

APPROVED MINUTES - approved on 4.27.20
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 21, 2020
7:00 PM

Attendance

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

The meeting was taped by OGAT

Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Dr. Russo, Ms. Koch, Mrs. Edo, Principal Tricia Lasto, Monica Harned, Shannan Carlson, Student Members of the Lego League Orange Circuit Breakers and their families

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Kraut at 7:04 p.m. Chairman Kraut spoke about the tragic loss and untimely passing of Fire Marshal Tim Smith. He shared the terrific legacy of Tim Smith as both a community leader and a friend to all. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited, a moment of silence took place for the memory of Tim Smith and the Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Browe.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Welander and seconded by Ms. Riccio to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2019 BOE meeting. Unanimously approved.

Presentation

Principal Tricia Lasto conducted a presentation of the 21st Century Program. She gave an overview on the social, emotional and intellectual activities that take place on a typical day in this program. Principal Lasto reported that the number of seats have increased and the program continues to grow and expand in the services it provides. As part of the 21st Century program, students from the Lego Robotics Team were invited to do a demonstration similar to the one they did in a recent competition. Students did a great job with the skit and demonstration.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Scarpetti opened his report wishing everyone a Happy New Year. He went on to speak about the winter band and orchestra concerts coming up the next week or two at each school. Dr. Scarpetti reported on the facility work that was done during the holiday break at each school. Turkey Hill School's Media Center was painted and new furniture was delivered. At Mary L. Tracy, the Resource Room had new flooring installed. The work on these projects was done "in house" by our own employees which resulted in savings for the district. Dr. Scarpetti reviewed the current school year calendar and the adjustments made due to a snow day that occurred on December 17, 2019. The last day of school is now Friday, June 12, 2020. He shared that the THS Kitchen Manager, Evon Prior, retired after 20+ years with the district. A celebration took place on January 3, 2020 which was her last official day with the OBOE. Dr. Scarpetti asked that we keep Fire Marshal Tim Smith's Family in our thoughts and prayers. Dr. Scarpetti wrapped up his report with a reminder that OBOE Capital Improvement Projects

would be presented to the Capital Planning Committee on January 9, 2020 and then to the Board of Finance on February 7, 2020.

***Business
Administrator
Report***

Ms. Koch stated that she reviewed expenditures and financials during the Finance Sub-Committee earlier this evening and expenditures were mainly routine and continue to remain within budget. Ms. Koch went on to say the cafeterias continue to do well, with student lunch counts remaining steady during the month of December. She reminded the Board, as mentioned in previous meetings, an Administrative Review is coming up in Food Services mid February. The offsite portion of this review was just completed by the Central Office which involved uploading documentation and answering questionnaires regarding our finance management of our cafeteria services. Ms. Koch reports that training continues for Munis Systems conversion. She stated that the go live date on the financial module is still April 1st and go live for the Payroll module is July 1st. Ms. Koch continued her report by mentioning that the auditors concluded their work for the 2018-2019 report meeting the December 31st deadline. The main focus of this report was the Education Financial System that is filed with the State. Lastly, Ms. Koch stated that the budget workshop will take place on January 29th.

***Director of
Curriculum Report***

Dr. Russo reported the Math Specialists, Reading Consultants, and 8 teachers from our district's Math Team 1 participated in a Professional Learning Session on January 15th. The topic was assessment evidence of instruction. She explained that the goal is to promote student ownership and to overtly teach students to navigate their learning. Dr. Russo reiterated that becoming a self-navigating learner is an aspiration we have for our students, for if they are to become life-long learners, they'll need to learn how to self-navigate. Dr. Russo went on to explain how one becomes a self-navigating learner. She outlined the key points or "3 selfies" that self-navigation relies on which are self regulation, self-evaluation and self-motivation. Dr. Russo continued to explain some of the questions the learner might asked while self-regulating, self-evaluating and during self motivation. During this session they also reviewed learning targets and their role in self-navigation. They crosswalked learning strategies with habits of mind, and we are interested in crosswalking these with the skills for emotional intelligence. They explored "a" tool to support the work of self-navigation referred to as the The Learning Plan. They had an opportunity for a virtual "Site Visit" to see samples of an Orange classroom that has begun this journey. She explained that they concluded with the opportunity to engage in a supported work session to create a learning plan for teacher selected skills. She stated that this same session will be provided to teams next month and continue till May. Dr. Russo explained that if we have an understanding of this work and its impact on students, then we will be equipped to create student learning plans from September through December next year during school-based professional planning sessions. This structure would be the vehicle for application and implementation of our learning. Dr. Russo wrapped up her report with noting that last Wednesday, teachers engaged in another Social Emotional Learning Session and School Charters have been created and faculty has started to learn about the Mood Meter.

***Director of Special
Services Report***

Mrs. Edo reported that upon receiving the Mental Health Grant, a child associate was hired by the district will begin training next week. The goal will be to roll out the program the following week. Pre-K Lottery continues to take applications but will close on January 21, 2020. Mrs. Edo gave a shout out to Diane Downey, our school psychologist, who will be bringing back Unified Sports, which is part of Special Olympics, to the district.

At this point during the meeting, Dr. Scarpetti reminded the Board that the BOE Capital Improvement Project requests were presented to the Capital Planning Committee on January 9th. Committee Chairman Ralph Okenquist will, in turn, present the BOE Capital Improvement Project Requests to the Board of Finance on February 7, 2020.

BOE Chairman Kraut acknowledged the establishment of the sub-committee assignments going forward that were distributed in the Board Packet. He said a great deal of thought and consideration took place as decisions were made for each Committee. He encouraged them to reach out to him if they had any questions.

BOARD BUSINESS

Seconded Read Policies

The following policies are being presented as second read policies: Policy 5125 Student Records: Confidentially and Policy 1331 Smoke Free Environment. These policies were presented as first read policies at the December 16, 2019 BOE meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziman, seconded by Ms. Riccio to adopt Policy 5125 Student Records: Confidentially. Unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Welander, seconded by Mrs. Hadlock to adopt Policy 1331 Smoke Free Environment. Unanimously approved.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance & Operations Ms. Riccio

Ms. Riccio reported that the Finance Committee met before this meeting. She reported that all expenses and expenditures are in order. Ms. Riccio also expressed how pleased she was to hear that the audit report was submitted by the December 31st deadline.

Personnel/Policy Transportation – Mrs. Browe

Mrs. Browe reported the Committee did not meet in December but anticipates a long list of policies that will need to be reviewed since 22 pieces of legislation were passed that affects 37 policies.

Building & Grounds / Safety & Security – Mr. Young

Mr. Young acknowledged the passing of Fire Marshal Tim Smith and how the work of this committee, especially when addressing went safety and security at the schools, worked together with Fire Marshal Smith in the past. Mr. Young had nothing to report but anticipates they will pick up where they left off. He stated Mr. Flynn will be taking the role of Chairman of this Committee going forward.

*Curriculum /
Instruction /
Technology -
Mr. Ziman*

Mr. Ziman stated that the Committee did not meet in December and doesn't plan to meet this month so he had no report.

ACES

Ms. Riccio stated that she could not attend the last ACES meeting so she had no report.

Adjourn

The regular BOE meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. and the Board convened into Executive Session inviting Dr. Scarpetti to join them.

INFORMATIONAL – Budget Workshop will take place on **January 29, 2020** at 6:00 p.m in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices and Next BOE meeting will take place on **February 10, 2020 (second Monday)** at 7:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shaw

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Executive Session

Entered into Executive session at 7:50 PM

Attendees: Bill Kraut, Jeff Cap, Susan Riccio, Ken Vitale, Ken Ziman, Betty Hadlock, Mary Welander, Charles Flynn, Christian Young, Kim Browe

Dr. Scarpetti was invited into executive session

Midyear superintendent performance conversation.

Exited Executive session 8:17 PM

The board resumed 1/21/2020 Orange Board of Education meeting session

Motion to Adjourn the Orange Board of Education meeting at 8:18 PM by Susan Riccio, seconded by Ken Ziman. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted on January 22, 2020 by Susan Riccio