

MINUTES
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 21, 2017

Minutes approved at the Monday, September 18th BOE Meeting

Attendance

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

Absent: Chairman Kraut, Mrs. Pucillo

The meeting was taped by OGAT

Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Ms. Sierakowski, Dr. Russo, Mrs. Slowik, Mrs. Khachane, Mr. Ullring, Mr. Luzzi, Mrs. Tenney, Mrs. James

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Cap at 7:38 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Browe.

Public Participation

Mrs. Chrissy Khachane addressed the Board concerning the allergy policy. During the past year, Mrs. Khachane has attended many of the Personnel/Policy/Transportation Sub-Committee meetings when the allergy policy was being discussed. Mrs. Khachane asked the Board to consider minimizing the risk. Every snack and meal in the cafeteria poses a risk to a child with allergies. Mrs. Khachane said when teachers were surveyed they didn't have an overwhelming response to having food based curriculum as essential. Mrs. Khachane said she was grateful for the conversations that have unfolded thus far. Mrs. Khachane feels the Student Nutrition & Physical Activity (School Wellness Policy) being presented as a first read tonight is a significant step in the right direction.

Correspondence

Information on the CABE/CAPSS Convention happening in November was included in Board Member packets. Board Members interested in attending were asked to contact Marie for registration.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mrs. Browe to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2017 BOE meeting. Unanimously approved.

***Presentations -
Facilities Update -
Mr. Luzzi,***

Mr. Luzzi presented a timeline overview listing projects completed over the summer and those scheduled for the fall and beyond. Some of the bigger projects completed over the summer were the paving of Turkey Hill School's parking lot, gym floor refinishing, and building management system automation. Mr. Luzzi's presentation will be loaded on the district's website. Mr. Luzzi passed out the Building Energy Benchmarking Report which was an independent feasibility energy report conducted by United Illuminating.

***Technology Summer
Projects, Mr.
Ullring,***

Mr. Ullring stated that the objective of the technology department is to oversee the district's entire technology infrastructure and to support curriculum. Mr. Ullring shared a Powerpoint presentation which listed projects that have been completed over the summer. Some of those projects were: inventory of hardware and software, copier replacements, PP core switch upgrade, MLT Chromebook

Technology Summer Projects, Mr. Ullring (cont.)

implementation, security camera installation, network speed increase, MLT wireless install. Mr. Ullring's presentation will be loaded on the district's website.

Smarter Balance Results, Dr. Russo

Dr. Russo shared the district's 2016-2017 Smarter Balanced Assessment results with the Board. The scores presented were achievement scores. The accountability results will be available at the end of August.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Scarpetti welcomed back the Board Members and updated them about the summer happenings. In addition to summer school, the district held First Lego League camp, Greg Tang Math Camp and Camp Invention. Dr. Scarpetti attended the Commissioner's Back to School Welcome where the main focus was the lack of a state budget. A press conference followed the meeting, where the President of CAPSS and other Superintendents pleaded to the Governor to do what can be done when deciding on a budget. Dr. Scarpetti and Ms. Sierakowski met with First Selectman Zeoli and Mr. Cifarelli, Town Finance Director. Governor put an executive order out on Friday indicating there would be zero funds to our district. Close conversations will continue with the Town. Dr. Tom Danehy, Executive Director of ACES informed Dr. Scarpetti that districts will no longer be required to abide by a regional calendar. The district is still negotiations with two unions and the Administrators will begin negotiations next week. The following positions have been filled, Physical Education Teacher at MLT, Grade 5 Teacher at RB, Program Lead for the 21st Century Program. Current positions open are Senior Technology Specialist, cafeteria worker, two reading aides at RB. New teacher orientation will take place on August 22nd, Welcome Back for staff will take place on August 23rd.

Ms. Sierakowski reported that since the Board met last, one fiscal year has ended and another fiscal year has begun. The Auditors have been in to complete the first phase of their audit, reconciliation of the district financials will happen in October. Central Office staff received praise from the auditors on their sound accounting practices and systems that they have implemented. Ms. Sierakowski said the lack of a State budget is very frustrating, but there is mutual respect and collaboration between the town and board of education. School bus routes were published on the district's website. Routes were tweaked a bit to accommodate the road construction taking place in the Turkey Hill area. Student lunch price is increasing by 10 cents due to a State mandate. A school lunch will now cost \$2.85. The price of milk (60 cents) will remain the same.

Mrs. Slowik provided the Board Members with a handout, the CT Annual Performance Report for 2015-16. The plan evaluates the State's efforts to meet the requirement and purposes of the implementation of IDEA. The report compares the district data to target of the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report. Overall, there are 11 indicators in which the district data is compared to State targets, some of the indicates do not apply to our district as they relate to transitions and high school issues. The district "Met Target" on most of the indicators. In ELA and Math statewide assessments, the district is making progress. Extended year and summer program went smoothly this summer.

Board Business

**Second Read- Policy
6151 - Class Size**

Policy 6151 Class Size is being presented as a second read. A motion was made/seconded to adopted Policy 6151 - Class Size was made/seconded by Mr. Ziman/Mr. Young. Mrs. Saccente had an amendment to the policy, the addition of an appendix, which will be an enrollment form, provided each month to the Board Members. Some language was changed in the second to last paragraph. Mrs. Saccente made a motion to accept the changes made, Ms. Riccio seconded motion. Unanimously approved. A motion to adopt policy 6151 Class Size with the recent amendments made was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Bunnell. Unanimously approved.

**First Read - Student
Nutrition &
Physical Activity
(School Wellness
Policy) - Policy
6142.101**

Policy 6142.101 Student Nutrition & Physical Activity was presented as a first read. Members that had questions were asked to contact Mrs. Saccente or Dr. Scarpetti. Mrs. Saccente said she received some feedback on the policy. Some discussion followed. Mrs. Bunnell said she thought it was important to note that birthday celebrations should continue even if food was not involved in the celebration. Mr. Ziman said he also thought it was important for birthdays to be acknowledged. Principals will be consulted on how to continue birthday celebrations without food (i.e. craft project, extra recess, birthday pencil). Sub-Committee will take discussion/suggestions into consideration.

**Sub-Committee
Recommendation -
Policy 3240 -
Tuition Fees**

The Personnel/Policy/Transportation Sub-Committee met on June 28th and discussed Policy 3240 Tuition Fees. The policy states that the policy will be reviewed each year and that tuition rates will be set annually. It is the recommendation of the sub-committee that the tuition fees for certified employees be 50% for the 2017-18 school year. A motion was made/seconded by Mrs. Saccente/Ms. Riccio. Unanimously approved.

**Out of State Field
Trip Requests -
Peck Place School**

Principal Carbone of Peck Place School requested permission for 5th grade students to travel to Old Sturbridge Village in October and for 6th grade students to travel to Newport, Rhode Island in May. A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Saccente/Ms. Riccio to approve the requests. Unanimously approved.

***STANDING
COMMITTEES***

***Finance &
Operations -
Ms. Riccio***

Finance Sub-Committee met prior to tonight's BOE meeting. Ms. Riccio said she wanted to echo what the auditors said. Ms. Sierakowski and her staff have made things more efficient, more streamlined. The price of lunch will be \$2.85 a 10 cent increase due to a state review. 21st Century Ad-Ho Sub-Committee will meet on Thursday, August 24th - 5:00 p.m.

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

It's been a busy summer with negotiations. Sub-Committee last met on June 28th, there will be no sub-committee meeting on August 28th, a meeting will be scheduled in September. Main focus of next meeting will be a policy for 21st Century oversight.

Building & Grounds / Safety & Security – Mr. Young Security is in good shape. Mr. Luzzi gave a great presentation representing the buildings and grounds. The solar project is still being reviewed, numbers presented were not consistent with information given to the Board. Attorney Marino is gathering information.

Long Range Planning Report - Mrs. Pucillo Mrs. Pucillo was absent - no report.

Curriculum / Instruction- Mrs. Browe Committee met on June 26th and approved the purchase of science kits to prepare students for the assessment on the next generation science standards to take place next year. Writing process workshops will begin soon, workshops will be done on-site. The hiring process has begun for the Senior Technology Specialist. Next committee meeting will be set-up soon.

21st Century Ad-Hoc - Ms. Riccio Program Lead position has been filled. There is a sub-committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 24th.

ACES Report - Ms. Riccio Regional calendar already discussed, ACES did not have a July meeting.

Adjourn Motion to adjourn by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mr. Ziman. No discussion. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:56 PM.

INFORMATIONAL – Next meeting – **Monday, September 18, 2017** at 7:30 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Acampora