

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014  
RANDOLPH UNION HIGH SCHOOL**

**MINUTES**

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

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** B. Kay

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kristin Husher, at 6:35 p.m.  
Agenda items were reviewed.
  
- II. Minutes:  
Motion to approve the minutes of: May 12, 2014 Regular Board Meeting  
By: Angelo Odatto  
Seconded by: Peggy Hammond  
Motion passed: Yes
  
- III. Board Management/Governance
  - a. Draft Annual Report and Annual Agenda for AY 2014-2015  
Kristin will e-mail out the Annual Agenda to the board. The 2013-2015 Goals were distributed and reviewed. (see attached) Discussed review of direct inspections. Are we asking the right questions to demonstrate we are meeting our goals. Will discuss these again in August.
  
  - b. Discuss Website (Odatto)  
Discussed a section of the website for Board work space. Angelo will work on over the summer.
  
  - c. Approve Facility Reserve Expenditures (form enclosed)  
The board reviewed the summary sheet for each school. (see enclosed)  
Motion to approve the Facility Reserve Expenditures  
By: Peggy Hammond  
Seconded: Anne Kaplan  
Motion passed: Yes
  
- IV. Ends Monitoring
  - a. Discuss Review of Ends  
*Assign Ends to board members - focus questions  
Are they still relevant? Are they still the right ones? Are we missing anything?  
Do you feel these still reflect the values of the community?*

Will send out the rubrics for review homework.  
The following board members will review these Ends:

- 1.1 Anne Kaplan
- 1.2 Ann Howard
- 1.3 Paul Putney
- 1.4 Peggy Hammond

- b. Year's summary of Ends Monitoring Reports (Kay)  
Brent handed out his Annual Report of Ends. (see enclosed) Brent summarized the report for the board. Has seen improved progress on desired outcomes. If the board has any questions or ideas, get in touch with Brent.
- c. Direct Inspections (see attached reports from the following board members)

RTCC Open House & Sr. Tech. Projects	Murawski/Odato
Grade 6 Challenge	Howard
Service Learning Projects	Putney
Local History Projects	Rochat
RUHS Night of the Arts	Putney
RUHS Senior Projects	Odato/Messier
Brookfield June Concert	Merriam
RUHS RAND Video	Odato

Each board member reviewed their observations. For Direct Inspections next year possibly have board member(s) go into a RTCC class prior to Open House to improve observation of individual projects.

V. EL Monitoring

- a. Accept EL Report 2.7 (Murawski)(enclosed)  
Sarah Murawski reviewed her report on EL 2.7. (see attached)  
Motion to accept EL Report of 2.7  
By: Jim Merriam  
Seconded: Angelo Odato  
Motion passed: Yes

- b. Facilities Plans Updates (enclosures)  
The updates were reviewed earlier in this meeting.

VI. Community Engagement

- a. Public comment: None  
*The board welcomes comment but is not able to take any action.*

b. Community Speaker Update (Hammond)

Need to check with Chandler to see if Tuesdays & Thursdays are still good for them in January, February or March. Peggy is still looking at dates that would work.

VII. Advocacy

a. Legislative Update (Kay)

They changed the index on the excess spending threshold. Will hurt us if we lose the small schools grants.

b. RED discussion continued (Husher)

Kristin received information from Chris Leopold regarding revisiting a RED. If we decide we are going to do, we need to form a study committee. Yes, all three towns would need to revote. An informal exploration is ok, but need to form a study committee to develop articles and make a recommendation.

The board discussed: Do we want to form a RED study group? What's the scope?

Reconstitution or reinvestigation? What's the story? How do we make this fit our community?

Discussed whether we would invite other towns. Could we go about this a different way?

Could we call it something else? Kristin will check with legal advice to see if we can form a single board district in a way that makes sense to us. What are all our options available to do this?

Kristin will e-mail the board with the legal answer so board members can be thinking about a one page summary of what a union district would look like.

VIII. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of LEAP - Local Education Agency Plan (form enclosed)

b. Authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to borrow and invest tax anticipation/assessment monies in the best interest of the school districts for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. (form enclosed)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

By: Jim Merriam

Seconded: Angelo Odatto

Motion passed: Yes

IX. Reports & Incidental Information

a. Superintendent (enclosed)

Brent received two legal advices on the AOE audits of carry over funds and it is allowed.

b. Local Boards (enclosed)

c. Financial Report (enclosed)

d. Other incidental information

The newest edition of Board Leadership was passed out. There is a Policy Governance training in Niagara Falls and will e-mail that info out to the board.

Agendas along with the warnings will be posted at the OSSU, the schools, and the town offices.

Harry Frank asked if the VSBA could broadcast a policy governance board meeting at our SU. The board agreed it was ok and will invite him to come.

- X. Board Self-evaluation (Black Cone)  
Angelo Odató reviewed his evaluation of this meeting.
- a. Assign member for next meeting  
Laura Rochat will evaluate the next meeting.

XI. Executive Session

8:50 p.m. The board entered Executive Session to discuss personnel issues with the superintendent & board clerk present.

9:00 p.m. The board exited Executive Session.

XII. Agenda for next meeting:

- a. Assign Monitoring Report reviewers (3.4)
- b. Assign Direct Inspections (3.4)
- c. Superintendent's Evaluation & Expectations (Husher)(3.4.6)
- d. Review Required Policies (Kay)(3.8.13)
- e. VEHI/VSBIT Proxy (Kay)(2.9.2)
- f. Student Records Training (Kay)(2.9.2)
- g. Review EL Reports 2.0, 2.8 (Kay)(3.4)
- h. Approve Annual Agenda & Report (Husher) (4.3.2)
- i. Board Website Update (Odató)
- j. Community Speaker Update (Hammond)(4.2.1)
- k. Continue RED Discussion (Husher)

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Lubold, Board Clerk