

MINUTES
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 18, 2018

Minutes approved at the Monday, August 20, 2018 BOE meeting.

Attendance

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

Absent: -----

The meeting was taped by OGAT

Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Dr. Russo, Ms. Sierakowski, Mrs. Behun, Mrs. Martorana, Mrs. Martino, Mrs. Slowik, District Music Teachers (Mrs. Olden, Mrs. Turkosz & Mr. Ryan)

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Kraut at 7:09 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Mission Statement was read by Mr. Cap.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Correspondence

In their packets, Board Members received a thank you note from Mrs. Pamela Galatioto.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Ziman to approve the minutes from the May 21st, 2018 BOE meeting. Mr. Kraut, Mr. Cap, Ms. Riccio, Mrs. Browe, Mr. Ziman, Mrs. Bunnell, Mr. Young, Mr. Flynn & Mrs. Welander voted in favor of. Mrs. Hadlock abstained. Motion passes.

Presentation(s)

The district music teachers gave the Board Members an update on what the music curriculum looks like and what they are working on for the future. Some of the topics they touched on were the introduction to music, the dimensions of music achievement, skill-based learning and supporting a skill-based curriculum. The music teachers presented to teachers as part of professional learning day on June 18th. A short video was shown to the Board in order to share the teachers' learning.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Scarpetti began his report by wishing everyone on the Board and at home who is a father a Happy Father's Day. Dr. Scarpetti thanked the teachers for their hard work during the school year. Dr. Scarpetti also thanked the parents, for all their help throughout the year, especially during the last few weeks of school when there are so many end-of-year activities. Congratulations to the 6th graders who will be attending the middle school next year. Dr. Scarpetti attended the Amity Middle School graduation ceremony, the children who graduated were 6th grade students his first year in Orange. The district Spelling Bee was held on May 24th, Daniel Asermely won for the grade three/four division and Haseeb Chaudhry won

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

for the fifth/sixth grade division. Dr. Scarpetti shared Mr. O'Sullivan's Memorial Day speech with the Board, Dr. Scarpetti found the speech to be touching. Dr. Scarpetti thanked the town, he presented the capital improvement plan at the Selectmen's meeting on June 13th. The projects approved are: ethernet wiring, a truck with snowplow and the water heater conversion at Peck Place School. The district has posted and is interviewing for the following positions: School Psychologist, Speech & Language Pathologist, two Classroom Teachers at Turkey Hill School, two Classroom Teachers and a Long-Term Special Education Teacher substitute at Race Brook School and a Part-Time Reading Aide at Peck Place School. An Art Teacher has been hired for Peck Place school.

Ms. Sierakowski reported that school finances are in good order and expenditures were reviewed prior to the BOE meeting with the Finance Sub-Committee. Since the fiscal year-end are just a couple of weeks away, the finance department is truing up the line items and contacting vendors for their final invoices. Ms. Sierakowski reported that the town notified us that work on the Race Brook parking lot should start on June 20th, parking for the few remaining staff members will be accommodated. Since the last BOE meeting the state approved going out to bid for the ADA project at Turkey Hill. Contractors came to the walk-through and three submitted bids. The vendor will be presented to the Board Buildings & Grounds Sub-Committee, the Town Bond Committee and then to the Town Selectman Committee for their approval. All of these meetings will take place soon so that work can start on July 2nd.

Dr. Russo stated that the last day of professional learning for the teachers was a great one. The day started with a reflection of where they were, what they've accomplished and what is to come. Dr. Russo shared a copy of the breakout sessions with the Board Members. Dr. Russo thanked the IT Department for presenting PowerSchool Teacher Pro to the teachers. Teachers also received a sneak peek of the new report card design. Curriculum Mapping will be held on June 19th, 20th and 21st.

Mrs. Slowik reported that she is close to hiring a School Psychologist for Turkey Hill School. Mrs. Slowik also mentioned that there are not a lot of Speech & Language Pathologists available and if anyone knew of one looking for a job to spread the word that we have an opening. Summer school is ready to begin. The special education staff including the paraprofessionals attended two workshops, one was given by Officer Bailey on internet safety and Melissa Gardner from Lindamood Bell provided general information on reading.

Board Business

***Second Reads -
Policies***

The following policies were presented as first reads at the May 21st BOE meeting. Policy 5118.1 Homeless Students, Policy 5136.6 Alcohol Use, Drugs & Tobacco, Policy 6164.11 Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco. Chairman Kraut asked for a motion/second to adopt policy 5118.1 Homeless Students, a discussion followed there were some word/sentence changes that were suggested and needed to be reviewed. Chairman Kraut decided that the Personnel/Policy/Transportation

***Second Reads -
Policies (cont.)***

Sub-Committee should bring this policy and Policy 5136.6 Alcohol Use, Drugs & Tobacco (which also contained changes) back to their committee for review. A motion was made/seconded by Mr. Ziman/Ms. Riccio to table these two policies until the sub-committee had time to review with. Unanimously approved.

A motion was made/seconded by Mrs. Bunnell/Mrs. Hadlock to adopt policy 6164.11 Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco. Unanimously approved.

***Policy 3240 - Tuition
Fees***

This Personnel/Policy/Transportation Sub-Committee met on April 30th and reviewed this policy. This policy states that an annual tuition charge shall be set by the Board after the annual budget is approved. The sub-committee was going to recommend to the Board that the tuition rate be set at 50% for any administrator or certified staff member who wished to send their child(ren) to school in district. Since their meeting, Sub-Committee Chair Browe and Dr. Scarpetti met and had a discussion on trying to align the districts. Currently Amity charges their staff 33%. A motion was made/seconded by Mr. Ziman/Ms. Riccio to table this policy. Unanimously approved.

July BOE Meeting

There was a discussion on whether or not there was a need to have a July BOE meeting. A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mr. Ziman to cancel the July 2018 BOE meeting. Unanimously approved. The July 2018 BOE meeting has been canceled.

***Superintendent's
Evaluation ****

This evaluation will take place 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. Cafeteria number are up.

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

The sub-committee will be meeting on June 25th. The following policies will be discussed, 5118.1 Homeless Students, 5136.6 Alcohol Use, Drugs & Tobacco and 3240 Tuition Fees. Also being discussed are policies 2151 Hiring Administrators, 3323 Soliciting Prices/Bidding Requirements, and 6153 Field Trips.

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

Mr. Young stated that Ms. Sierakowski's report covered most of the Buildings & Grounds topics. Water heater conversion to gas will take place at Peck Place. A special meeting will be held shortly to approve the contractor for the ADA project.

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

Sub-Committee did not meet in May, committee is planning to meet on June 25th. Nothing further.

21st Century Ad-Hoc - Ms. Riccio After her finance standing report, Ms. Riccio mentioned that there have been many changes/enhancements to the 21st Century Program for the 2017-18 school year. New initiatives will continue for the 2018-19 school year, in order to increase enrollment, flyers were sent home with students. Some of the enhancements included, safety/lock-down drills, CPR training, STEM kits, an upgrade to the homework club, robotics and technology upgrades. In addition, the salary schedule has been reviewed. Students will participate in the 21st Century logo redesign. Mrs. Lasto will continue as the Program Lead.

ACES Update ACES also had many graduations, summer school will be offered. ACES will end year with a surplus. Staff is needed for summer school. ACES will not be having a July or August meeting.

Adjourn Motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made by Mrs. Bunnell and seconded by Ms. Riccio. No discussion. Unanimous vote to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. Dr. Scarpetti was invited into Executive Session.

Executive Session Entered Executive session on 6/18/2018 at 8:09 pm

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

Superintendent Evaluation

Motion to exit executive session by Mary Welander, 2nd by Charles Flynn.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Exit out of Executive session at 8:59 pm

Return to 6/18/2018 Board of Education session at 9:00 pm

Motion to extend Dr. Scarpetti's contract made by Charles Flynn, Kim Browe 2nd,

Motion passed unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn Susan Riccio, 2nd by Ken Ziman at 9:03 pm

Respectfully submitted by Susan Riccio 6/18/2018

INFORMATIONAL – Next meeting – **Monday, August 20, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices. The July 16th BOE meeting has been canceled.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Acampora

