

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012
RANDOLPH UNION HIGH SCHOOL**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Howard, E. Best
J. Merriam, L. Rochat,
A. Kaplan, J. Messier, S. Murawski*, Anne Black Cone*,
A. Odatto, S. Lewins, L. Soares, M. VanDyke* (*non-voting members)

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Larry Townsend, Patsy French, Steve Dale, Jeremy Lyford, Hunter Ladd, Coy Lyford, Jeff Norton, Larry Davignon, Jason Leno, SSG Eaccarino, Peggy Eaccarino, Matt Flint, Leslie Marie Flint, Sadie Lyford, Kim Marks, Colby Marks, Alex Gray, Gabriel Clark, Tanya Clark, Asher Gray

- 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: *January 9, 2012 Regular Board Meeting*
By: Laura Soares
Seconded by: Jim Merriam
Motion passed: Yes with following amendments:
Under IV, #3: Amend to: Didn't see a need for student board members at this point and time.
Under IX: Amend to: Sample evaluation forms are available in the drop box.

- III. Community Engagement
 1. Public Comments
Matt Flint spoke expressing thanks for the board's support of the youth wrestling program. He read a letter of support from Dr. DiNicola. Matt and some of the parents talked about all the positive things that wrestling provides for the children who participate. The board suggested that these parents contact the RUHS athletic director. The board thanked the group for all that they do for the youth who wrestle.

- IV. Advocacy
 1. Discussion with legislators
Introductions were made around the table. Steve Dale from VSBA spoke about recent proposals (bills) that are presently being worked on by the legislature. These proposals were discussed and Steve Dale, Patsy French and Larry Townsend answered questions. Larry urged the board to contact the legislators and the governor when issues come up and at any time the board wants to.
A motion was made by Laura Soares and seconded by Anne Kaplan to send a letter to the legislators addressing many of the issues discussed tonight. All were in favor of this motion.

V. Board Management/Governance

1. Discuss charge for Bd. Enrichment and Community Connection Committees (Soares)
The enclosed handouts were reviewed and it was discussed how to proceed. It was decided that the Board Enrichment Committee should work on their plan first and have a plan done by June. Anne Kaplan and Ann Howard will serve on this committee with Laura Soares as a resource to the committee.
The Community Connection Committee will start their work in June. Jim Merriam, Scott Lewins and Anne Cone Black will serve on this committee.
2. Discuss board chair succession guidelines (Odato) (enclosed)
The enclosed handout was reviewed. Angelo is willing to serve for another year as board chair. Will look at vice chair next month when the board does the annual reorganization.
3. Update from RED Planning Committee (Husher/Soares)
The next RED meeting is on Wednesday night. Will prepare for town meeting and finish the flyer.
4. Report on Bd. Policy 4.1-Governing Style (Husher/Lewins) (enclosed)
Reviewed the board policy handout and examples of support for the responses.
5. Second Reading/Approval of Board Management Policy 3.4 Amendment
Motion to approve the Board Management Policy 3.4 Amendment
By Laura Soares
seconded by Ann Howard
All in favor: Yes
6. Review draft of 2012-3 Annual Agenda and Annual Board Report (Odato) (enclosed)
The enclosed handouts were reviewed.
7. Discuss change in 'Board Cycle' (Odato) (enclosed)
See enclosed handout. Proposed to have the board cycle coincide with the school year cycle. (July to June). Will bring this up as an amendment next time.
8. Carver Institute training March 16-17
Dave Barnett, Erica McLaughlin, Susan McKelvie, and Scott Lewins will be attending. Contact Brent if anyone else is interested.
9. VSBA Certificates
Laura handed out VSBA Certifications for the following years of service:
Joe Bent - 12 years Angelo Odato - 9 years Brooke Dingledine - 9 years

VI. Ends Monitoring

1. Direct Inspection Reports - None this time

- VII. EL Monitoring
1. Reviewed EL 2.3-Financial Conditions & Activities By Barnett/Kinney (Best/Husher) (enclosed)
 2. Reviewed EL 2.6-Asset Protection by Frenette (Howard/Merriam) (enclosed)
- VIII. Reports & Incidental Information
1. Superintendent (enclosed)
 2. Local Boards (enclosed)
 3. Financial Report (enclosed)
 4. Other Incidental Information - None
- IX. Board Self-Evaluation (Rochat)
Laura Rochat used a different form for evaluation. Laura Soares will do the evaluation next meeting.
- X. Executive Session
1. Support staff negotiations
- 8:42 p.m. A motion was made by Laura Soares & seconded by Scott Lewins to enter Executive Session to discuss support staff negotiations with the superintendent present. Motion passed.
8:44 p.m. The board exited Executive Session. No action was taken.
- 8:44 p.m. A motion was made by Scott Lewins & seconded by Jim Merriam to enter Executive Session to discuss a staff grievance with the superintendent present. Motion passed.
8:47 p.m. The board exited Executive Session. No action was taken.
- XI. Agenda for next meeting:
1. Board reorganization
 2. Approve 2012-3 Annual Agenda and Annual Board Report
 3. Accept EL 2.3-Financial Conditions & Activities By Barnett/Kinney (Bent/Husher)
 4. Accept EL 2.6-Asset Protection by Frenette (Howard/Merriam)
 5. OSSU maintenance plan - authorization use of funds
 6. Report card update?
 7. RUHS profile
- XII. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lubold
Board Stenographer