

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012
RANDOLPH UNION HIGH SCHOOL**

MINUTES

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: B. Kay

GUESTS PRESENT: None

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Angelo Odato, at 6:33 p.m.
Agenda items were reviewed.

- II. Minutes:
Motion to approve the minutes of: March 12, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
By: Scott Lewins
Seconded by: Jim Merriam
Amended: Mike VanDyke is a voting member.
Motion passed: Yes

- III. Board Management/Governance
 - a. Report on GP policy 4.2 (Soares/Messier/Dingleline) (enclosed)
Are we following this policy?
Is there a need for adjustment?
Report was included in the agenda packet - see attached. May want to make a change on this policy - will bring amendment to the next meeting.

 - b. Approve amendment to Board Policy 4.3
Motion to approve the amendment to Board Policy 4.3
By: Laura Soares
Seconded by: Scott Lewins
Motion passed: Yes

 - c. Discuss auditor appointment
How do we want to approach this?
Discussion held. Have had Bill Yacavoni as auditor for about 20 years. Will keep the same scope as current audit which is for a bid for 3 years. Decided to direct Robin to go out to bid and provide data to the board.
Motion to go out to bid for the auditor
By: Laura Soares
Seconded by: Scott Lewins
Motion passed: Yes

- d. Discuss proposed amendment to Ends (Best) (enclosed)
 - Does Health Awareness & Experience rise to the level of 1.5?*
 - If so, is this the correct sentence?*
 - Is this our mission?*
 - What are the consequences?*

See attached proposal re: wellness in the schools. Discussed previous board work, board's role, appropriate boundaries, ends and how they are monitored and whether this would fit in under life skills or foundational knowledge. Brent will bring back a report on what's happening re: wellness in the schools presently.

- e. Carver seminar (Lewins)

Scott Lewins felt this was very valuable and felt all board members should attend. The next Carver will be in October.

IV. Ends Monitoring

- a. Direct inspection reports (one report enclosed)
 - Which Ends were evaluated?*
 - Are there any concerns?*

Angelo Odatto was on the interview team for the Shizukuishi student selection. See his attached report which looked at adaptability and communication.

- b. Discuss Ends Indicators (handouts distributed at meeting)
 - Is the information to date appropriate?*
 - What more information do we need?*

Reviewed the handout and discussed if these were the indicators that the board wants and if there is something else that they should be looking at. Separate participation from actual achievement. Would like to look at other grades like 8th or end of the middle years. The restructuring of report cards will give teacher perceptions on a cohort.

V. Community Engagement

- a. Public Comments: None

- b. RED committee update (Husher/Soares)

Tomorrow night there is a meeting in Brookfield @ 6:30 p.m. Next Wednesday is the Forum @ RUHS @ 7 p.m. Will bring a draft of the RED Committee Report to the May board meeting.

VI. EL Monitoring

- a. Accept EL 2.3-Financial Conditions & Activities (Best/Husher) (enclosed)
 - Is the Superintendent's interpretation reasonable?*
 - Does the Superintendent provide a rationale? Yes*
 - Does the evidence support compliance? Yes*

The enclosed report was reviewed.

Motion to accept the EL 2.3 - Financial Conditions & Activities report

By: Kristin Husher

Seconded by: Scott Lewins

Motion passed: Yes

VII. Advocacy

a. Legislative Update (Odato/Kay)

Laura S. and Brent outlined recent proposals.

VIII. Consent Agenda

a. Approve professional staff contacts (form enclosed)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

By: Scott Lewins

Seconded by: Jim Merriam

Motion passed: Yes

IX. Reports & Incidental Information

a. Superintendent (enclosed)

b. Local Boards (enclosed)

c. Financial Report (enclosed)

d. Staff appreciation through RTCC (Odato)

Has talked with Jerry Sullivan @ RTCC about making platters.

e. Other Incidental Information: None

X. Board Self-Evaluation (Merriam) - Jim Merriam evaluated this meeting.

Assign member for next meeting - Ann Howard will evaluate next meeting.

XI. Executive Session

8:19 p.m. A motion was made by Kristin Husher & seconded by Eric Best to enter Executive Session to discuss a staff grievance with the superintendent present. Motion passed.

8:27 p.m. The board exited Executive Session. No action was taken.

XII. Agenda for next meeting:

a. Appoint auditor

b. Review EL 2.5 - Emergency Superintendent Succession (Lewins/Dingledine)

c. Review EL 2.7 - Compensation & Benefits (Murawski/Dingledine)

d. Approve Administrative & Central Office contracts

e. Review RED committee draft

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lubold, Board Stenographer