

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014
RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Howard, P. Hammond, A. Odatto,
J. Merriam, K. Husher, L. Rochat,
A. Kaplan, S. Murawski, A. Black Cone (left @ 6:43 p.m.)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: B. Kay, E. McLaughlin, S. McKelvie, E. Hawkes

GUESTS PRESENT: None

I. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kristin Husher, at 6:30 p.m.
Agenda items were reviewed.

II. Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of: March 10, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

By: Angelo Odatto

Seconded by: Peggy Hammond

Motion passed: Yes

Sarah Murawski & Anne Kaplan were time keepers for this meeting.

III. Ends Monitoring

a. Report Card Report - Grades 2 & 8

Erica presented a review of the Grade 2 report cards for the three elementary schools.

Goals this year were to boost student work ethic and to work on student writing. This is the first full year of Bridges writing. Bridges reading has been for three years.

Elijah passed out & reviewed a Grade 8 snapshot handout which compared last year with this year. These students had the same core teachers and advisors for both years. Focusing efforts to make data more meaningful by refining common rubrics (assessment tools) and quality of data (commonality of the criteria). Will be building a data wall for 7 - 9 grades using a combo of different assessment tools & teachers will be able to review and discuss. Hoping to increase graduation rates by working on kids at risk who have given up hope after some failure.

b. Data Wall Presentation

Susan presented and reviewed a chart which gives a visual picture from multiple assessments of data from the assessment wall. The February (mid-year) data is used as an informative assessment that the teachers review and discuss what is next for the students. The end of the year date will be summative. This is the second year of tracking so starting to see data trend lines.

c. Direct Inspections: Elementary Chorus (Hammond/Merriam/Kaplan)(see attached)
See attached direct inspection forms from Peggy & Anne K. Jim also did a verbal review which he indicated they did very well. Several more direct inspection opportunities are coming up.

IV. Community Engagement

a. Public comment: None

b. Community Speaker Update (Hammond)(see attached handout)
Discussed what topics the community would engage in as has found lots of great speakers but very expensive. Peggy asked the board to help with their ideas of organizations that would co-sponsor. Discussed having NBA star, Chris Herren, who is a dynamic speaker that talks about his struggle with heroin addiction.

Motion to authorize up to \$12,000 for a community speaker

By: Jim Merriam
Seconded: Angelo Odatto
Motion passed: Yes

V. Board Management/Governance

a. Review representation for Local Standards Board (Husher)

The board discussed if there needs to be a board representative on Local Standards Board.

Motion to eliminate this function

By: Jim Merriam
Seconded: Angelo Odatto
Motion passed: Yes

VI. Advocacy

a. Legislative Update (Kay)

Brent recently sent the board a detailed e-mail on legislative updates. Brent urged the board to keep an eye on legislative activity and to talk with our legislators.

VII. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Professional Staff Contract Lists (see attached)

Does the board have enough evidence?

See attached anticipated list.

Motion to approve the consent agenda

By: Jim Merriam
Seconded: Laura Rochat
Motion passed: Yes

VIII. Reports & Incidental Information

a. Superintendent (enclosed)

Kindergarten registrations are coming soon.

- b. Local Boards (enclosed)
- c. Financial Report (enclosed)
In decent shape.
- d. Other incidental information
Will move to central purchasing this summer.

- IX. Board Self-evaluation (Odato)
Angelo reviewed his evaluation form - all was satisfactory.
- a. Assign member for next meeting
Peggy Hammond will evaluate next meeting.

- X. Executive Session
- a. Staff negotiations

8:19 p.m. A motion was made by Jim Merriam & seconded by Angelo Odato to enter Executive Session to discuss teacher negotiations with the superintendent and board clerk present. Motion passed.

8:25 p.m. The board exited Executive Session. No action was taken.

- XI. Agenda for next meeting:
- a. Appoint Auditor
 - b. Legislative Update
 - c. RUHS/RTCC Senior Profile
 - d. Direct Inspections
 - Braintree Night of the Arts
 - RTCC Open House & Senior Projects
 - Brookfield June Concert
 - e. Review EL Reports 2.7
 - f. Administrative Staff Contracts
 - g. Staff Appreciation update

- XII. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lubold, Board Clerk