

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014  
RANDOLPH UNION HIGH SCHOOL**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** A. Howard, A. Odatto,  
J. Merriam, K. Husher,  
A. Kaplan, J. Messier, B. Dingleline, L. Soares

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** B. Kay

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mark MacDonald, Jeff Francis, Patsy French & Paul Putney

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Angelo Odatto, at 6:32 p.m.  
Agenda items were reviewed.
  
- II. Minutes:  
Motion to approve the minutes of: January 13, 2014 Regular Board Meeting  
By: Laura Soares  
Seconded by: Jim Merriam  
Motion passed: Yes
  
- III. Advocacy
  - a. Legislation discussion with Legislators  
Jeff Francis outlined the bills in legislation this year and told the board that 2014 is the year of implementation. The following topics were included in the discussion: Act 77 which is focused on personalized learning, education funding formula, equity in learning opportunities and funding, focus on school climate, use of paraeducators in our schools (lack of uniformity in ways that they are used), systems not being the same from place to place, consolidation of schools, small schools, difficulty in filling the big turn over in superintendent/principal positions, property versus income based taxes, the previous RED incentive, and Jeff's idea of "a small school preservation act". Mark MacDonald talked about the funding formula and shared a handout of Education Spending & Median Household Income by town (see handout).
  
- IV. Ends Monitoring
  - a. Review Direct inspection assignments  
*Set schedule at reorganization meeting*  
See enclosed list. Send any comments to Angelo. Board members will sign up at the March OSSU meeting.
  
- V. EL Monitoring
  - a. Review EL Reports 2.3 (Husher)  
Brent's report was enclosed for review. If the board has comments or concerns, please contact Brent or the reviewing board member.

- b. Review EL Reports 2.6 (Murawski)  
Brent's report was enclosed for review.

VI. Community Engagement

- a. Public comment: Paul Putney was only guest still in attendance and did not have any comments.
- b. Finalize information on community speaker - Ruby Payne (Hammond/Kay)  
Ruby Payne is unable to come. Angelo will cancel Chandler for the Sunday evening prior to inservice day. Brent has asked Rebecca Holcombe to speak at inservice about her vision for education. Board decided to skip the community event at this time.
- c. Topics to discuss at Town Meetings - Issues about Health Ins. & Common Core  
Each elementary school has a student slide show for their town meeting.

VII. Board Management/Governance

- a. Approve Amendment to Policy 4.2 (enclosed)  
Motion was made to approve the Amendment to Policy 4.2  
By: Laura Soares  
Seconded: Brooke Dingledine  
Motion passed: Yes

- b. Report on January 29 Professional Development  
Pietro Lynn presented about the Quasi Judicial Functions of boards to the GMFC board chairs. The board discussed some things that were presented and a copy of Pietro's handout is available if any board member would like it.

VIII. Reports & Incidental Information

- a. Superintendent (enclosed)  
This report was a financial picture narrative.
- b. Local Boards (enclosed)
- c. Financial Report (enclosed)  
All schools are in fine shape.
- d. Other incidental information

IX. Board Self-evaluation (Howard)

- Ann Howard did the evaluation this time.
- a. Assign member for next meeting  
Jim Merriam will evaluate the next meeting.

X. Executive Session

- a. Staff negotiations

8:31 p.m. A motion was made by Brooke Dingleline & seconded by Jim Merriam to enter Executive Session to discuss ongoing teacher negotiations with the superintendent, the clerk and Paul Putney present. Motion passed.

8:39 p.m. The board exited Executive Session. No Action was taken.

XI. Agenda for next meeting:

- a. Reorganize Board & Committees
- b. Assign Direct Inspections
- c. Meet with Auditor
- d. Data Wall Presentation
- e. Accept EL Report 2.3 (Husher)
- f. Accept EL Report 2.6 (Murawski)
- g. Legislative Update
- h. Report on Town Meetings

XII. Other

This was Laura Soares last meeting as a board member after 20+ years. She was thanked for her wonderful service over all those years, presented with a gift & card and given the board's best wishes.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Lubold, Board Clerk