

ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012
BRAINTREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Bent, E. Best, A. Howard,
J. Merriam, K. Husher, L. Rochat,
A. Kaplan, B. Dingedine, S. Murawski*, Anne Black Cone*,
A. Odatto, S. Lewins, L. Soares (*non-voting members)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: B. Kay, S. Kinney, D. Barnett

GUESTS PRESENT:

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Angelo Odatto, at 6:35 p.m.
Agenda items were reviewed.

- II. Minutes:
Motion to approve the minutes of: *December 12, 2011 Regular Board Meeting*
By: Kristin Husher
Seconded by: Joe Bent
Motion passed: Yes

- III. Community Engagement
 1. Public Comments: None

- IV. Board Management/Governance
 1. Discuss 3-yr board plan (Soares/Odatto) (enclosed)
The handout enclosed with agenda packet was reviewed and discussed. Discussed if this plan was on track, reviewed three areas of past, past & present, and future, and discussed marketing. Future charge for two committees in two areas would be regarding education/student learning and marketing.

 2. Update from RED Planning Committee (Husher/Soares)
Ed. discussion - 1/18 @ 6:30 in Brookfield. This will be a “fish bowl” conversation with Cabinet members and a few RED committee members discussing how RED can impact student learning.

 3. Discussed student board members (Odatto)
Need a well thought out role for student members and discuss what the benefits are in having students attend the meetings.

 4. Discussed school board compensation (Odatto)
Compensation should be the same amount (\$1000) for all board members since everyone does the same work. Will put this on the agenda for next meeting and propose that the individual boards make a motion regarding this at their town meetings to become effective at that time.

5. First Reading: Board Management Policy 3.4 Amendment (enclosed)
This policy was reviewed and needs to go on local board agendas for review and approval.

V. EL Monitoring

1. Review Budget Timelines, Warrants, & Surplus/Deficits (enclosed)
The OSSU Warnings Breakdown 2012 handout for all schools was reviewed.
2. Approve EL Report 2.4 - Financial Planning/Budgets by Barnett/Kinney (Merriam/Messier)
Reviewed documentation & found there was reasonable interpretation and in compliance.

Motion to approve the EL Report 2.4 - Financial Planning/Budgets:

By: Jim Merriam
Seconded by: Scott Lewins
Motion passed: Yes

3. Approve EL Report 2.5 - Emergency Supt. Succession by Barnett/Kinney (Howard/Lewins)
Reviewed documentation & found sufficient evidence to support compliance in legal, financial, human resources and administrative cabinet.

Motion to approve the EL Report 2.5 - Emergency Supt. Succession:

By: Scott Lewins
Seconded by: Ann Howard
Motion passed: Yes

VI. Ends Monitoring

1. Direct Inspection Reports
Brooke Dingledine attended the Geo Bee today and observed that there was a lot of hard work and prep involved and that the students skills and knowledge were wonderful.

VII. Advocacy

1. Discuss meeting with legislators and Steve Dale on 2/13 (Merriam/Howard)
Jim & Ann are developing some suggestions and questions for this meeting.
2. GMFC meeting with Ed. chairs has been changed from 1/23 or 1/30 @ RUHS to the evening of 2/2/12 @ RUHS Media Center.
3. Legislative update (Kay)
Education Legislative Report handout was passed out to the board for review.
4. Report on SBE meeting 12/20 @ RUHS (Odato/Kay)
The meeting went well. State board toured RTCC and RUHS and were impressed with what they saw and loved the student art work.

VIII. Reports & Incidental Information

1. Superintendent (enclosed) was reviewed.

2. Local Boards (enclosed) were reviewed.
 3. Financial Report (enclosed) was reviewed.
 4. Other Incidental Information
Joe Bent announced that he is resigning from his board position as of tonight due to a change in employment. The OSSU board thanked him for his many years of service.
- IX. Board Self-Evaluation (Rochat)
Discussed the board evaluation form that was included in the agenda packet and the wish for a different format for this form. A new sample board evaluation form will be created and available in the drop box.
- X. Executive Session: Not needed
- XI. Agenda for next meeting:
1. Draft of 2012-3 Annual Agenda
 2. Draft of Annual Board Report
 3. Meet with legislators and Steve Dale
 4. Review EL 2.3-Financial Conditions & Activities By Barnett/Kinney (Bent/Husher)
 5. Review EL 2.6-Asset Protection by Frenette (Howard/Merriam)
 6. Report on Bd. Policy 4.1-Governing Style (Husher/Lewins)
 7. OSSU maintenance plan - authorization use of funds?
 8. Report card update?
 9. RUHS profile?
 10. Carver Policy Governance in Atlanta on 3/16 & 3/17/12
- XII. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lubold
Board Stenographer