

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, March 11, 2013
RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Howard, P. Hammond, A. Odatto,
J. Merriam, K. Husher, L. Roachat,
A. Kaplan, B. Dingleline, S. Murawski*, A. Black Cone,
L. Soares (*non-voting members)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: B. Kay

GUESTS PRESENT: None

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

II. Minutes:
Motion to approve the minutes of: February 11, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
By: Jim Merriam
Seconded by: Brooke Dingleline
Motion passed: Yes

III. Board Management/Governance
a. Meet with Auditor (William Yacavoni)
Questions enclosed

Bill Yacavoni stated that he had reviewed the budget amounts and surpluses for each school and found: Financially no problems, records in excellent shape, each entity has an outside treasurer, a good OSSU staff who are proactive on fixing any problem, and entities are working well together. Food service and student activity accounts are hardest to audit especially the smaller schools.

IV. Community Engagement: None
a. Public Comment

b. Report on Annual Meetings
Brookfield - Discussion re: community development
Braintree - Peggy Hammond new board member
Randolph - One person had questions about savings

V. Board Management/Governance
a. Board Reorganization
Elect Chair: Angelo Odatto
Elect Vice-Chair: Kristin Husher
Elect Clerk: Ann Howard
Approve schedule for regular meetings (enclosed)

The enclosed meeting schedule was approved with a change of date for the next meeting on April 8, 2013.
Assign member to sign official documents in absence of Chair: Sarah Murawski & Anne Black Cone

Motion was made to accept the above nominations for board reorganization
By: Kristin Husher
Seconded: Jim Merriam
Motion passed: Yes

- b. Report on GP 4.7 (Soares/Murawski/Kaplan)
The board reviewed the enclosed handouts of policy 4.7 and the suggested revisions. Next meeting will be the 1st reading of 4.7 with these revisions.

Motion to accept the review report on Policy 4.7
By: Laura Soares
Seconded: Anne Black Cone
Motion passed: Yes

- c. Report from Community Connections Committee (Howard/Kaplan/Murawski)
Some of the thoughts brought forth by the group were:
What would be our purpose? What reason/draw to come to a meeting? What are goals for our students & Ends? Are we on target with our Ends? Maybe highlight some graduates who still live in town. What are employers looking for and do our Ends fit with them? Start with business oriented organizations like the Chamber, rotary, VTC, etc. Maybe present at rotary or maybe a handout, news article or blurb on the web. Brent will meet with this committee before the next board meeting.

VI. Advocacy

- a. Legislative update (Kay)
17 school budgets have been defeated so far & 26 new bills on the table. Discussion about dual enrollment and public funding of independent schools. A meeting is coming up on the Foreign Language Immersion program which probably will not be happening the next school year but will the following year. The agency fees are seeing push back.

VII. Ends Monitoring

- a. Direct inspection reports
Anne Kaplan reported on the 5/6 Play @ RES. She will write up a report. All student were very engaged.
- b. Update progress on Ends Indicators (Kay)
Angelo told the board that the group has been meeting and progress is coming along.

VIII. EL Monitoring

- a. Accept EL Reports 2.3 - Financial Conditions (Messier/Howard) See attached reports.
Motion to accept the reports on EL 2.3
By: Jim Merriam
Seconded: Ann Howard
Motion passed: Yes
- b. Accept EL Reports 2.6 - Asset Protection (Merriam/Black Cone) See attached reports.

Motion to accept the reports on EL 2.6
By: Anne Black Cone
Seconded: Brooke Dingedine
Motion passed: Yes

- IX. Consent Agenda
- a. Approval of Occupational Therapy Contract for 2013-2014 (enclosed)
 - b. Approval of Speech Contract for 2013-2014 (enclosed)
 - c. Approval of VIP and RAVEN Collaborative Agreements for 2013-2014 (enclosed)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
By: Laura Soares
Seconded: Ann Howard
Motion passed: Yes

- X. Reports & Incidental Information
- a. Superintendent (enclosed)
Angelo spoke about our recent inservice presentation. Paul Tough talked about character education.
 - b. Local Boards (enclosed)
 - c. Financial Report (enclosed)
In good shape across the board.
 - d. Other incidental information
VSBA workshop on Policy Governance 101 on March 29 in Montpelier. Val Gardner will be one of the presenters. Kristin attended the Carver training and she reviewed some of her notes with the board. One statement she shared was: The Board serves to uphold the interests of the owners.
- XI. Board Self-Evaluation (Messier) Due to Jen's absence, this was not done.
- a. Assign evaluator for next meeting: Jen Messier will evaluate the next meeting.
- XII. Executive Session: Not needed
- XIII. Agenda planning meeting on 3/25 for new board chairs. Agenda for next meeting on 4/8:
- a. Legislative update
 - b. Report on Ends Indicators
 - c. 4.7 Revision
- XIV. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lubold, Board Clerk