

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014
BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

MINUTES

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: B. Kay, D. Barnett, E. Hawkes, B. Sugarman

GUESTS PRESENT: Kym Anderson came at 8:25 p.m. during RED discussion

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

II. Minutes:
Motion to approve the minutes of: April 14, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
By: Peggy Hammond
Seconded by: Angelo Odatto
Motion passed: Yes

III. Board Management/Governance
a. Appoint Auditor - The board would like to continue with Bill Yacavoni.
Motion to appoint Bill Yacavoni as auditor for next year
By: Angelo Odatto
Seconded by: Jim Merriam
Motion passed: Yes

IV. Ends Monitoring
a. RUHS/RTCC Senior Profile (enclosures)

Bill Sugarman passed out a summary sheet for RTCC Senior & Longitudinal Data. RTCC Annual Data Report for the 2013 School Year and RTCC Longitudinal Data Summary were also enclosed in the board packet. Bill reviewed the summary sheet with the board and talked about some of the programs RTCC offers. (see attached copy)

David Barnett & Elijah Hawkes showed a Power Point presentation of the RUHS Senior/School Profile for the Class of 2013. (see attached copy of the presentation) They also passed out a handout which summarized the Senior Profile: Current Year and Longitudinal Data for the current year and the past 5 years. (see attached copy)

b. Direct Inspections: Braintree Night of the Arts (Hammond)(enclosed)
Peggy Hammond attended the Braintree Night of the Arts. Her direct inspection report is enclosed.

V. EL Monitoring

a. Review EL Report 2.7 (Kay)(Murawski)

Brent's monitoring report was enclosed in the packet for the board's review. Sarah Murawski will review EL 2.7 for the next meeting.

VI. Community Engagement

a. Public comment: None

b. Community Speaker Update (Hammond)(enclosed update)

Peggy enclosed an update about the community speaker, Chris Herren. Discussed dates for him to come and decided it will most likely be a Tuesday after Christmas. May need to hold the presentation to students at Chandler due to space for both RUHS & RTCC. Would be good if students could read his book or view his movie, "Unguarded", prior to his presentation.

VII. Advocacy

a. Legislative Update (Kay)

Brent has been e-mailing legislative updates to the board. As it turns out, all education bills died. Watch for more on health insurance shortfall which may come back. Brooke is the regional representative for the VSBA and shared that consolidation is just a matter of time. There is now a recognition of what we have is not working.

b. Discussion about OSSU RED options

Discussed the reality that consolidation is going to happen and our position if we had a RED. Some things brought up were: Need to decide if a benefit to our community and kids. We would do it with every intention of being successful. Wondered if we need to resume the whole process and what it would look like. Some incentives would be teaching staff seniority and the combining of part time positions. Felt it would make a difference if it was Brookfield's decision to close their own school. Would need a committee and real work in our communities to be clear what it means and what it doesn't mean. The board decided to create an exploratory committee to research the following: Legal questions like who has to revoke and about closure of schools, knowing what is on the table, and gauging sentiment in the communities. Brooke will check on the legal issues.

A motion was made to form an exploratory committee consisting of Brooke Dingleline, Anne Black Cone, Jim Merriam, Kristin Husher, and Ann Howard to determine the feasibility and interest of a RED

By: Peggy Hammond

Seconded: Angelo Odatto

Motion passed: Yes

VIII. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Non-Union Agreements: Bus Driver's, etc., Administrative Levels I & II, and Confidential Staff (form & agreements enclosed)
Brent reviewed the summary of changes to the above agreements.
- b. Approval of Administrative Staff Contracts & Non-Union Contracts (form enclosed)
- c. Approval of 2014-2015 Speech Contract with Nine East Network (form enclosed)
- d. Approval of 2014-2015 Occupational Therapy Contract with ACIM (form enclosed)

Motion was made to approve the above Consent Agenda

By: Angelo Odatto

Seconded: Jim Merriam

Motion passed: Yes

IX. Reports & Incidental Information

- a. Superintendent (enclosed)
The AOE audit brought up a discussion about carry over (reserve) funds.
- b. Local Boards (enclosed)
- c. Financial Report (enclosed)
- d. Staff Appreciation Update
Jerry Sullivan is preparing for Friday, June 13. Cards were passed around for board members to sign.
- e. Other incidental information
Angelo will work on a portion of the OSSU website dedicated to board information. He will e-mail everyone on the board for suggestions.

X. Board Self-evaluation (Hammond)

Peggy Hammond did the evaluation this time. (see attached copy)

- a. Assign member for next meeting
Anne Black Cone will evaluate the next meeting.

XI. Executive Session

8:52 p.m. A motion was made by Ann Howard & seconded by Angelo Odatto to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters without the superintendent present. The board clerk was present. Motion passed.

9:04 p.m. The board exited Executive Session.

A motion was made to approve the superintendent's contract. The board chair, Kristen Husher, will verify that comparable salaries are accurate and consistent with years of experience

By: Angelo Odató
Seconded: Brooke Dingleline
Motion passed: Yes

- XII. Agenda for next meeting:
- a. Legislative Update
 - b. Direct Inspections
 - RTCC Open House & Sr. Tech. Projects (Murawski/Odató)
 - Grade 6 Challenge (Howard/Putney/Dingleline)
 - Service Learning Projects (Dingleline)
 - Local History Projects (Rochat/Hammond)
 - RUHS Night of the Arts (Howard/Putney/Rochat)
 - RUHS Senior Projects (Odató/Messier)
 - Brookfield June Concert (Merriam)
 - c. Accept EL Reports 2.7
 - d. Annual Review of Ends
 - e. Year's summary of Ends Monitoring Reports
 - f. Draft Annual Report and Annual Agenda for AY 2014-2015

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lubold, Board Clerk