

MINUTES
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 17, 2018

Minutes approved at the January 22, 2019 BOE Meeting.

- Attendance*** Present: Chairman Kraut, Mr. Cap, Ms. Riccio, Mr. Ziman, Mrs. Browe, Mr. Flynn, Mrs. Welander, Mr. Young, Mrs. Hadlock, Mrs. Bunnell
Absent: --

The meeting was taped by OGAT

Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Dr. Russo, Ms. Sierakowski, Mrs. Slowik, Ms. Shelley Sheridan, PTA Representative
- Call to Order*** The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Kraut at 7:07 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Hadlock.
- Public Participation*** There was no public participation.
- Correspondence*** In their packets, Board Members received the State Department of Education Compliance Letter.
- Consent Agenda*** A motion was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mr. Flynn to approve the minutes from the November 19th 2018 BOE meeting. Chairman Kraut, Mr. Cap, Ms. Riccio, Mrs. Browe, Mr. Young, Mr. Ziman, Mr. Flynn, Mrs. Welander, Mrs. Hadlock voted in favor of, Mrs. Bunnell abstained. Motion carries.
- Presentation(s)*** None
- Superintendent's Report*** Dr. Scarpetti started his report reminding the Board that the winter concert dates were in his recent Board Update. School concerts began last week and will continue this week if any member would like to attend. Dr. Scarpetti thanked the Music Teachers for all the time and effort they put into the winter concerts. Dr. Scarpetti informed the Board that the Southern Regional Middle School music auditions have occurred. Mrs. Patrick shared an email with Dr. Scarpetti explaining how the students must prepare several memorized scales and one of three solos of varying levels. Students are also tested in sight reading (shown a short piece of music and given about one minute to look through it silently before playing it without any help). After several months of intense practice and private lessons, 12 Orange elementary school musicians braved their nervousness and fear of the unknown to audition. The following musicians were selected: Alicia Chen - violin, Szofia Imre-Seres - flute, Danny Matthew - alto saxophone, James Liu - trumpet, Ian Stoltenberg - trombone, Michael Audie - drums, Mave Kneeland - drums, Jenny Tang - flute and Tulley Szost - tenor saxophone. Seth Glassman - trumpet, Molly Emmens - flute and Anjali Prabhu - violin also auditioned and earned scores very close to what was needed to participate in the

*Superintendent's
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festival. The musicians moving forward will be assigned their music for the festival in a few weeks. The Capital Project presentation is scheduled for January 10th at the Town Hall. Dr. Scarpetti thanked the Buildings & Grounds Sub-Committee for their time and guidance in preparing the presentation. Dr. Scarpetti reminded the Board Members that the Budget Workshops are scheduled for January 16th and January 30th at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Scarpetti and Ms. Sierakowski have met with Directors and Principals concerning their proposed budgets twice. Ms. Sierakowski will update the Board on the Munis presentation during her report. Dr. Scarpetti thanked the Board Members who attended the presentation. Continuing with his month of thanks, Dr. Scarpetti thanked the Lions Club for their eye screenings and for their Thanksgiving Social. Mrs. Hadlock & the Lions Club thanked Dr. Scarpetti for his help at the 29th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 25th. Dr. Scarpetti helped serve over 150 members of the community a full turkey dinner. Mrs. Hadlock on behalf of the Lions Club along with the school nurses screened 748 students over 9 days. It was recommended that 70 students have a follow-up exam. The Lions Club has a state-of-the-art camera which can diagnose nearsightedness, farsightedness, lazy eye, detached retina, astigmatism, corneal deformity, unequal pupil sizes and other issues which may impact a student's learning. Thank you to the boy scouts, troop 925 and the girl scouts who helped with the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Dr. Scarpetti thanked the Orange Police Department for holding their Stuff a Cruiser event, collecting toys for kids in need. Dr. Scarpetti urged sub-committee chairs who may want to meet to reach out to schedule a meeting. Superintendent Scarpetti wished everyone at the board meeting and those watching at home a wonderful holiday season.

Ms. Sierakowski reported that all finances were reviewed early tonight with the Finance Sub-Committee. Primary impact was it was a three-pay month, which happens two times a year. Ms. Sierakowski reported that the district will begin with the winter month expenses which are mostly weather related. The auditors are in for their final stretch to meet their required deadline of December 31st. This year has been particularly involved due to the state's redesigning of their major financial reporting system. The state's overhaul of this major report is an example of an unfunded mandate. As Dr. Scarpetti mentioned, the budget process is underway, the two budget workshops are set for January 16th and January 30th. There is a bid opening of the consortium for oil/diesel/gas prices for next year. BOWA leverage our combined needs to negotiate better pricing. Epipen - one of the first read policies on the agenda tonight is Administration of Medication. Another unfunded mandate by the state is the requirement for epipen training for bus drivers. The state is requiring that all bus drivers be trained by July 1, 2019 in the signs and use of epipen. The state has not released the specifics of the training needed but it looks like districts will need to develop their own training. Ms. Sierakowski reported that she is working with Amity to coordinate this effort and reduce the cost for the district. Ms. Sierakowski also thanked the Board Members who attended the presentation on the proposed new financial software system. The town is holding an additional webinar this week to review the specifics of the utility billing module, which only the town would use. Ms. Sierakowski reported that the new software system would have an impact on the district's budget for next year. Updates will continue to be provided.

***Superintendent's
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Dr. Russo reported that report cards were released electronically on November 29th. For professional learning, there is a new proposal for district curriculum context teams to professional learning opportunities to classroom teachers who have not had the opportunity to engage in ELA and/or math curriculum design sessions, external curriculum mapping boot camp session or internal curriculum mapping boot camp sessions. One December 5th the district math curriculum team worked on math units and understanding 4.0 items in the Race Brook School Library. December 12th curriculum Wednesday was multi focused, there was the creation of agreed upon materials to support small group writing strategy lessons (as follow-up to Election Day and on-site writing professional learning sessions with Dr. Tribuzzi. Grade level partners created materials for math curriculum design team members.

Mrs. Slowik reported that the Special Education Department has recently advertised for the pre-k blind lottery in local papers and set a page pop on the district website. Mrs. Slowik went on to explain that the pre-k program is a special education program that welcomes a limited number of openings for three and four year old children in order to create an integrated program. Parents whose children are 3 but not older than 4 by December 31, 2019 can call the Special Education office to add their child's name to the lottery through the end of January. Results of the lottery will shared with parents by mail in early February.

Board Business

First Read Policies

The following policies are being presented as first read policies: Policy 5144.1 - Physical Restraint - Seclusion - Exclusionary Time Out, Policy 4118.112/4218.112 - Sexual Harassment, Policy/Regulation 5141.4 - Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect, Sexual Assault and Policy 5141.21 - Administration of Medication. These policies will be presented as second read policies at the January 22nd BOE meeting. Board Members were encouraged to contact Mrs. Browe, Chairman of the Personnel/Policy/Transportation Sub-Committee or Superintendent Scarpetti with any questions.

***Ratification -
Cafeteria Agreement****

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 reviewed the expenditures. Financials are in order. Cafeteria numbers are down slightly for November, this has been the trend in the past years as well.

***Personnel/Policy
Transportation – Mrs.
Browe***

Sub-Committee met on November 26th to review the policies brought forward as first reads this evening. The sub-committee will not be meeting in December but will meet in January to review more policies.

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

Mr. Young reported that the Buildings & Grounds sub-committee will not be meeting in December. Mr. Young reminded everyone about the Capital Planning presentation on January 10th.

***Curriculum /
Instruction /
Technology -
Mr. Ziman***

Sub-Committee did not meet in November and does not plan to meet in December. Sub-Committee will meet in January.

ACES

Ms. Riccio shared some greeting cards, a t-shirt and a coffee mug all of which bear artwork from ACES students. The greeting cards were passed around for Board Members to look at. Ms. Riccio spoke about Wintergreen School in Hamden, the town of Hamden is taking the building back due to two schools closing. ACES is trying to determine if they can purchase the school or if they will need to find another building to host Wintergreen Magnet School. ACES will be hosting their 16th Annual Gala in March. Financially, ACES has increased over \$600,000 from the prior month, ACES is now in the positive position. The increase is due to enrollment of new students, additional contracts, managing expenses. Ms. Riccio mentioned that Ansonia has a new ACES program for special education which will begin in January 2019.

Adjourn

Before adjourning, Chairman Kraut asked Board Members to contact Dr. Scarpetti or Ms. Sierakowski if they wanted to see something put in or taken out of the budget. Chairman Kraut thanked the Board for their dedication.

Motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mrs. Welander. Chairman Kraut invited Dr. Scarpetti into Executive Session. No discussion. Unanimous - 7:43 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL – Next meeting – **Tuesday, January 22, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Acampora

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

7:43pm convened into Executive session by Chairman Kraut

- Discussion on 2018 Cafeteria Negotiations and tentative agreement.

7:55pm Return to BOE regular session

- Motion made by Susan Riccio and 2nd by Mary Welander to approve tentative agreement

The Orange Board of Education hereby moves to accept and approve the agreement reached with the AFSCME Local 1303-337 of Council 4 effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2022

Motion approved with a Unanimous approval vote

- Motion to adjourn made by Ken Ziman, 2nd by Susan Riccio, unanimous approval

7:56 pm December 17, 2018 Orange BOE meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Secretary of the Board, Susan Riccio on 12/18/2018

