

**MINUTES**  
**ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**May 20, 2019**

Minutes have not been approved.

***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, Mr. Gray, Mr. Carbone, Mrs. Arterbery, Mrs. Lasto, Mr. Luzzi, Mrs. Ginsberg, sixth grade Superintendent Award recipients and their parents/families.

***Call to Order***

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Kraut at 7:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Mission Statement was read by Ms. Riccio.

***Superintendent's Awards***

The following sixth grade students received the CAPSS (Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents) Superintendent's Award. This award is based on community service and service to others; academic prowess; and leadership service to the school community. From Race Brook School - Anthony Casapulla, Taylor Leapley, Stephen Pedenski and Macie Salado; from Turkey Hill School - Tanisha Chaturvedi, Sabrina Osowiecki and Shelby Snowden from Peck Place School - Grayson James, James Liu, Anjali Prabhu and Audrey Wydra. A short bio was read about each student by their school principal; a short recess was called for cake and punch (7:28 p.m.)

Meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

***Public Participation***

None

***Correspondence***

There was no correspondence.

***Consent Agenda***

A motion was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Ms. Riccio to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2019 BOE meeting. Mr. Kraut, Mr. Cap, Ms. Riccio, Mrs. Browe, Mrs. Welander, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Young, Mr. Ziman and Mrs. Bunnell voted in favor of. Mrs. Hadlock abstained. Motion carries.

***Presentation(s)***

None

Chairman Kraut took a moment to speak about the passing of two individuals that made a difference at Turkey Hill School, Mr. Alan Liebnick and Mr. Kipp Taylor. Mr. Liebnick was instrumental in forming the Father's Club and Mr. Taylor was a security monitor at Turkey Hill.

***Superintendent's  
Report***

Dr. Scarpetti began his report by mentioning in addition to the CAPSS (Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents) Superintendent's award the district also honored students at Anthony's Ocean View Restaurant for the South Central Area Superintendents Association (SCASA) held on April 26th. Those students honored included: Daniel Mathew and Maya Quaranta from Race Brook School, Michael Audie and Ellery Varholak from Peck Place School and Erik Jiang and Manaal Akbar from Turkey Hill School. Dr. Scarpetti pointed out that Instructional Rounds would be taking place at Mary L. Tracy School on Tuesday, May 28th. Dr. Scarpetti gave the Board an update of its current vacancies and the status of the opening. Superintendent Scarpetti highlighted some end of the year school events, a list of events was put at member places.

Ms. Sierakowski reported that the financials were discussed with the Finance & Operations Sub-Committee prior to BOE meeting. Many of the bills were reviewed and there was discussion on the line items that are over and line items that are under and the relocations that occur at year-end. The Auditors will be in district on June 10th to start the audit process. Town budget is \$72,157,952 or 3.80% increase, voting will take place on May 22nd. MUNIS held their first meeting with the district/town last week. MUNIS has a well documented roll out plan, clear communication plan and assurances of all the help the district needs during training and implementation. Matt Ullring, Connie D'Amico and Superintendent Scarpetti attended the training for the BOE. Ms. Sierakowski reported that construction at the Derby/Milford bridge is complete and reminded everyone that the Mary L. Tracy parking lot and bus ramp will be repaved this summer.

Dr. Russo shared information on the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards for students. A Team of 5 Orange representatives (consisting of all 3 Library Media Specialists, 1 Technology Specialist, and the Director of Curriculum) participated in onsite workshops to increase skill regarding technology standards adopted by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). Members of this Orange ISTE Team are now in the process of completing online coursework that will transform learning with technology.

Two members of the Orange team are committed to learning technology concepts of Module 1: *Designing for Diversity* and 3 members of our team are committed to learning concepts of Module 2: *Personalized Learning and Alternate Assessments*. All 5 Members of the Team are committed to learning concepts of Module 4: *The New Digital Citizenship--From Fear and Risk to Opportunity and Empowerment*. Our Orange ISTE Team is collaborating with one participant from Amity. This work will enable our Orange ISTE Team to integrate technology into our curriculum. This work represents an example of "Doing more with less". Dr. Scarpetti mentioned that module 4 will address the focus a board member shared at a previous board meeting.

College, Career & Civic Life (C3) Frameworks -on April 24th, The Context Team learned the anatomy of C3 social studies standards and their connection to the global matrix. Teachers reviewed banded standards and identified which should

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

be assigned to which grade levels. Year-long-contexts were developed for 4 units per grade level. Connections were made to themes. Reading consultants and math specialists unpacked standards into content and skills in Rubicon. All Orange teachers have now experienced professional learning regarding creating year-long contexts.

Dr. Russo reported on the summer events:

Student Sessions:

- Summer School (July 1-August 1; Mon-Thurs. 8:30 11:30 am)
- Camp Invention (June 18-21; 8 am-4 pm)
- Math Escape Room (July 8th-12th; 9 am - 2 pm;  
July 15th-19th; 9 am - 2 pm)
- Robotics (Working on Dates and Times)

Adult Sessions

- Music Learning Theory Level 1 Course:
  - July 15th-26th
- Bold Moves Boot Camp
  - (June 18th-20th; 8:30 am-4:30 pm )

Mrs. Slowik reported that the special education department will be losing five (5) paraprofessionals due to retirements/resignations. Four paraprofessionals will be hired to fill the needs of the district. Interviews for paraprofessionals will begin soon. Mrs. Slowik thanked the Board for their support in hiring two additional special education teachers. With the new hire, Turkey Hill, Race Brook and Peck Place Schools will each three (3) Resource Room Teachers. An additional Pre-K Teacher will be hired, the district will now have three am/pm pre-k sessions. Mrs. Slowik thanked the Board for all their support over her tenure in Orange.

***Board Business***

***First Read Policies***

The following policies were presented as first read policies: Policy 5145.4 - Americans with Disability Act and Policy 5114 - Suspension/Expulsion/Due Process. These policies will be presented at the June BOE meeting as second reads. Board Members were told to contact Dr. Scarpetti or Mrs. Browe with any questions.

***Discussion/Possible Motion - Class Size - Policy 6151***

Per Policy 6151 - Class Size, the Superintendent will provide the monthly enrollment reports to the Board (this is given in their monthly Board packet) and will publicly during a May meeting report the upcoming year's planned class sizes. At their places, the Board Members found a 2019-2020 Projected Enrollment sheet indicating class sizes for the next school year. Much discussion over class sizes followed by multiple board members. A motion was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mrs. Bunnell to increase the number of kindergarten classes to 10, part of the motion is that the enrollment numbers are to be reviewed throughout the summer to see if the numbers have changed significantly. Mrs. Lasto addressed the board indicating that class size does matter and she appreciates their willingness for discussion. Mr. Young then spoke about the

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possible physical impact of two new classrooms (kindergarten & pre-k). Some discussion followed. Unanimously approved. More discussions followed about the enrollment numbers at the other schools (Race Brook, Peck Place & Turkey Hill). A motion was made to leave all other grade levels as reported by Mrs. Welander and seconded by Mr. Flynn. Ms. Riccio and Mr. Ziman opposed, Mr. Kraut, Mr. Cap, Mrs. Browe, Mrs. Hadlock, Mr. Flynn, Mrs. Welander, Mr. Young, Mrs. Bunnell voted in favor of. Motion carries. Superintendent Scarpetti has been asked to confer with the school principals making sure they are comfortable with their class sizes/students.

***Turkey Hill ADA Project - Status Completed***

In order to receive State ADA allocated percentage reimbursement, a motion needs to be made by the entire Board on the completion of Turkey Hill ADA project 107-0048. The last piece of the project was installing the lift on the stage. A release has been received by the Town. A motion to approve completion of TH ADA Project 107-0048 was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Flynn. Unanimously approved.

***Discussion/ Possible Action Flooring Replacements***

The Buildings & Grounds Sub-Committee met on April 29th and discussed this topic. Mr. Luzzi was asked to obtain an additional quote. Mr. Luzzi shared the quotes from vendors and the scope of the project(s). Discussion followed. Finance Sub-Committee shared their concern about the whole number, the committee thought the project was for Mary L. Tracy. Discussion followed about the Library Media Center at Race Brook School stating that the carpet is becoming a safety issue. Ms. Sierakowski was asked about funding. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunnell and seconded by Mr. Young to replace the flooring in 12 classrooms, the main office and the cafeteria at Mary L Tracy School and the Library Media Center at Race Brook School. A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Bunnell for the projects not to exceed \$96,000. The next motion was to approve Vendor 1 for the project, the motion was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mr. Ziman. Unanimously approved.

***Annual Healthy Food Certification Statement***

Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes(C.G.S.) requires that each local board of education or governing authority for all Connecticut public school districts participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) must take action annually to certify whether all food items sold to students will or will not meet the CNS. This includes all public schools, regional educational service centers, the Connecticut Technical High School System, charter schools, inter-district magnet schools, and endowed academies. Consideration 1 - will comply - a motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Bunnell to comply. Unanimously approved. Consideration 2 - A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Welander to exclude. Unanimously approved.

*Superintendent's  
Recommendation -  
Special Services  
Director*

This topic 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. The district is running under budget at this time, Ms. Riccio thanked Ms. Sierakowski for all her hard work.

*Personnel/Policy  
Transportation – Mrs.  
Browe*

Sub-Committee brought two policies forward tonight as first reads. Personnel/Policy/Transportation Sub-Committee will not meet in May, a meeting will be set for June. Negotiations have started with the Bus Drivers.

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

Mr. Young reported that everything the sub-committee has been working on has been touched upon tonight, flooring, class sizes as they relate to building space, ADA project. Nothing further.

*Curriculum /  
Instruction /  
Technology -  
Mr. Ziman*

Sub-Committee did not meet last month. Dr. Russo's update covered many curriculum topics.

*Area Cooperative  
Educational Services  
(ACES)*

ACES has increased their surplus to 1.7 million dollars, the hope is that this trend continues for the next month. ACES offers additional services such as: special education transportation, behavioral services, security service, transportation, Open Choice, extension therapy, insurance collaborative, construction services, translation services, educational technology services. East Haven is now part of ACES insurance collaborative services. Aces has expanded their transportation services to include more wheelchair transportation. Meade School in Ansonia opened in January, it is a pre-k program for emotional challenged children. Leeder Hill School is scheduled to open in August. State of CT has approved ACES to use the old Gateway Community College, building is now under rehabilitation to make it accessible to children. Whitney East, West and North are moving into Leeder Hill School. World of Waves is being held on May 24th at the Thomas Edison Middle School, this program will help teachers to understand the physics of waves.

*Adjourn*

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mr. Ziman. Dr. Scarpetti and Dr. Russo were invited into Executive Session. Unanimous - 9:13 p.m.

**INFORMATIONAL** – Next meeting – **Monday, June 17, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie Acampora*

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Entered into executive session May 20, 2019 at 9:17pm

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

**Agenda**

- Executive session discussion of the Recommendation of the Special Services Director.

**Return** to OBOE regular session at 9:36pm

Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the Special Services Director made by Betty Hadlock, 2nd by Charles. Motion carries with a unanimous vote in favor

Motion to adjourn by Susan Riccio, 2nd by Ken Ziman. Motion carries with a unanimous vote in favor. Adjourn 9:41pm.

Respectfully submitted on May 21, 2019 by Susan Riccio, Executive Board Secretary

