

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014  
BRAINTREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** A. Howard, P. Hammond, A. Odatto,  
J. Merriam, K. Husher, L. Rochat,  
A. Kaplan, J. Messier, B. Dingleddine,  
P. Putney

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** B. Kay

**GUESTS PRESENT:** William Yacavoni

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Angelo Odatto, at 6:36 p.m.  
Agenda items were reviewed.
  
- II. Minutes:  
Motion to approve the minutes of: February 10, 2014 Regular Board Meeting  
By: Angelo Odatto  
Seconded by: Brooke Dingleddine  
Motion passed: Yes
  
- III. Board Management/Governance
  - a. Meet with Auditor - William Yacavoni  
Bill Yacavoni gave an overview of his auditing process. Student activity accounts are the hardest to audit, but he didn't find any issues and no real concerns. He also did a Federal compliance review for Title I which was fine. He found everything in really good shape and very healthy with no major concerns. Each entity has an outside treasurer which is good. Talked about the surpluses and reserve funds. Bill hopes to downsize next year and not sure if will be doing our audit but will let us know.
  
- IV. Reorganize Board  
Elect Chair (currently Odatto)  
Kristin Husher was nominated for Chair by Brooke Dingleddine & seconded by Peggy Hammond  
Elect Vice-Chair (currently Dingleddine)  
Angelo Odatto was nominated for Vice-Chair by Ann Howard & seconded by Peggy Hammond  
Elect Clerk (currently Howard) - Ann Howard will continue as Clerk  
  
Approve schedule for regular meetings (enclosed) - reviewed & approved  
  
Assign member to sign official documents in absence of Chair (currently Murawski/Black Cone) - Angelo Odatto & Jen Messier will be additional signers

Assign Direct Inspections - sign up sheet was passed around - each member to choose two

Assign Monitoring Report Reviews- sign up sheet was passed around - each member to choose one

Motion to approve the above docket of board assignments

By: Brooke Dingledine

Seconded: Ann Howard

Motion passed: Yes

V. Ends Monitoring

a. Direct inspections

VI. EL Monitoring

a. Accept EL Report 2.3 - Financial Conditions (Husher - enclosed)

Kristin Husher went over her review of EL 2.3 and reported that there were no concerns, it was clear & organized and interpretations were good. See attached report.

Motion to accept EL Report 2.3

By: Ann Howard

Seconded: Peggy Hammond

Motion passed: Yes

b. Accept EL Report 2.6 - Asset Protection (Murawski - enclosed)

The board reviewed Sarah Murawski's review/report of EL 2.6. See attached report

Motion to accept EL Report 2.6

By: Angelo Odatto

Seconded: Peggy Hammond

Motion passed: Yes

c. Facilities Plans Updates (enclosures)

Updated plans for all schools were reviewed.

VII. Community Engagement

a. Public comment - None

b. Report on Town Meetings

**\* Note to revisit next year re: connecting with the community at town meetings.**

Braintree Town Meeting - good questions & very supportive, talked about common core, OSSU brochure & principal reorganization.

Randolph Town Meeting - went very well, slide show and resolution from Patsy French for Laura Soares.

Brookfield Town Meeting - slide show, fine school meeting with engaged questioning and good discussion.

The slide shows will be put up on the web sites.

c. Discuss Community Speaker (Hammond)

Working on a community speaker for the fall. Discussion held regarding possible topics and speakers. Some speaker ideas: David Wolk, Bill Clinton, Yung Cho, some of our RUHS grads. Some topic ideas: Information security, language acquisition relating to family social-economic situation, poverty. A committee sign up sheet was passed around. Contact Peggy with ideas.

VIII. Advocacy

a. Legislative Update (Kay)

Brent updated the board. Brent pointed out that we are only spending 2.7 cents on the dollar for our children's education.

IX. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of VIP and RAVEN Collaborative Agreements for 2014-2015 (form enclosed)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

By: Angelo Odat

Seconded: Brooke Dingledine

Motion passed: Yes

X. Reports & Incidental Information

a. Superintendent (enclosed)

b. Local Boards (enclosed)

c. Financial Report (enclosed)

d. Plan Staff Appreciation - Angelo will talk to Jerry @ RTCC culinary to prepare trays of veggies and fruits for staff appreciation.

e. Other incidental information

XI. Board Self-evaluation (Merriam) - Jim Merriam evaluated this meeting.

a. Assign member for next meeting - Angelo will evaluate next meeting.

XII. Executive Session

a. Staff negotiations

8:06 p.m. A motion was made by Brooke Dingledine & seconded by Ann Howard to enter Executive Session to discuss Staff Negotiations with the superintendent & board clerk present. Motion passed.

8:11 p.m. The board exited Executive Session. No action was taken.

XIII. Agenda for next meeting:

a. Report Card Report - Grades 2 & 7

b. Professional Staff Contracts

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- c. Data Wall Presentation
- d. Community Speaker

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Lubold, Board Clerk