

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT (Unified)  
BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017  
RANDOLPH UNION HIGH SCHOOL**

**To be approved at the May 8, 2017 board meeting**

**MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Angelo Odatto, Ann Howard, Kate Forrer, Laura Rochat, Brooke Dingleline, Jennifer Messier & Paul Putney  
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Brent Kay  
GUESTS: Nicole Mace (VSBA), Jeff Francis (VSA), Mark MacDonald, Ben Jickling, Jay Hooper, & ORCA Media Video Taping

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

Assign Evaluator: Paul Putney

- I. Advocacy
  - a. Meet with Legislators (4.2.5)

Jeff Francis, Nicole Mace, Mark MacDonald, Ben Jickling, Jay Hooper and the OSSD board discussed several topics the legislature is working on this session. Following are some of the topics that were discussed:  
Governor Scott's proposal of level funded education budgets which was acknowledged, but was not at the right time. The Ed Finance bill, Pre-K Ed bill (Act 166), criminal record check procedures for pre-school providers, the study committee on pre-K cost containment, awareness of the health insurance transition for educators, 13 unification votes, past practice deficit spending, House Ed committee looking at Act 46 bill and its challenges, open meeting law for negotiations and violations/cases, the funding formula, independent schools and public ed dollars, public accountability, the Beck proposal, federal budget cuts, and looks like deferring to the states for civil rights.
- II. Community Engagement
  - a. Public comment (4.2): None
- III. Board Management & Governance
  - a. Discuss potential board vacancy (4.1)

Anne Black Cone has an evening position now and may be stepping down from the board. After Anne B. C. submits an official resignation letter, the board would proceed with a replacement. The board discussed that maybe Anne Kaplan would fill in until town meeting and then she or whomever would need to be elected for the remainder of the 2 year term.

- b. Discuss changing time of meeting (4.1)  
The board discussed the possibility of changing the board meetings to start at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. It was decided to leave the time at 6:30 p.m. for now.
- c. Update from Board Development Committee (4.1.4)  
Jen Messier is reviewing some board member orientation materials and will meet again with Laura Rochat for an overview of policy governance training and update the board after they have met. Possible webinars, workshops or maybe a peer mentor for the first year or a yearly refresher.
- d. Approval of Facility Reserve Expenditures (see form enclosed with agenda)  
Motion to approve the Facilities Reserve Expenditures as listed on the enclosed form  
By: Brooke Dingledine  
seconded by: Jennifer Messier  
motion passed: Yes

IV. Ends Monitoring

- a. Update from Ends/Engagement Committee (4.2.1)  
An updated OSSD Board Goal sheet from the Ends/Engagement Committee (Kate Forrer, Paul Putney, and Ann Howard) was passed out. Kate reviewed the Ends Community Engagement goals, timeline, activity, benchmarks, actions steps and responsibility on this handout. In June the committee will present a draft Community Engagement plan. The board discussed both Ends and Community Engagement and also the possibility of having Val Gardner come again to help organize the board's ideas.
- b. Direct Inspection Reports (3.4): None for this meeting.

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes from March 13, 2017 OSSD Regular Board Meeting (enclosed with agenda)  
Approve Minutes from OSSD Annual meeting on March 6, 2017 (enclosed with agenda)  
Approve Professional Contracts (2.4) (see enclosed consent agenda sheet)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

By: Laura Rochat  
seconded: Ann Howard  
as presented: Yes, motion passed

VI. Reports & Incidental Information

- a. Superintendent's report (2.8) (enclosed with agenda) was reviewed.  
The cabinet discussed moving to proficiency based graduations requirements. Schoology, an electronic portfolio program, will be coming soon to provide evidence based student portfolios. A mockup of the new web site will be available soon and

will share it with the board. Some staff changes with retirement of some veteran teachers and a few last minute staff changes.

- b. Director & Principals reports (2.8) (enclosed with agenda) were reviewed. Reminder of the April 13 events coming up in these reports. Job posting board for students.
- c. Financial report (2.3) (enclosed with agenda) was reviewed.
- d. Other incidental information (2.8)  
Plan staff appreciation  
Culinary Arts will create some staff appreciation platters. Linda will pick up some cards for the May meeting.

VII. Board Meeting Evaluation (4.1.6)  
Board self-evaluation  
Paul reviewed his evaluation of this meeting.

VIII. Executive Session: Contract Negotiations (4.2.1)  
8:34 p.m. A motion was made by Ann Howard & seconded by Jennifer Messier to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations & a personnel issue with the superintendent & clerk present. Motion passed.  
9:41 p.m. The board exited Executive Session. No action was taken.

IX. Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Lubold, Board Clerk

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Meet with Auditor (3.4.2)  
Review EL 2.7 Report (3.4)  
Contract Negotiations (4.2.1)  
Direct Inspection Reports (4.2.1)  
Legislative Update (4.2.5)  
Administrative Staff Contracts (2.4)  
Plan Staff Appreciation

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Agenda Planning Meeting: Monday - April 24, 2017 @ OSSD - 6 p.m.  
Regular Meeting: Monday - May 8, 2017 @ Randolph Elem. - 6:30 p.m.