

MINUTES
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 19, 2017

Minutes approved at the Monday, August 21st BOE Meeting.

Attendance

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

Absent: ---

The meeting was taped by OGAT

Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Ms. Sierakowski, Dr. Russo, Mrs. Slowik, Mr. Gray, Mr. Carbone, Mrs. Byrd, Music Teachers, Mrs. Turkosz, & Mr. Ryan, 4th grade students from Peck Place School and their parents, Mrs. Khachane, Mrs. Nicefaro, Mrs. Ciambriello, Mrs. Fahy, Mr. Ullring, Mrs. Leapley, Mr. Hickey

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Board Chair Kraut at 7:37 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Pucillo.

Public Participation

Mrs. Dedra Leapley addressed the board as a mother of two children (Race Brook School) with food allergies. Mrs. Leapley and her husband own a fitness center in town for individuals with special needs. Mrs. Leapley spoke about childhood obesity rates and the health issues that come along with it. Mrs. Leapley said a poor diet exacerbates the issues that anyone with special needs faces. Mrs. Leapley said that healthy eating habits start at home but it feels like an uphill battle due to all the classroom celebrations. Mrs. Leapley said that if parents were to add up all the celebrations, their children would be getting a sugary treat approximately 20 times during the school year and that relating socialization with food sets a bad precedent. Mrs. Leapley said that children with allergies are often separated from other students during activities like the 4th grade Pow Wow. Mrs. Leapley feels that teachers and school nurses should not be responsible to monitor snacks/activities, she feels it is time to break the mold and schools should have food free celebrations.

Mr. Michael Hickey also spoke in favor of food free celebrations. Mr. Hickey is a ESL Teacher at East Haven High School. He explains that the definition of empathy is the ability to feel and share the feelings of others. He said empathy is the reason he is speaking out about food free celebrations. His eight year old nephew has food allergies. He feels that school systems should only have food celebrations two times a year. He quoted Dr. Kenneth Bach, and asked the Board if we would be losing any traditions if celebrations became food free.

Mrs. Roo Ciambriello spoke about her two children (Race Brook School) who have food issues. Mrs. Ciambriello said that isolation and alienation that children with food allergies face is truly an issue reserved for the elementary aged. Mrs. Ciambriello said she accompanies her children on class trips and during class parties; often baking so her children are safe and included. Mrs. Ciambriello would like to see celebrations be food free helping all parents especially those whose jobs prevent them from being at every school celebration.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence this month.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mrs. Deanna to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2017 BOE meeting. Unanimously approved.

***Presentation -
Music in Orange***

Two of the district's Music Teachers, Mrs. Turkosz and Mr. Ryan presented Music in Orange to the Board Members. Mrs. Turkosz and Mr. Ryan used a Powerpoint presentation and the help of some fourth grade students (playing the recorder) from Peck Place School to understand the goals of the music teachers and to separate fact from fiction. Music incorporates the following characteristics, writing, reading, creating/improvising, singing/chanting, and listening. Mr. Ryan and Mrs. Turkosz asked the Board Members, those in the audience and the students present to participate in an exercise which had them singing and dancing.

***Superintendent's
Report***

Dr. Scarpetti wished those in attendance and those watching at home a Happy belated Father's Day. Dr. Scarpetti reported that the school year ended on good note, he was glad the extremely warm weather held off until the last week of school, because the schools can get very warm/stifling. Graduations went well, Dr. Scarpetti attended Peck's graduation, Dr. Russo attended Race Brook's graduation and Mrs. Slowik attended the graduation at Turkey Hill. Dr. Scarpetti thanked Mrs. Sharon Weirsman for her role as interim principal at Turkey Hill while Mrs. Arterbery was on her maternity leave. Camp Invention started today and First Lego League camp will be starting soon. There will be three (3) sessions of the First Lego League camp. School School will also be starting soon (July 5th). The district will host Greg Tang's Math Camp in August. The district has hired two Tier 1 Technology Techs, a Pre-K Special Education Teacher, a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst) and the Library Media Specialist has been filled internally. The district will now post for a 5th grade teacher. The district hopes to hire a Kindergarten Teacher by the end of the week.

Dr. Russo met with the Leadership Team this morning to come up with the professional learning dates for next school year. The Leadership Team will engage in Cognitive Coaching training for a week during the summer. Summer work will include; the reading consultants learning how to create spark notes from the process writing lessons which will enable teacher leaders to facilitate lessons during collaborate meetings. The music teachers will be working on their music curriculum mapping work (they have met twice already), music teachers will attend a summer workshop. A lot of work will be going on preparing and planning for the next school year.

Mrs. Slowik noted that the ESY (Extended Service Year) plans are all set, this includes staffing and transportation. ESY is not summer school but an individual recommendation that is made on an individual basis by each student's PPT team. ESY will begin on July 5th and run through August 3rd.

Ms. Sierakowski reported that the Town's 2017-18 budget was approved 5 to 1 at the May 18th referendum. The BOE's budget for 2017/18 is a 0.72% increase over the current year's budget. News out of Hartford remains troubling, yet inconclusive. The 2016-17 fiscal year-end is fast approaching and all items were discussed at the

**Superintendent's
Report (continued)**

Finance sub-committee meeting prior to the BOE meeting. Thanks to the Town, there will be a \$2K savings in next year's budget due to the town successfully bidding a lower rate for rubbish removal. The road project on Derby Milford Road should have minimal impact on our buses when school resumes. This project will be revisited prior to the start of school, project is slated to end around Thanksgiving. Facility projects to be completed over the summer will be reported to the Board throughout the summer.

Board Business

**Second Read -
Policy 5141.25
Students with
Special Health Care
Needs & Reg-
ulation 5141.26
Management Plan
& Guidelines for
Students with Food
Allergies and/or
Glycogen Storage
Disease**

Policy 5141.25 Students with Special Health Care Needs and Regulation 5141.26 Management Plan & Guidelines for Students with Food Allergies and/or Glycogen Storage Disease were included in Board Members packets and presented a first read at the May 15th BOE meeting. Board Members were asked to contact Mrs. Saccente, Chairman Kraut or Dr. Scarpetti with any questions or concerns. A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Ricco/Mrs. Saccente to adopt Policy 5141.25 Students with Special Health Care Needs. Unanimously approved.

A motion was made/seconded by Mrs. Saccente/Ms. Riccio to adopt Regulation 5141.26 Management Plan & Guidelines for Students with Food Allergies and/or Glycogen Storage Disease. Discussion, correction needed on page three (section 6, ~~should~~ to must). Unanimously approved.

**First Read - Policy
6151 - Class Size**

Policy 6151 Class Size is being presented as a first read, no action is required at tonight's meeting. This policy will be presented at the next BOE meeting for adoption. Anyone with questions should contact committee chair Mrs. Saccente or Dr. Scarpetti.

**Healthy Food
Certification
Statement**

Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes requires each local Board of Education or governing authority for all Connecticut public schools participating in the National School Lunch Program to take action annual to certify whether all food items sold to students will or will not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards. A motion to accept Consideration 1, that the Orange Board of Education will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Saccente. Unanimously approved.

A motion to accept Consideration 2, will exclude, Exemption for Food Items was made/seconded by Mrs. Hadlock/Mrs. Bunnell. Unanimously approved.

Copier Lease

Board Members received vendor information in their packets concerning the copier lease. The Curriculum/Instruction/Technology sub-committee meeting on May 1st and May 22nd where vendor presentations took place. Mr. Ullring took the podium to review information and answer any questions. It was the recommendation of the Curriculum/Instruction/Technology sub-committee and Mr. Ullring that vendor 3 be awarded the project. A motion was made/seconded by Mr. Ziman/Mrs. Saccente that vendor 3 be awarded the project. Unanimously approved.

Laptop Lease

Board Members received vendor information in their packets concerning the laptop lease. Mr. Ullring & Dr. Scarpetti offered additional information concerning the vendors. The laptop lease was discussed at budget time. A motion was

made/seconded by Mr. Ziman/Ms. Riccio to award the project to vendor 1 (Mr. Ullring's recommendation). Unanimously approved.

July's BOE Meeting Chairman Kraut asked for a motion to cancel the July 17th BOE meeting,. A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mr. Ziman to cancel the July BOE meeting. Unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Evaluation This agenda item will be discussed in Executive Session.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance & Operations - Ms. Riccio Finance Sub-Committee met prior to tonight's BOE meeting to review the expenditures/profit and loss information. Budget is in good shape. Cafeteria has been reducing costs.

Personnel/Policy Transportation - Mrs. Saccente At their last committee meeting, the sub-committee completed the Class Size policy (Policy 6151) which was brought forward as a first read at tonight's meeting. Next sub-committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28th at 6:30 p.m. Policy 6142.101 Student Wellness will be discussed. Procedural note, once policies are presented to the Board as a first read, the policies will be made available for review on the district website.

Building & Grounds / Safety & Security - Mr. Young The committee will meet on Monday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m. to review the solar project over the last year and Mr. Luzzi will provide the committee with an update of ongoing projects.

Long Range Planning Report - Dr. Scarpetti Committee met on May 22nd and reviewed completed tasks, on going tasks and some of the goals were edited and revised. Dr. Scarpetti and Mrs. Pucillo are looking to put the document into a user friendly format. Committee may meet on Monday, June 26th. Mrs. Pucillo indicated that she and Dr. Scarpetti has been in constant contact. Committee will have something for the Board very soon.

Curriculum / Instruction- Mrs. Browe Committee met on May 1st and May 22nd. Mrs. Browe thanked the committee members for being very thorough with the proposals for the copiers. Mrs. Browe also thanked Mr. Ullring for all his hard work on the copier project. Dr. Russo asked the teachers to take a curriculum survey seeking their input on their curriculum events that involve food. Instruction minutes and SRBI were also discussed at the sub-committee meeting. Committee will meet on Monday, June 26th.

21st Century Ad-Hoc - Ms. Riccio Last month ad-hoc committee gave Board Members their recommendations, committee is suggesting at this point that a policy should probably be created for consistency for future boards and operations. Chairman Kraut is suggesting that under Program Enhancements #6 that Program Lead presents to the Board in January and June so if adjustments needs to be made they can be made before June.

ACES Report - Ms. Riccio ACES met on June 8th. There were a lot of awards presented, the culinary school which prepares lunch for the ACES meetings, also received an award. China International Program has received a huge amount of press, on June 14th ACES

signed an agreement with the Chinese International Education Bureau, this is the first educational institute to sign an agreement with the Chinese government for a swap. Ms. Riccio will be sharing an e-mail with a link to the information with the Board Members. HR report was given during meeting outlining the approval of budgets, Head Start update, new school on Leeder Hill Road will be called ACES at Leeder Hill, Healthy Food Certificate was signed, lunch prices were adjusted. Ms. Riccio was nominated and sworn in as the Finance Chair for ACES.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn BOE meeting and enter into Executive Session was made/seconded by Mr. Ziman/Mrs. Browe at 8:51 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Exit Executive Session 10:10 PM

Motion made by S. Riccio to extend Dr. Scarpetti's contract for an additional year.

Second by B. Hadlock.

Discussion

Unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn by K. Browe and seconded by S. Riccio. No discussion.

Unanimous vote to adjourn at 10:11 PM.

Executive Session Minutes respectfully submitted by Mrs. Saccente

INFORMATIONAL – Next meeting – **Monday, August 21, 2017** at 7:30 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices. July's meeting (July 17th was canceled).

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Acampora