

MINUTES
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 15, 2018

Minutes approved at the November 19, 2018 BOE Meeting.

- Attendance*** Present: Chairman Kraut, Mr. Cap, Ms. Riccio, Mr. Ziman, Mrs. Bunnell, Mr. Flynn, Mrs. Welander, Mr. Young, Mrs. Hadlock
- Absent: Mrs. Browe
- The meeting was taped by OGAT
- Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Dr. Russo, Ms. Sierakowski, Mrs. Slowik, Mr. Luzzi, Reporter, Ashley Bell, Shelley Sheridan, Paul Cavanna (Shelley & Paul are being mentored by Superintendent Scarpetti, they are completing their 093 Certification Program)
- 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. Bunnell.
- Public Participation*** There was no public participation.
- Correspondence*** None
- Consent Agenda*** A motion was made by Mr.Ziman and seconded by Mrs. Hadlock to approve the minutes from the September 17th 2018 BOE meeting. Unanimously approved.
- Presentation(s)*** Mr, Luzzi, Director of Facilities provided the Board through a PowerPoint presentation an update on the facilities projects completed over the summer and on current projects.
- Superintendent's Report*** Dr. Scarpetti began his report by thanking Mr. Luzzi for his presentation. There is a Buidlings & Grounds Sub-Committee scheduled for Monday, October 22nd some of the items presented will be discussed during the sub-committee meeting. Superintendent Scarpetti acknowledged Ms. Shelley Sheridan, the Director of Special Education in Derby and Mr. Paul Cavanna, the Principal of West Shore Middle School in Milford. Ms. Sheridan and Mr. Cavanna are being mentored by Dr. Scarpetti, both are pursuing their 093 certification to become a Superintendent. Dr. Scarpetti reported that all lock-down drills have occurred in each school. Interim Superintendent Connelly (Amity High School) attended a lock-down drill with Dr. Scarpetti to observe the systems and measures the district has implemented. Mr. Connelly was able to speak to the school principal, security monitor and police department after the drill. Superintendent Scarpetti informed the Board Members that Mr. Connelly's time at Amity would be ending shortly since Dr. Jennifer Byars was hired as Amity's new Superintendent. Dr. Byars' will start her new position on November 15th. Dr. Scarpetti reported that the PTO/A Council meetings have started back up and that Dr. Russo would be

*Superintendent's
Report (cont.)*

updating the members on the new report cards. (Dr. Russo will be updating the Board about the new report cards during her report). Dr. Scarpetti provided the Board Members with a draft (proposed) copy of the 2019-20 Student Calendar. Board Members were asked to review the calendar and notify Dr. Scarpetti with any concerns. Discussions with the BOWA district concerning the calendar will be starting soon. ACES will be holding a meeting on October 25th to discuss the creation of a regional calendar. Dr. Scarpetti reminded the Board Members about the Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast, Funtober and Parent Teacher Conferences. The Orange Recycling Committee hosted its bi-annual paper shredding and mattress recycling event at High Plains Community Center on Saturday, October 13th; this event was funded by the Rotary Club of Orange. Ms. Sierakowski (a member of the recycling committee) and Dr. Scarpetti (a member of the Orange Rotary Club) worked the event.

Ms. Sierakowski reported that the Finance Sub-Committee met prior to the BOE meeting; finances are tracking well. Ms. Sierakowski reported that the Town and the Board have been working collaboratively on a new financial and HR software system. Both offices have been reviewing, discussing, attending presentations, and talking to other towns. A consensus has been reached and shortly a presentation will be made to town and board. The Security Monitors will be attending another professional development on Election Day.

Dr. Russo mentioned that the district has been working towards transitioning to an authentic standards-aligned report card. Dr. Russo explained that the work commenced last year when grade level teams prioritized standards. Prioritizing standards means that while the district is committed to overtly teaching and assessing all standards bundled in the units of its curriculum, the district is prioritizing particular standards for reporting on the report card. The prioritized standards are aligned to larger categories aligned to components of subjects, or strands. Parents will see the broader categories on the report card, not the particular prioritized standards. The district will provide resources that link the two. Several drafts have been shared with key groups: PDEC, Leadership & Curriculum Sub-Committee. Feedback from the groups have been used for revisions and implementation plans.

Mrs. Slowik provided an update on personnel. A Speech/Language Pathologist has been hired for TH school. Mrs. Fredyna will officially join the district on October 30th. Prior to Mrs. Fredyna's start, one of the other Speech/Language Pathologist has been providing speech/language service hours to students at Turkey Hill. A FMLA leave will be taken by the Speech/Language Pathologist at Race Brook school in mid-November, the district is looking to be able to provide some internal coverage as well as bring in a temporary SLP to ensure all students are serviced. Professional development for the special education department will focus on individuals meeting with others in their discipline in order to collaborate, review instructional strategies, and engage in case review.

Board Business

First Read Policies

The following policies are being presented as first read policies: Policy 6159 - Individualized Education Program/Special Education, Policy 6171 - Special Education, Policy 6161.3 - comparability of Services, Policy 6162.51 - Survey of Students (Student Privacy), Policy 6163.32 - Live Animals in the Classroom (Service Animals & Therapy (Comfort) Animals). The Personnel/Policy/Transportation Sub-Committee met on September 24th to review the aforementioned policies. Board Members with questions were asked to contact Mrs. Browe or Dr. Scarpetti. Policies will be presented at the November BOE meeting as second reads.

Out of State Field Trip Request - TH

Principal Arterbery submitted a letter asking permission for the fifth grade students at Turkey Hill to visit Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, MA in November.. Regulation 6153 (Field Trips) states “trips outside the state of Connecticut must have the approval of the Board of Education.” A motion was made by Mrs. Welander and seconded by Ms. Riccio to approve her request. Unanimously approved.

2019 BOE Meeting Dates

At the September BOE meeting Board Members received the proposed (draft) 2019 Board of Education meeting dates. Board Members were asked to review the dates and contact Dr. Scarpetti or Chairman Kraut with any concerns. A motion was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Bunnell to adopt the dates as presented. Unanimously approved.

STANDING COMMITTEES

***Finance & Operations
Ms. Riccio***

Finance & Operations Sub-Committee met prior to tonight’s BOE meeting and reviewed the expenditures. Most expenditures had to do with start-up costs, payroll and science kits. Cafeteria numbers continue to rise, on average, more students are buying lunches than last year. The State has made some changes to the Child Nutrition Program, and ED-099 form needs to be completed and mailed back to the State prior to November 1st. The new furniture for the 21st Century Programs has been delivered.

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

No report, Mrs. Browe is absent. Five policies presented as first reads.

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

Mr. Young stated that there was nothing to add to Mr. Luzzi’s presentation. The Buildings & Grounds/Safety & Security Sub-Committee will be meeting on October 22nd. Mr. Young had nothing to add to Dr. Scarpetti’s report on security. Condition of school property including school furniture and related inventory will be added to the agenda for the October 22nd sub-committee meeting.

*Curriculum /
Instruction /
Technology -
Mr. Ziman*

Sub-Committee met on September 24th; meeting was spent discussing the new report card system that the district will be instituting this school year. The change in report cards is being done because it will give a more accurate, child centered picture of how students are progressing. Information about the new way to look at student progress will be sent home to parents. Parents are urged to read the handouts and if they have questions they should speak to their child's teacher.

ACES

Ms. Riccio gave the Board Members a detailed update on ACES which included their budget status, enrollment status and the progress of the Leeder Hill School project. ACES has updated their service contracts. Ms. Riccio also mentioned the October 25th Regional Calendar workshop being held at ACES.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ziman and seconded by Ms. Riccio. No discussion. Unanimous vote to adjourn 7:56 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL – Next meeting – **Monday, November 19, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Acampora