

Minutes of **Tuesday, December 12, 2017 Public Board Meeting** of the Orange Board Of Education held at 7:00 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy, 400 Central Avenue, Orange, New Jersey.

E. Lydell Carter is presiding over tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield (**absent**)
Dr. Courtne Thomas
Ms. Cristina Mateo
Mr. Jarreau Israel
Ms. Rhoda Irodia (**absent**)
Ms. Kyleesha Hill
Mr. E. Lydell Carter

ROLL CALL: (5) PRESENT (2) ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT:

- Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Interim Superintendent of Schools
- Mrs. Belinda Scott-Smiley, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for Operations/Human Resource Services
- Dr. Paula E. Howard, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. Adekunle James, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Mr. Ronald Hunt, School Board Attorney with the firm of Hunt, Hamlin & Ridley

In conformance with the **Board of Education Policy 1120-1 and Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231**, this is to announce that this Public Board Meeting of the Orange Board of Education is being convened with adequate notice. Notice of this meeting has been posted at the Administrative Office, filed with the City Clerk's Office of the City of Orange Township and delivered to the Orange Transcript and the Star Ledger.

The City of Orange Township Board of Education encourages the participation and input from members of the public at its board meetings. However, in accordance with Board Policy, verbal attacks against individual staff members or members of the Board are not permitted. Persons are encouraged to address the Board regarding comments relating to agenda items or issues concerning the educational process. Public comments are limited to one (1) per attendee for a maximum duration of three (3) minutes. The Board of Education thanks you for your cooperation.

FLAG SALUTE

The following Cleveland Street School student will lead the public in the Flag Salute:
Ma'Ziyah May-White

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN **MEMORY OF CHARMAINE A. FRASER** FOR HER 21 YEARS
OF SERVICE IN THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Approval of Resolution G17-051

NECROLOGY RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF CHARMAINE A. FRASER FOR HER YEARS
OF SERVICE IN THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESENTATIONS

Dirty Water / Filtering Dirty Water

The Cleveland Street Robotics Team
Esak Crawley, Teacher
Jerry Alexandre
Matt Benoit
Terrance Benoit

Janiyah Campbell
Yusuf Cole
Om-Ashi Jackson
Ma'Ziyah May-White
Jaden O'Neal
Lashon Smith

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Ronald Lee, Interim Superintendent of Schools

2016-2017 Fiscal Audit Report Presentation

Mr. Walter Ryglicki, CPA, Samuel Klein & Company

BOARD MINUTES

November 14, 2017 - Closed Meeting

November 14, 2017 - Public Meeting

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. Adekunle James, (Board Secretary) performed the roll call to start the public session at about 7:10 PM followed by the Flag Salute. Mr. Lee called for all in attendance to keep standing for a moment of silence in honor of (Ms. Charmaine Fraser) a staff of the district who passed recently. Then a performance was rendered by students and teachers from Cleveland Street elementary school.
- Mr. Lee, then read and presented Resolution G17-051 in memory of Ms. Charmaine Fraser, the board approved the resolution. Mr. Lee introduced Mr. Walter Riglicki from the Audit Firm of Samuel Klein, who presented the report on the district's audit, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. He reported that the district performed very well in its financial operation as of June 30, 2017 with no audit findings.
- Mr. Lee notified the public and provided an update on the ongoing district school plays and he encourage parents and community members to come out and attend the schools performances. He informed that Orange High School (OHS) was recognized (the Second time) by the College Board for Advance AP Courses. He commended the staff and students of OHS.
- Mr. Lee recognized Ms. Yancisca Cooke, Forest Street School Principal, for achieving her doctorate degree. Mr. Lee also recognized Ms. Belinda Smiley, who will be retiring at the end of December 2017, and that this meeting is her last official Orange Public Board meeting.
- Mr. Lee then gave a brief but detailed presentation on the School Board Election process and the election timeline. On the point of caution, he notified the public that this is the first time the district is going through this process, which we are still learning as we go and more information will be obtained and shared with the community as we proceed.
- Mr. Lee then conducted the Student of the month award presentation followed by the Cleveland Elementary School Parent of the month recognition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Terra Shield, parent at Rosa Parks Community School, informed the public that her child is in Ms. Catenzerites's class, was doing very great, but now that her child has a Substitute teacher in the class, her child has not been doing well. She requested for a solution from the district and encourages the district to try and use less Sub-Teachers who might not have a good qualification to teach.
- Mr. Lee responded that the district has a problem with filling our classes with subs when teachers are absent, our salary is low, we are going to Montclair State University (MSU) to recruit teachers. The district has been underfunded by up to \$13 Million. The incoming Governor has promised to fund the School Aid Formula according to the statute. If that is done we plan to first improve our teacher's salary guide. Teachers leave the district for more money elsewhere. We will try to do the best we can to keep teachers.
- Charles Gamboa, parent at Forest Street School, presented his letter of concern to the board and spoke about his understanding of the lack of adequate security staff at Forest Street School. He indicated that there used to be two security officers but now there is only one officer.
- Mr. Lee responded that he will look into this matter with the BA and our supervisor of security services.
- Rev, Anthony Johnson, presented that he voted in November to support the change of the district board from Type I to Type II and he is not in support to have the school board election in November. He wants to encourage the board not to vote on the resolution G17-048 which will approve that school board elections be held in November, but the board should consider having the school board election in April.
- Tyrone Tarver, 258 Ogden Street, wanted to correct the things that the school board has said, he claimed that the deadline for January election was not November 14, according NJ statute the January election deadline is January 23 and the deadline to notify the County Clerk is November 24 ten days after November 14. He indicated that the City BA and County Clerk reached out to the district BA and the Superintendent for two weeks but calls were not returned. He claimed that he was in process with others of writing petition to have the school board election to happen and was in constant contact with the City BA's and County Clerk's office. The City Clerk, in 2016 placed a referendum which he personally helped to draft to be placed on the ballot to have the school board voted to move from Type 1 to Type II, from January to November the district was in touch with the County Clerk, so this is not the first time the district is going through this process. 86% of voters wanted the election in January, they also wanted the school board election in April so that they can vote on the school budget & Tax Levy. If the board chooses the November election, the citizens don't have to vote on those two items. He claimed that the cost of the March election was not up to \$45,000 but he obtained information from the County Clerk that it cost only \$20,800. The board has spent more money in legal expense to challenge the citizens & voters. From the audit report today, the district has about \$6 million in fund balance.

- Mr. Lee responded that Mr. Tarver's claim that the City BA and the County Clerk calls to his office is not true. Mr. Lee informed he was not around in January 2017 and in November/December 2016 he was leaving the district and was not personally involved in the process. Mr. Lee further stated that he and the board president met with the County Clerk and the information he presented earlier about the election was the information he obtained at that meeting with the county Clerk. Since we are new in this process, we are in the process of reaching out to other districts, County Offices and School Boards for information. Mr. Lee recommends that going forward we can't be dwelling on the past, there may have been some miscalculations or errors, we all should consider leaving the past, and collaboratively move on. The board will consider looking further into the issue and opportunities of either the March or November election. We are looking at information on all the schools in NJ with November or March elections. He believes there are still other school boards who votes on their budget and they have March or April, we see in the papers who had their budgets approved or turned down. Because they can't go into the following year after June 30 without an approved budget, they must be doing it before November. The county clerk informed us at the meeting that majority of the districts in New Jersey have November elections and in Essex County only two districts still have a April school election (Mr. Tarver interjects that only the excess of tax levy cap and bonds etc are voted on in November). Mr. Lee indicated that even South Orange has a November election and they voted on the budget question on the ballot. It should be on record that this administration is not doing anything to block the democratic process of the citizens of Orange. We are trying to help move the process forward. We had a two and a half hour meeting with the County Clerk. The approx. \$40,000 estimate cost of election came from county or city. As to the county or city officials calling my office, that did not happen.
- Derrick Henry 260 Ogden street, spoke in support of Mr. Tarver, he claimed that he doesn't understand what kind of encouragement and or example the district is board trying to set by moving the election to November and not April.
- Mr. Carter said that his interest and he believed the reason of the entire board to move the election to November is to give more time and make it an open process, give ample opportunity and more time to prospective board candidates to identify themselves, and for these candidates to share with the community their ideas and what they plan to bring to the board, also to share with the community, what they need to do to help improve the district, what they intend to focus on in terms of teaching and learning, how do they plan to support and integrate the information that you hope that parents can take advantage of to support their children's learning. He will like to hear what the candidates will offer to be part of the solution to part of this process. His believe is that Orange is on the rise and we will continue to do so, and his expectation is that those who come to the board to identify themselves to be part of the board should be solution oriented and try to help us improve wherever we stand right now.
- Gloria Stewart, she commented that she support the change to an elected board. She feel like the board is dragging its feet in this process, she believe that the board should give the public the benefit and credit to go through the election process of their choice. She said that she understands Mr. Lee's feelings and trust his judgment. She believes that the board president and the

board is willfully holding back the election process. As to the budget and state aid that Mr. Lee mentioned, she hope that he and the board will keep the promise to improve the teacher's salary guide as compared to the neighboring districts so that we can be competitive and keep good teachers. As food for thought, she encourages Mr. Lee to coordinate and hold students of the month banquet ceremony.

- Mr. Lee informed the public that the district has and will continue to record and show many more of our students' instructional programs on channel 35. He informed that the goal of the district-wide page turners reading program for last year was one million but next goal will be one point two million.
- Jeffery Feld: Mr. James introduced and distributed a letter (public comment dated 12/11/2017) he received from Mr. Feld to all board members for the record. Mr. Ron Hunt Esq, also reaffirms to the board and public that Mr. Feld's comments in the letter will be taken into consideration, (see attached public comment questions from Mr. Feld).

BOARD RESOLUTIONS

B17-041 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF TITLES TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM FOR GRADES K-2 CLASSROOM LIBRARIES

WHEREAS, the Orange School District is committed to implementing the New Jersey Student Learning Standards; and

WHEREAS, the current curriculum guides include the New Jersey Student Learning Standards; and

WHEREAS, the curricula has been adopted by the Orange Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Orange Public Schools are required to obtain approval from the Board of Education for the addition of titles to the approved list of independent reading books accompanying the topics and texts in the ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM GUIDE S for grades K-2; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Orange Board of Education approves the implementation and application of the ADDITION OF CLASSROOM LIBRARY TITLES TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM FOR GRADES K-2 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Moved by Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

C17-061 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 2017

WHEREAS, the Orange School District request the payment of the attached detailed bills for November 2017, whose totals are summarized as follows:

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fund 11 - General Current Expense	\$1,149,320.02	\$2,051,619.58	\$3,200,939.60
Fund 12 – Capital Outlay	115,250.78	36,415.53	151,666.31
Fund 15 – Whole School Reform	3,572,765.11	274,341.88	3,847,106.99
Fund 20 – Special Revenue Funds	475,828.03	724,488.09	1,200,316.12
Fund 50 – Enterprise Fund	766,262.93	0.00	766,262.93
Grand Total	\$6,079,426.87	\$3,086,865.08	\$9,166,291.95

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the total payment of district bills in the amount of **\$9,166,291.95**

Moved by Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

C17-062 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2017

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby submits the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of October 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, after review of such report, hereby accepts the October 2017 Board Secretary's Financial Report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this report be on file in the Business Office

Moved by Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

C17-063 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER OF SCHOOL FUNDS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2017

WHEREAS, under statute regulations the Treasurer of School Funds is required to reconcile bank accounts and the Board Secretary Report and said reports have been submitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education hereby accepts the Treasurer of School Funds Report for the month of October 2017.

Moved by Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

C17-064 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BUDGETARY MAJOR ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR OCTOBER 2017

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.3(3), we (the Board) certify that as of October 2017, after review of the Board Secretary's Financial Report (appropriate sections) and upon consultation with appropriate Official, to the best of our knowledge, no major account of funds has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-1.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby approves its Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status, as indicated above.

Moved by Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

**C17-065 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT SYNOPSIS,
MANAGEMENT REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH SUPPLEMENTARY DATA AND APPROVE THE
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE ORANGE
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE
30, 2017**

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Statute 18A:23-1 requires that a Board of Education shall conduct an annual audit of the district's accounts and financial transactions to be made by a public school accountant and that audit shall be completed no later than five months after the end of the school fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Orange School district has received its reports from its auditing firm, Samuel Klein & Company, and held its audit exit conference with the Board's Finance Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education accepts the Audit Synopsis and Financial Statement with Supplementary Data and approves the Independent Auditor's Report for the school year ending June 30, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs its auditors to submit the required numbers of copies of the Financial Report, Audit Worksheets and Recommendations to the Office of The Commissioner of Education, within the timelines outlined by the statute. That copy of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report should be maintained in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Moved by Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

**C17-066 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE WHOLE SCHOOL REFORM
(FUND 15) TRANSFER REQUEST FOR PARK AVENUE
SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Whole School Reform, Abbott Districts, are required to obtain the approval of transfers from the State of New Jersey Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the following school listed below has submitted a transfer request as approved by the School Principal, SPMT Chairperson, Business Administrator and Superintendent of Schools, per the attached:

PARK AVENUE SCHOOL

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby approves the Whole School Reform Transfer Request for the above school and submits such requests to the State of New Jersey Department of Education for their approval.

Moved by Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

**C17-067 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS
(FUND 11) FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Orange School District requires budgetary transfers to meet the encumbrances for the 2017-2018 school year, as per the attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the Transfer of Funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2017-2018 budget be adjusted accordingly.

Moved by Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

**D17-013 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE ATHLIFE FOUNDATION
GRANT FOR ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education applied for the Grant for The Athlife Foundation for Orange High School; and

WHEREAS, the ATHLIFE FOUNDATION Grant will focus on providing support to the student-athlete development program; and

WHEREAS, the total award amount of \$10,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education accepts the Athlife Foundation Grant for Orange High School.

Moved by Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

**D17-014 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE NEW JERSEY CHILD
ASSAULT PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM FOR FOREST
STREET SCHOOL, LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL, HEYWOOD
AVENUE SCHOOL, OAKWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL, PARK
AVENUE SCHOOL AND ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education was awarded the New Jersey Child Assault Prevention Grant, focusing on child assault prevention; and

WHEREAS, the total award amount of \$40,938.00 to be distributed over a one year period between the following schools;

Forest Street School	\$4,500.00
Lincoln Avenue School	\$16,903.00
Heywood Avenue School	\$4,533.00
Oakwood Avenue School	\$4,533.00
Park Avenue School	\$4,533.00
Rosa Parks Community School	\$4,533.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education accepts the New Jersey Child Assault Prevention Grant Program for Forest Street School, Lincoln Avenue School, Heywood Avenue School, Oakwood Avenue School, Park Avenue School and Rosa Parks Community School.

Moved by Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

E17-032 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, DIVISION OF RECREATION, TO UTILIZE LINCOLN AVENUE GYM AND CAFETERIA TO HOST THE MAYOR'S TOYS FOR TOTS GIVEAWAY

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township, Division of Recreation is requesting to utilize the following:

LINCOLN AVENUE GYM AND CAFETERIA

Mayor's Toys for Tots Giveaway

Thursday December 21, 2017

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby approves the request of the City of Orange Township, Division of Recreation, as indicated above and with the condition that all Board of Education events take precedence over the City of Orange Township, Division of Recreation's usage and pending the signing of the Request to Use Facilities form.

Moved by Kyleesha Hill. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

E17-033 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, DIVISION OF RECREATION, TO UTILIZE LINCOLN AVENUE GYM AND ONE CLASSROOM AS AN ALTERNATE SITE FOR THEIR EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township, Division of Recreation is requesting to utilize the following:

LINCOLN AVENUE GYM AND 1 CLASSROOM

Extended Day Program Alternate Site

December 4, 2017 – April 27, 2018

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby approves the request of the City of Orange Township, Division of Recreation, as indicated above and with the condition that all Board of Education events take precedence over the City of Orange Township, Division of Recreation's usage and pending the signing of the Request to Use Facilities form.

Moved by Kyleesha Hill. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

F17-069 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT-WIDE WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education seeks to expand educational opportunities by providing alternative non-traditional experiences.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board Of Education approves the Field Trips as per attached summary.

Moved by Kyleesha Hill. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

F17-070 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT-WIDE FIELD TRIPS

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education seeks to expand educational opportunities by providing alternative non-traditional experiences.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education approves the field trips as per the attached summary.

Moved by Kyleesha Hill. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

F17-071 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN STUDENT ID#302974 ET AL, AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education has reached the settlement agreement for student ID# 302974 to be placed in an out of district placement; and

WHEREAS, the district has agreed to provide payment for tuition and transportation for said student upon receipt of acceptance and a contract agreement; and

WHEREAS, the district will cease payment immediately if at any point during this agreement it is determined that student ID#302974 is no longer domiciled in the District.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education will enter into a settlement agreement for student ID#302974 to attend an out of district placement.

Moved by Kyleesha Hill. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

F17-072 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MS ET AL., AND THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education has reached the settlement agreement for MS et al; and

WHEREAS, the district has agreed to pay the settlement to MS.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education approves the settlement agreement between MS et al and the Orange Board of Education

Moved by Kyleesha Hill. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

F17-073 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE LEBRON JAMES MOVIE HOUSE TO FILM THE ORANGE VARSITY BASKETBALL GAME VERSUS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 15, 2017

WHEREAS, the Lebron James Movie House is developing a film about the Central High School basketball team; and

WHEREAS, *the Newark Public Schools* are interested in filming the Orange Varsity basketball game against Central High School on December 15, 2017 as part of the production including players from both Orange High School and Central High School; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, as per the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves the request of the Lebron James Movie House with the understanding that signed parental consent forms, for all participating players, must be obtained by the Orange Athletic Director.
Moved by Kyleesha Hill. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.
ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

G17-044 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NURSING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GUIDELINES FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the District is mandated to adopt a Nursing Service Plan annually in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A 16-2.1 (b) 2 (i); and,

WHEREAS, the district's plan complies with the specifications of code including the following components: a description of the basic nursing services to be provided to all students; a summary of specific medical needs of individual students and the nursing services to address their needs; a description of how nursing services will be provided in emergency situations; detailed nursing assignments sufficient to address the needs in each school; and,

WHEREAS, consideration has been given to the number of certified school nurses needed to perform all mandated services required by code including geographic size and location of schools; enrollment of general and special education students; including the number of students with medical involvement and the extent of nursing services required.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education approves the Orange Public Schools Nursing Policies and Procedures Guidelines for the 2017-2018 School Year.
Moved by Kyleesha Hill. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.
ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

G17-045 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2017-2018 COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN (CMP)

WHEREAS, a listing of the Maintenance Activities Plan for each school facility and estimated cost, as deemed necessary to reasonably maintain each school facility in the district is required by the State of New Jersey Department of Education, Division of School Facilities pursuant to N.J.A.C. 26-24; and

WHEREAS, the monitoring process examines selected elements determined to represent the district's success in providing a thorough and efficient educational environment for its students; and

WHEREAS, the submission of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP) as accompanied with this resolution substantiates that the district's required maintenance activities are reasonable to keep a school facility open and safe for use in its original condition while maintaining the validity of their warranties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the district's Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Moved by Kyleesha Hill. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

G17-046 RESOLUTION TO MAKE SCHOLARS ACADEMY AN ANNEX TO OAKWOOD AVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Orange Public School District has additional Educational Facilities at Scholars Academy to be used in conjunction with Oakwood Ave Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Orange Public School District has decided to make Scholars Academy an annex to Oakwood Ave Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the address and grades served are:

- Scholars Academy Annex to Oakwood Ave Elementary School
268 Capuchin Way, Orange, NJ 07050
- P3 & P4, 1 Preschool Disability, 2 Behavioral Disability and Gifted & Talented Program

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent and the Business Administrator, hereby approves the resolution to make Scholars Academy an Annex to Oakwood Ave Elementary School with the attached lease agreement and State Department of Education Facilities Project Application as completed and submit to the New Jersey Department of Education Office of Facilities.

Moved by Kyleesha Hill. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

G17-047 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THAT A SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018 WITH ELECTION POLLING STATIONS OPERATION TIME FROM 6:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

WHEREAS, The Orange Board of Education is currently governed as a Type I school district where seven (7) Board members are appointed by the Mayor. The voters of the City of Orange have voted at an election held on November 7, 2017 to change to a Type II school board member where nine (9) Board members are elected by the people of the City of Orange ; and

WHEREAS; the first course of action is to bring the Board from seven (7) School Board members to nine (9) School Board members. In order to do this, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-15* and *N.J.S.A. 19:60-2* we are calling for a Special School Election to fill the two (2) vacancies on the Board. The Special School Election will be held on Tuesday March 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS; the November 2018 election will be conducted in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-15* and *N.J.S.A. 19:60-2* to elect two board members to expand the school board to 9 (nine) board members as follows:-

- 1. 1 new board member for a tenure of 8 months and**
- 2. 1 new board member for a tenure of 1 year & 8 months**

WHEREAS, the polls will be opened from 6:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM on March 13, 2018:

NOW BE IT RESOLVED; that the Orange Board of Education approves that the Special School Board Election be held on March 13, 2018 and polls to open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. And this resolution shall be attested by the Board Secretary and forwarded to the office of Orange Municipal Clerk and to the County Board of Election.

Moved by Kyleesha Hill. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

TABLED - G17-048 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THAT THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS BE HELD IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER EACH YEAR

WHEREAS, The Orange Board of Education is currently governed as a Type I school district where seven (7) Board members are appointed by the Mayor. The voters of the City of Orange have voted at an election held on November 7, 2017 to change to a Type II school board member where nine (9) Board members are elected by the people of the City of Orange; and

WHEREAS, the polls will be opened from 6:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM on November 2018; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED; that the Orange Board of Education approves that the School Board Elections be held in November of each year and polls to open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. And this resolution shall be attested by the Board Secretary and forwarded to the office of Orange Municipal Clerk and to the County Board of Elections.

Moved by Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Kyleesha Hill.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

G17-049 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SCHOOL NOTES ISSUED BY THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education Public School District (the "Board of Education") adopted a resolution on March 10, 2015 (the "First Board of Education Resolution"), which determined that it was necessary to sell school bonds to raise money for the acquisition and financing of certain capital improvements to various school buildings and related grounds and delivered a statement of the amount of money estimated to be necessary for such capital projects, including a copy of the First Board of Education Resolution, to each member of the Board of School Estimate of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "City"), as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:22-18; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Estimate duly adopted a resolution on May 5, 2017 (the "First Board of School Estimate Resolution") fixing and determining \$2,550,000 as the amount of the local share necessary to finance certain capital improvements to various school buildings and related grounds stated in the First Board of Education Resolution and delivered a certificate to that effect to the Board of Education and to the City Council of the City as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:22-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City (the "City Council") adopted Bond Ordinance Number 33-2017 on May 16, 2017 (the "First Ordinance"), which appropriated, and authorized the issuance of bonds or notes in the amount of, \$2,550,000 to finance the costs of the capital improvements authorized by the First Board of School Estimate Resolution; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2017, pursuant to the authority granted by the First Ordinance, the City issued \$2,550,000 Temporary Notes, dated June 28, 2017 and maturing on December 11, 2017 (the "Temporary Notes"), to temporarily finance the costs of improvements to various school buildings and grounds on behalf of the Orange Board of Education Public School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education adopted resolution number C16-005 on January 12, 2016 (the "Second Board of Education Resolution"), which determined that it was necessary to sell school bonds to raise money for improvements to buildings and lots owned by the Board of Education and delivered a statement of the amount of money estimated to be necessary for such capital projects, including a copy of the Second Board of Education Resolution, to each member of the Board of School Estimate of the City, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:22-18; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Estimate adopted a resolution on May 5, 2017 (the "Second Board of School Estimate Resolution") fixing and determining \$1,194,000 as the amount of the local share necessary to finance improvements to school buildings and lots stated in the Second Board of Education Resolution and delivered a certificate to that effect to the Board of Education and to the City Council of the City as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:22-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City (the "City Council") adopted Bond Ordinance Number 52-2017 on September 19, 2017 (the "Second Ordinance" and together with the First Ordinance, the "Ordinances"), which appropriated, and authorized the issuance of bonds or notes in the amount of, \$1,194,000 to finance the costs of the capital improvements authorized by the Second Board of School Estimate Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City held a referendum at the November 7, 2017 general election (the "General Election") which asked the registered voters of the school district whether the Board of Education should be reclassified from a Type I School District,

with members of the Board of Education appointed by the Mayor, to a Type II School District, with Board of Education members elected by the registered voters, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:9-4; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the registered voters voting on the referendum at the General Election voted in favor of reclassifying the Board of Education to a Type II elected Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:24-63 of the Education Law, if a municipality shall have adopted an ordinance authorizing the issuance of school bonds of said municipality while still classified as a Type I school district and thereafter is reclassified as a Type II school district, and there remains unissued bonds under the ordinance on the date of acceptance by the municipality of its conversion to a Type II school district, such ordinance shall, thereafter, be authority for the issuance of bonds by the Type II school district to the amount and for the purpose set forth therein, and shall constitute a resolution duly approved on said acceptance date by the legal voters of the school district for the purposes and the amounts set forth in such ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:24-63 of the Education Law, any bonds issued under the aforementioned ordinance shall be dated and sold and made payable in accordance with the provisions of bonds issued and sold in Type II school districts; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:24-63 of the Education Law, the Board of Education shall assume and pay any notes and other obligations, other than permanent bonds, theretofore duly issued or incurred by the municipality pursuant to said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, which was recently reclassified as a Type II school district, does not have sufficient time to issue permanent bonds or notes to pay the principal and interest on the Temporary Notes maturing on December 11, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education also wishes to fund the capital improvements authorized in the Second Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City has agreed to issue \$3,744,000 School Promissory Notes, dated December 8, 2017 and maturing December 7, 2018, to (i) pay the principal of and interest on the Temporary Notes maturing on December 11, 2017 and (ii) temporarily finance improvements to buildings and lots owned by the Board of Education in the amount of \$1,194,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to acknowledge that it will assume and pay the principal of and interest on the School Promissory Notes maturing on December 7, 2018 and will be responsible for the issuance any permanent bonds or notes under the Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Orange Board of Education Public School District, as follows:

1. The Board of Education hereby acknowledges its responsibility pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A24-63 to assume, and promises to pay the principal of and interest on, the School Promissory Notes, dated December 8, 2017 and maturing on December 7, 2018 (the "School Notes"), issued by the City.
2. The Board of Education hereby covenants to include and appropriate the principal and interest payment for the School Notes as a line item in its 2018-2019 annual school budget.
3. The Board of Education also hereby acknowledges and assumes responsibility for any permanent bonds or future notes issued under the Ordinances.
4. Any actions taken by the City or its professionals on behalf of the Board of Education, including the issuance of the School Notes, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by E. Lydell Carter. Seconded by Kyleesha Hill.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

G17-050 RESOLUTION TO ELECT A SCHOOL BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the current Vice-President, Ms. Gloria Fisher, resigned from the Board of Education on October 10, 2017 and there is a need to elect a replacement Board Vice-President; and

WHEREAS, nomination has been made for a board candidate to serve as School Board Vice-President over the Orange Public School District from December 13, 2017 to May 15, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **Courtne Thomas, Ed. D.** be elected and serve as School Board Vice-President of the Orange Board of Education for the 2017-2018 school year.

Nominated by Kyleesha Hill. Seconded by Cristina Mateo

Moved by Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Jarreau Isreal.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

G17-051 NECROLOGY RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF CHARMAINE A. FRASER FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, *Charmaine A. Fraser* began her employment in the Orange School District at Forest Street School on March 3, 1988 as a Paraprofessional; and

WHEREAS, *Charmaine A. Fraser* continued her college studies; whereby, obtaining the necessary requirements for a Teacher of the Handicapped certification to teach in Special Education classes; and

WHEREAS, *Charmaine A. Fraser* was offered a teaching position on April 10, 1996 at Cleveland Elementary School as a Special Education Teacher and served in this capacity until November, 2017; and

WHEREAS, *Charmaine A. Fraser* was a distinguished and outstanding teacher who inspired countless students and colleagues during her twenty-one year career; and

WHEREAS, *Charmaine A. Fraser* was involved and participated in several district and school-wide events and activities.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Orange Board of Education remembers the contributions and commitment by *Charmaine A. Fraser* to the Orange students and community and we extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a moment of silence will be observed at the Orange Board of Education's December 12, 2017 meeting to honor *Charmaine A. Fraser* for her many years of dedicated service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of December, 2017.

Ronald C. Lee, Interim Superintendent
Orange School District, Orange, New Jersey
Moved by E. Lydell Carter. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.
ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

H. Case Numbers

Home Instruction Cases
#’s none

Out-of-District Placement Cases
#’s 105086, 105687

Moved by Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Kyleesha Hill.
ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

H.I.B Cases
Substantiated #’s 111517001

Moved by Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Kyleesha Hill.
ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

HUMAN RESOURCE AGENDA

- ☐ Leaves of Absences
- ☐ Separations:
 - Retirements/Resignations/Suspension/Termination/Necrology
- ☐ Appointments
- ☐ Stipends
- ☐ Transfers
- ☐ Other Personnel Actions
- ☐ For the Record

Moved by E. Lydell Carter. Seconded by Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

DISTRICT MEETINGS

- ☐ Next scheduled meetings are as follows:

Public

- Facilities Committee Meeting – Monday, January 8, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue
- Public Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy, 380 Central Avenue
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – December 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue

Closed

- Human Resource Committee Meeting – Monday, January 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCES
COMMITTEE REPORTS
BOARD COMMENTS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and in conformance with the Board of Education Policy 1120-1 **and Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231**, this is to announce that the Orange Board Of Education will hold its next regularly scheduled **Meeting on January 9, 2018** Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. and Public Session at 7:00 p.m. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in the closed session board meeting can be made public at the time official action is taken or when its confidentiality is no longer required.

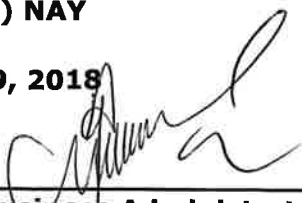
Motion to adjourn Public Session.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarteau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

APPROVAL DATE: January 9, 2018

ATTESTED TO BY:



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December 11, 2017

(Fax: 973.673.0535 and Regular Mail)
Mr. Adekunle James
City of Orange Township Public Schools
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Orange, New Jersey 07050

Re: BOE December 12, 2017 Public Comments

Dear Mr. James:

Because I may not be able to attend Tuesday's BOE Regular Meeting due to a conflicting special City Council Meeting regarding the City's CY 2016 Corrective Action Plan, I respectfully request that this letter be distributed to all BOE members and that the following comments and questions be inserted into the official BOE public record.

I do not believe in coincidences. Tuesday night is the first night of Chanukah- a Jewish festival celebrating liberty and a rebellion against tyranny. Today, an interesting article by Marisa Iati entitled: "Roselle: Judge to rule on community center dispute- Lawsuit aims to thwart project" appeared in the Star Ledger. This article raises many of the legal issues raised in my Feld related litigation.


Moreover, I was struck by the following paragraph in an article entitled: "Annals of Education: Two Schools of Thought-Success Academy's quest to combine rigid discipline with a progressive curriculum" by Rebecca Mead that appeared in this week's The New Yorker (Dec. 11, 2017):

"A school should be a model of what democratic adult culture is about," Deborah Meir, a veteran progressive educator, and a theorist in the tradition of Dewey, told me: Most of what we learn in life we learn from the company we keep. What is taught didactically is often forgotten." A corollary of Dewey's belief is that, if children are exposed in school to an authoritarian model of society, that is the kind of society in which they prefer to live."

Accordingly, I respectfully request real time responses to the following pertinent questions.

1. When will the BOE begin to post its meetings agendas 48 hours prior to its meetings?
2. On what date did the BOE adopt a resolution amending its By Laws and restricting the amount of public comments to three minutes?
3. What is the status of the BOE's July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 Audit?
4. When is this Audit expected to be delivered to the Board and discussed at a public hearing?
5. Why the 90 day delay in producing the Park Avenue Lease to me pursuant to OPRA?
6. Under what authority did the former BOE attorney execute and bind the BOE on this Park Avenue lease?
7. What is the updated status of the STEM Academy located in South Orange?
8. Who dropped the ball and delayed the special BOE election from January to March?
9. Does an appointed BOE have the statutory and moral authority to shift all BOE elections from April to November without providing reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard to all stakeholders on this possible election date shift?
10. Should this election related issue be determined by the elected local governing body via two public hearings and adoption of an appropriate ordinance?
11. Has a BOE II monetary sanctions motion been filed against the local appointed BOE and its special outside litigation counsel?

Respectfully submitted,


Jeffrey S. Feld

cc: All local BOE members
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City Clerk
City Attorney
City Business Administrator
All City Council Members

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