

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, February 8, 2016  
RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**To be approved at the March 14, 2016 meeting**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** A. Howard, A. Odatto,  
J. Merriam, K. Husher, K. Forrer  
A. Kaplan, B. Dingleline, A. Black Cone,  
P. Putney, L. Roachat

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** B. Kay

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Patsy French, Jeff Francis & ORCA Media Video Taping

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kristin Husher, at 6:39 p.m.  
Agenda items were reviewed.  
Assign Evaluator: Anne Black Cone

- I. Advocacy
  - a. Meet with Legislators (4.2.5)  
Patsy French and Jeff Francis reviewed some of the education topics they will be looking at this year. Some of the topics discussed were: Optimizing opportunities & access for kids through career & technical education. Act 46 and what they are seeing elsewhere in the state for districts who have already consolidated, what new unified districts will do when they come together and the goals of Act 46. Discussed allowable growth threshold, funding on special education system, suspension & expulsion utilization, Act 77 (personalized learning plans to meet the learning needs of every child), and Act 166 (universal access to preschool). Also talked about statewide declining enrollment, yield and tax rates, employee related costs, and schools sending students to Tech Centers.
  
- II. Community Engagement
  - a. Public comment (4.2.1): None
  
  - b. Community discussion on consolidation (4.2.1)  
Next community meeting on consolidation is tomorrow evening in Brookfield @ 7 p.m. Reviewed the Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting at RUHS. Brooke explained about the Unified District voting for board members.
  
- III. Board Management & Governance
  - a. Report from Consolidation Committee (2.0, 3.0)  
Tuesday, Feb. 16 is the approval date from the State Board of Education. A few revisions on the financial analysis & articles have been made to provide what the state needs to cover everything. Will send an updated copy of the documents to the board.

- b. Report from Community Engagement Committee & Community Meetings (4.0)  
Info about the consolidation vote has run in the Front Porch Forum, flyers were sent home with parents, and postcards will go out the week prior to the vote. Board members will take some flyers and posters to help spread the word. Two letters to the editor have run in the Herald and there will be one more from both Brookfield & Braintree. Kristin met with RUHS staff last week and answered several questions. Some board members will meet with Elementary staff tomorrow.
- c. Mid-year Board Goals (4.3.2)  
Linda will resend the board goals from the January meeting. Board members were asked to reply with specific examples of goals. Will collate for the next meeting.
- d. Second Review of Policy 6204 - Grade Advancement: Retention, Promotion (4.2.2) (enclosed with agenda) Policy 6204 was reviewed.
- e. Second Review of Policy 5203 - Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources (4.2.2) (enclosed with agenda) Policy 5203 was reviewed.

IV. EL Monitoring

- a. Review EL 2.3 & 2.6 Reports (3.4)(Kay) (Merriam/Rochat)(Messier/Howard)(enclosed) Brent's reports were enclosed for review.

V. Ends Monitoring

- a. Direct Inspection Reports (3.4)(handout at meeting - see copy)  
Anne Kaplan reviewed her direct inspection report on the Winter Concert.

VI. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of: January 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting (enclosed with agenda)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

By:	Jim Merriam
seconded:	Angelo Odatto
as presented:	Yes

VII. Reports & Incidental Information

- a. Superintendent's Report (2.8) (enclosed with agenda) was reviewed.
- b. Elementary Administration Team Report (2.8) (enclosed with agenda) was reviewed.
- c. Financial Report (2.3) (enclosed with agenda) was reviewed.
- d. Other incidental information (2.8)  
A security command center is being set up in the OSSU warehouse.

Received a letter from Roxbury School requesting to be considered as an "advisable"

district. Kristin has contacted them and will let them know that we'll keep them informed. Some folks from Chelsea visited RUHS last week. The board discussed how to proceed with towns who want to explore options with us.

Laura requested to change the place of the Feb. 2017 meeting to RUHS due to meeting with our legislators.

VIII. Meeting Evaluation

- a. Board self-evaluation (Anne Black Cone) (4.1.6)  
Anne Black Cone reviewed her evaluation of this meeting.

IX. Executive Session

8:32 p.m. A motion was made by Angelo Odato & seconded by Anne Black Cone to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue with the superintendent & clerk present. Motion passed.  
8:45 p.m. The board exited Executive Session.  
No action was taken.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Lubold, Board Clerk

Agenda Items for next meeting: Ends Monitoring: Report Card Data K-12

Future Meetings:

Unified District Meeting: Feb. 9 @ Brookfield - 7 pm  
Unified District Meeting: Feb. 17 @ Braintree - 7 pm  
Agenda Meeting: Feb. 29 @ OSSU - 6 pm  
Regular Meeting: March 14 @ RUHS - 6:30 pm