

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, April 11, 2016
BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

To be approved at the May 9, 2016 meeting

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Howard, A. Odato,
J. Merriam, K. Husher, K. Forrer
A. Kaplan, B. Dingedine, A. Black Cone,
P. Putney, L. Rochat

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: B. Kay

GUESTS PRESENT: Nancy Jacques, William Yacavoni, Harry Frank (VSBA) & ORCA Media
video taping

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Angelo Odato, at 6:31 p.m.

Agenda items were reviewed.

Assign Evaluator: Kristin Husher

Time Keeper: Angelo Odato

I. Community Engagement

a. Public comment (4.2.1)

Nancy Jacques spoke about the Brookfield bus route changes for 2016-2017. She requested a broader bus study and her request letter was given to Brent Kay.

II. Board Management & Governance

a. Meet with Auditor (3.4.2)

William Yacavoni, the OSSU auditor, stated that all audits went very well. There were very few adjustments, excellent control, and no errors or inconsistencies. He found no financial problems with any entity in the SU. Expenditures were under budget and ended with surpluses.

b. Discuss Goals for 2016-19 (4.3.2)

Will have collated goals for the May meeting or a summer meeting. Board members to send their goals to Brooke if they haven't yet.

c. Discuss OSUD process/progress (4.1)

The town clerks have sent their certifications to the Secretary of Education. The first OSUD meeting will probably be in June.

d. Discuss start of Teacher contract negotiations (4.2.10)

Meeting on May 5 @ RUHS - 6 p.m. for a VEHI presentation of the new BCBS plans. This is training for board members who serve on the negotiations committee.

- e. Policy 4204 - Volunteers and Work Study Students (4.2.2) (enclosed with agenda) was reviewed. This is a state required policy.
- f. Policy 4003/6003 - Prohibition of Firearms and Weapons (4.2.2) (enclosed with agenda) was reviewed.

III. Advocacy

- a. Legislative Update (4.2.5)
The bill regarding Tech Centers was dropped. Waiting to hear about the bullying, harassment bill. Discussion regarding student population and how student count works.

Motion to have Brent and Angelo draft a letter to David Sharpe regarding the student population/count issue

By: Brooke Dingledine
seconded: Paul Putney
motion passed: Yes

IV. Ends Monitoring

- a. Direct Inspection Reports (3.4)
Kristin attended the high school play and she will write up her report.

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of: March 14, 2016 Regular Board Meeting (enclosed with agenda)
Approval of Professional Contracts (2.4) (consent agenda form enclosed)
Approval of SAP 3 year Contract (2.4) (consent agenda form enclosed)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

By: Brooke Dingledine
seconded: Kristin Husher
as presented: Yes

VI. Reports & Incidental Information

- a. Superintendent's report (2.8) (enclosed with agenda) was reviewed.
This will be the last year for the VIP program due to lack of sending students. The VIP program has run for 40 years. Our students will be back in the high school building.
- b. Local board principals' reports (2.8) (enclosed with agenda) were reviewed.
- c. Financial report (2.3) (enclosed with agenda) was reviewed.
In good shape with no concerns and at this point on track. Reviewed the SPED tuition and Maintenance grounds lines. Checking to see if the Central Office will need to code each school separately with the consolidation.

- d. Other incidental information (2.8)
 - Plan staff appreciation
 - Paul will check with the chef at culinary for ideas or go with last year's plan.
 - Discussed revisiting where meetings are published. Will add this to the board's community engagement goals.

VII. Meeting Evaluation

- a. Board self-evaluation (Husher) (4.1.6)
 - Kristin reviewed her evaluation of this meeting.

VIII. Executive Session: Contract negotiations

7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Kristin Husher & seconded by Jim Merriam to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations & personnel with the superintendent present. Motion passed.

7:55 p.m. The board exited Executive Session. No Action was taken.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lubold, Board Clerk

Agenda Items for next meeting: To be determined

Future Meetings:

Agenda Meeting: April 25, 2016 @ OSSU - 6 pm

Regular Meeting: May 9, 2016 @ Braintree - 6:30 pm