

MINUTES
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 22, 2019

Minutes approved at the March 18, 2019 BOE Meeting.

Attendance

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

Absent: Mr. Cap

The meeting was taped by OGAT

Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Dr. Russo, Ms. Sierakowski, Mrs. Slowik, Mrs.
Lasto, Mr. Paul Cavanna, Mr. Brandon Bisceglia (The Orange Times)
PTA Representative

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Kraut at 7:08 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Mission Statement was read by Mr. Flynn.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Correspondence

In their packets, Board Members received a copy of a local newspaper article highlighting the vision screenings performed by the Lions Club (Mrs. Hadlock is a member of the Lions Club) and the BOWA Weather Advisory letter. Parents receive the BOWA Weather Advisory letter a few times each year and the letter is posted on the district's website.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Hadlock and seconded by Mr. Flynn to approve the minutes from the December 17th 2018 BOE meeting. Unanimously approved.

Chairman Kraut informed the Board Members that the updated Sub-Committee Assignment listing was at their places. Changes to the listing were minor, however, 21st Century will now fall under Finance & Operations.

Presentation(s)

Mrs. Tricia Lasto, the 21st Century Program Administrator provided the Board Members with an update of the 21st Program through a PowerPoint presentation. Included in the update was the new logo and slogan, what a typical day at the after school program looks like, the number of students serviced by the program, the impact of the STEAM rooms, a list of added programs for all district students, a list of some of the enrichment guests and a slide of what's to come in the future. Mrs. Lasto thanked the On-Site Managers and 21st Century Staff for all their help in running the program.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Scarpetti began his report by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. Dr. Scarpetti again thanked Mrs. Hadlock and the Lions Club for the vision screening they provided to the district. Dr. Scarpetti mentioned the BOWA Weather Advisory Letter and spoke about the challenges of the BOWA districts making a unified decision with weather conditions being different in each town.

*Superintendent's
Report (cont.)*

As of today (January 22nd) the district has had two early dismissals (August 29th and September 6th) due to excessive heat & humidity and two delayed openings (November 16 (snow) and today (January 22nd). At this time last school year, the district had two delayed openings and three school closures. Dr. Scarpetti thanked the Board Members for their questions and feedback to the first Budget Workshop held on Wednesday, January 16th. Dr. Scarpetti encouraged the Board Members to contact him with any questions they have before the next Budget Workshop. In addition to the Budget Workshop the district also presented to the Town Capital Planning Committee on January 10th. Dr. Scarpetti thanked the Board Members for their strong presence at the presentation. Dr. Scarpetti thanked Dr. Conway and the Derby Public Schools for hosting a Legislative Breakfast on January 16th. Area Administrators met elected and newly elected officials and spoke on a variety of issues, one which we have discussed at our meetings; the unpredicted costs of special education. Dr. Scarpetti announced the Band/Orchestra concert dates, the DARE graduation dates and the reminded Board Members that January 28th was set for sub-committee meetings. Concerning Personnel, Dr. Scarpetti noted that the Cafeteria Agreement was signed by the union and that the Town Board of Selectman approved the Teachers' Agreement at their January 9th meeting. The district has the following vacancies: part-time math instructional aide, and the need for cafeteria and security monitor substitutes.

Ms. Sierakowski reported that the Finance Sub-Committee met prior to the Board Meeting, monthly expenditures were reviewed. In January the Business Office closed our the 2018 calendar year to prepare employee W2s, employee ACA health insurance required forms and vendor 1099s. The district will mail out 337 W2s, 215 ACA forms and 68 1099 forms by the end of the week. The Food Services page on the district website has a new look, the IT Department kicked up the graphics and the page looks more inviting and better reflects the healthy makeup of the district menus. A Super Bowl themed lunch is planned for February 1st. The State notified the district that children of federal workers on furlough are eligible for free lunch. The district will be reimbursed accordingly, to date, no one has applied for temporary free lunch.

Dr. Russo reported that there is a new proposal for district curriculum context teams to provide 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. Dr. Russo reported that she and Dr. Scarpetti participated in a CSDE Webex training regarding using EdSight Secure. Refreshers for navigating through achievement & growth reports to help the district prepare the March Accountability Report as well as the Early Identification Tool or EIT. The Early Identification Tool (EIT) is a data analytics and visualization tool that uses statistical methods to systematically predict and improve student outcomes. These interactive reports will help look at early identification, using a mile marker approach; statistical models for a 1st grader to reach grade 3 Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) markers.

***Superintendent's
Report (cont.)***

Mrs. Slowik reported that the Special Education Department advertised for the pre-k blind lottery in local papers and set a page pop on the district website. Mrs. Slowik explained 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. Thirty-nine (39) names have been entered in the lottery so far. The lottery will be held on February 1st, results of the lottery will shared with parents by mail.

Board Business

Second Read Policies

The following policies are being presented as second read policies: A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Bunnell to adopt Policy 5144.1 - Physical Restraint - Seclusion - Exclusionary Time Out - Unanimously approved. A motion was made/seconded by Mrs. Hadlock/Mr. Ziman to adopt Policy 4118.112/ 4218.112 - Sexual Harassment - Unanimously approved. A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Welander to adopt Policy & Regulation 5141.4 - Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect, Sexual Assault - Unanimously approved. A motion was made/seconded by Mrs. Bunnell/Mrs. Welander to adopt Policy 5141.21 - Administration of Medication. - Unanimously approved.

***Mid-Year
Superintendent
Performance
Conversation****

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. Budget meetings going well. The district is actively working with the Town on the proposed financial program update (Munis). Cafeteria numbers were up for December. Ms. Riccio commented that the updated food Services page on website looks great.

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

Four policies were approved this evening, sub-committee will meet on January 28th to review a few policies that need some minor wording changes. The class size policy and a transportation issue will also be discussed. Dr. Scarpetti thanked Mrs. Browe and the rest of the sub-committee members for their time and efforts.

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

Mr. Young said he was glad that even though the temperature outside had dropped considerably that all the buildings were warm. Sub-Committee will be having a meeting on January 28th to address the conditions of all the buildings. Handicap ramp for Turkey Hill stage (ADA project) has been completed.

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

Sub-Committee will meet on Monday, January 28th, topics will include: Instrumental Curricular Change, discussion with Town - Networking Equipment, Grade-Level Planning Sessions, Curriculum Snapshots for parents, Professional

*Area Cooperative
Educational Services
(ACES)*

Learning Update and Revised Scientific Researched Based Intervention (SRBI) Kindergarten Criteria.
ACES met on January 10th, Patrice McCarthy from CABE was a guest speaker. Ms. McCarthy spoke about the inauguration and sub-committees. Anyone with legislative concerns can contact CABE (or Sue who will contact Patrice on their behalf). Ms. Riccio brought up unfunded state mandates. 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 is holding some Professional Development opportunities concerning anti-semitism and sexual harassment. ACES continues to be in the positive. Ms. Riccio mentioned that Ansonia has a new ACES program for special education which will begin in January 2019. ACES also continues to update policies.

Adjourn

Motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mrs. Browe. Chairman Kraut invited Dr. Scarpetti into Executive Session. No discussion. Unanimous - 8:12 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL – Next meeting – **Monday, February 11, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Acampora

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Executive Session Minutes:

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

Absent: Jeff Cap

8:12pm convened into Executive session by Chairman Kraut

Discussion of Superintendent Mid-Year Performance Conversation

Motion to adjourn Ken Ziman, 2nd by Susan Riccio at 9:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Susan Riccio 1/22/2019

