created and loaded on the website. Students, parents and community members will be able to keep school administrators and law enforcement informed about possible threats to the schools and students by using the Safety Tip Line. Tips can be entered anonymously. Principals will notify their staff, students and parents about the Safety Tip Line in their weekly e-blast and a notice will be placed in the local newspapers to notify town residents. Negotiations with the Custodian/Maintenance bargaining union is starting tomorrow. The Town BOF Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 26th at 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Scarpetti will be presenting the district's proposed 2018-19 budget to community members. Dr. Scarpetti mentioned the following activities: Unified Sports is taking place on Saturday at the Floyd Little Athletic Field, the

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

BOE will be hosting the New England Music Conference on Saturday, monthly sub-committee meetings will take place on Monday, April 30th, Screen Free Week starts on Monday, April 30th. There are activities scheduled Monday - Thursday for all students to participate. Teacher Appreciation week starts on May 7th and the BOW (Bethany, Orange Woodbridge) Relay for Life will take place on May 19th & 20th at HPCC. Students will be receiving Paint the Town Purple flyers through their schools.

Ms. Sierakowski reported that March was uneventful for school finances, the Finance Sub-Committee met earlier in the evening, a few items were discussed. Ms. Sierakowski reiterated that the Town BOF would be presenting the town budget on Thursday, April 26th at 7:30 p.m. in the High Plains Community Center Cafeteria. The Town has hired two new people; Paul Mongillo, the new IT Director and Bob Brinton as Town Engineer (Bob Hiza is retiring).

Dr. Russo was not in attendance.

Mrs. Slowik started her report by also mentioning the Unified Sports program happening at the Floyd Little Athletic Fields on Saturday, April 28th @ 10:00 a.m.. Mrs. Slowik stated that the Special Education Department received two retirements from Turkey Hill School. The School Psychologist and the Speech & Language Pathologist will both be retiring as of June 30th. These positions will be posted soon.

Board Business

***Second Reads -
Policies***

The following policies were presented as first reads at the March 19th BOE meeting. A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mr. Ziman to adopt policy 3542.22 - Food Services Personnel Code of Conduct. Unanimously approved. A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Hadlock to adopt policy 3542.41 Professional Standards for Food Service Personnel. Unanimously approved. A motion was made/seconded by Mrs. Hadlock/Mrs. Welander to adopt policy 6171.2 Pre-School Special Education. Mr. Flynn noted for the record that he didn't think it was fair for some students to pay tuition while others do not. Dr. Scarpetti and Mrs. Slowik spoke to his concerns. Unanimously approved. A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mr. Ziman to adopt policy 6173 Homebound/Hospitalization Instruction. Unanimously approved. A motion was made/seconded by Mr. Ziman/Mrs. Hadlock to adopt policy 5113 Attendance/Excuse/Dismissal. Unanimously approved.

***First Read Policies -
Policy 3542.43 Lunch
Charging, Policy
5141.3 Healthy
Assessment &
Immunizations &
Policy 4131 Staff
Development***

The Personnel/Policy/Transportation sub-committee met on March 26 to discuss the following policies: Policy 3542.43 Lunch Charging, Policy 5141.3 Healthy Assessment & Immunizations & Policy 4131 Staff Development. The policies were shared with the full board for review. Board members have been asked to read through the policies and list comments for necessary changes. There is no action required this evening since the policies are being presented as a first read. Board members were encouraged to reach out to Mrs. Browe or Dr. Scarpetti with any questions they may have. The policies will be presented at the May BOE meeting as second reads. Sub-Committee will be meeting on April 30th.

Discussion - School Calendar - Forgiveness 181st Day of School

In their packets, Board Members received a copy of the revised 2017-18 school calendar. Accounting for all snow days, the last day of school is scheduled for Monday, June 18th. The district builds 181 student days into the calendar, the state only requires 180 student days. Amity's last school day is Friday, June 15th (their Board forgave the 181st student day). Some questions followed. Certain groups will need to make up the time due to their contractual obligations. A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Browe. Mr. Kraut, Mr. Cap, Ms. Riccio, Mrs. Browe, Mr. Young, Mrs. Welander, Mr. Ziman Mr. Fynn voted in favor of. Mrs. Hadlock opposed. (Mrs. Bunnell absent) Motion carries. Last day of school will be Friday, June 15th (minimum day of school).

Superintendent's Recommendation - Mary L. Tracy Principal

This agenda item will be discussed in Executive Session.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance & Operations Ms. Riccio

Finance & Operations Sub-Committee met prior to tonight's BOE meeting and discussed the expenditures, profit & loss, line items are in order.

Personnel/Policy Transportation – Mrs. Browe

The sub-committee met on March 26th and plans to meet on April 30th. Committee is hard at work. Peanut butter has been eliminated from the school menu as of April 1st. The committee will also discuss how to implement the healthy food celebration policy and which foods can be provided by the school cafeterias again at their next sub-committee meeting.

Building & Grounds / Safety & Security – Mr. Young

Mr. Young reported that the sub-committee met prior to the BOE meeting this evening to approve invoices received from Rose Tiso & Facility Support for the ADA work at Turkey Hill School. These invoices will now go to the town Bond Oversight committee. Mr. Young stated that work is on track to start over the summer for the Race Brook parking lot and lighting.

Curriculum / Instruction / Technology - Mr. Ziman

Sub-Committee met on March 26th. Mr. Ullring informed the sub-committee that the district is compliant with data privacy and that the district website is ADA compliant. Dr. Russo shared three additional slides from her Accountability report. Dr. Russo also shared information about tuition based summer school which will be offering reading, language arts and math. At their meeting on March 26th, Dr. Russo shared plans for the March 29th professional learning day.

21st Century Ad-Hoc - Ms. Riccio

Ad-Hoc Committee met on April 4th. There have been some positive updates to the program. Sub-Committee is pleased with Mrs. Lasto and the 21st Century staff members. Committee has looked at the profit & loss reports, there will be no increase in tuition for the 2018-19 school year. The 2018-19 21st Century budget will be discussed at the next sub-committee meeting.

ACES Update

ACES met on April 12th. ACES received an award from CABA for their Behavioral Services Catalog. The Leeder Hill project is still ongoing, it is on track and on budget. Since three schools will shift to the Leeder Hill School, ACES has met with a real estate company to evaluate the empty properties. ACES has set their budget, budget has not been voted on yet, 2% increase, Orange will not see an increase in fees/dues. ACES will be holding a career night on Thursday, April 26th. ACES will be holding summer school for 9th - incoming 12 graders, some classes will be offered at Amity High School this summer.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Ms. Riccio. No discussion. Unanimous vote to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. Dr. Scarpetti, was invited into Executive Session.

Executive Session

Orange BOE executive session called to order by Chairman Kraut at 7:53 p.m.

Attendance: Bill Kraut Jeff Cap, Susan Riccio, Ken Ziman, Betty Hadlock, Kim Browe, Mary Welander, Charles Flynn, Christian Young, Dr. Vince Scarpetti

Discussion of the Superintendent's Recommendation - Mary L. Tracy Principal

Motion to exit out of Executive Session by Charles, 2nd by Betty at 8:08pm unanimous

Return to regular session by Bill Kraut @ 8:11 p.m.

Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for principal at MLT.

Motion made by Kim Browe, 2nd by Susan Riccio, unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn session – Ken Ziman, 2nd by Charles Flynn 8:12pm unanimous

Executive Session minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Riccio, Board Secretary

INFORMATIONAL – Next meeting – **Monday, May 21, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Acampora

