

Minutes of **Tuesday, January 9, 2018 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  
Dr. Courtne Thomas  
Ms. Cristina Mateo  
Mr. Jarreau Israel  
Ms. Rhoda Irodia (**absent**)  
Ms. Kyleesha Hill  
Mr. E. Lydell Carter

**ROLL CALL: (6) PRESENT (1) 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. Akindele Ayodele, Assistant 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.

The following Orange Preparatory Academy students will lead the public in the Flag Salute:

Damani Battle & Jasmine Chidi

**PRESENTATIONS**

**"We Strive to Come Together for the Success of Our Students!"**

**Reciting School Creed**

Jasmine Jimenez & Naimhalisa Olivier

**Community Outreach**

Irica Grigsby

**Musical Performance**

OPA/OHS Jazz Ensemble

**Heywood Ave School Robotics Team Presentation**

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Ronald Lee, Interim Superintendent of Schools

**March 2018 Board Member Election**

Mr. Adekunle James, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**BOARD MINUTES**

December 12, 2017 - Closed Meeting

December 12, 2017 - Public Meeting

**BOARD COMMENTS**

- Mr. Adekunle James, (Board Secretary) performed the roll call to start the public session at about 7:10 PM. Students of OPA rendered the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the Anthem. Mr. Dana Gaines, OPA Principal, rendered a brief presentation.
- Mr. James rendered a presentation on the November Election, going from a Type I district to a Type II, explaining the implications and gave lots of materials to the public on the subject.

**ELECTION PRESENTATION QUESTIONS**

- Mr. Tyrone Tarver asked why the members of the public cannot vote on the budget. Mr. James explained in his presentation that statutes allow the public to vote when the budgeted tax levy increased by over the 2% allowed by state regulations.
- Ms. Gloria Stewart asked for reasons why the citizens cannot vote on a budget and the reasons why the election cannot be held in April instead of November. She said the board should not undermine the will of the Citizens of Orange. Mr. Carter explained that the election will still occur on March 13, 2018.
- Awards and recognition were bestowed on the Students and Parents of the Month.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Rev. Johnson said he agreed with Mr. Tarver in not changing the election from April to November. He also said he did not agree with not voting on budgets. He said many people were enthused for the change to Type II. He said if the Type II option is approved, there are certain changes that will follow.
- Mary (parent) said she has come because of her daughter, stating that her daughter was kicked out of Orange because of a residency problem. She claimed that her 15 yr. old kid was also assaulted and nothing was done by the administration. She said they should allow her daughter to finish her schooling. She said another kid living in East Orange was left without being kicked out, claiming nobody reached out to her after the assault incident happened. Mr. Lee responded that he met with her regarding the residency matter, stating that she was given a letter prior to the meeting. She was given the opportunity to appeal and she did nothing. Mr. Carter asked her to meet him after the meeting to resolve the matter.

- Gloria Stewart acknowledged the award given to the parents of the month. She said the voting resolution was tabled during the December meeting. She asked for updates about the STEM building. She wants to know the progress of the playground. She also needed clarification on resolution D18-001. Mr. Lee responded to the questions on progress on the Stem Academy. He also responded to the playground renovation. Dr. Russo explained the resolution D18-001 explaining about the grant.
- Mr. Tyrone Tarver expressed concerns about the election dates moving from April to November. He also wanted to know what is being done about the \$2.55m bond. He wanted to know what the District did about the sexual harassment/assault allegation, how the District has handled it. He stressed that transparency is needed. Mr. Lee asked Ms. Alcantara to shed some light on the incident and steps taken. Ms. Alcantara said that the substitute teacher was removed from the building and the case reported to DYFS.
- Mr. James reported that he received a letter from Mr. Jeffery Feld, as his public comments, concerning certain questions pertaining to the BOE (see attached).

**BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

**A18-001      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND NEW  
YORK UNIVERSITY, STEINHARDT SCHOOL OF CULTURE,  
EDUCATION, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS,** the Orange School District is committed to implementing a strong counseling program; and,

**WHEREAS,** New York University has various educational programs for its students in the fields of health and human development; and,

**WHEREAS,** Orange Public Schools has the facilities to provide relevant training to University students in one or more programs; and,

**WHEREAS,** Orange Public Schools and New York University desire to affiliate for the purpose of providing training for University students enrolled in a program of the University;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Orange Board of Education approves AFFILIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, STEINHARDT SCHOOL OF CULTURE, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA      (0) NAY**

**A18-002      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN  
ADVANCING OPPORTUNITIES AND THE ORANGE BOARD  
OF EDUCATION FOR CONTRACTED SERVICES TO  
CONDUCT AUGMENTATIVE ALTERNATIVE  
COMMUNICATION ASSESSMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education has agreed to contract with Advancing Opportunities to provide contracted services at the rate of \$1200 per evaluation for Augmentative Communication assessments and \$120.00 per hour for Augmentative Technology support.; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract specifies the type of service to be provided by Augmentative Alternative Communication assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the contract for this resolution is on file in the Department of Special Services.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Orange Board of Education enters into a contract agreement with Advancing Opportunities for contracted services to conduct Augmentative Alternative Communication Assessments.

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**B18-001 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE 2017 STATE ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education is required to present the New Jersey State Assessment score results to the public; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Curriculum and Instruction Department prepared and presented the 2017 PARCC scores and analysis at the **October 10, 2017** public Orange Board of Education; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Orange Board of Education accepts THE 2017 STATE ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION.

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**C18-001 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2017**

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

<b><u>FUNDS</u></b>	<b><u>CHECKS</u></b>	<b><u>BILLS</u></b>	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>
Fund 11 - General Current Expense	\$141,136.56	\$1,698,805.43	\$1,839,941.99
Fund 12 – Capital Outlay	0.00	10,411.66	10,411.66
Fund 15 – Whole School Reform	58,177.57	31,511.35	89,688.92
Fund 20 – Special Revenue Funds	0.00	600,089.96	600,089.96
Fund 50 – Enterprise Fund	345,035.49	0.00	345,035.49
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$544,349.62</b>	<b>\$2,340,818.40</b>	<b>\$2,885,168.02</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the total payment of district bills in the amount of **\$2,885,168.02**

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**C18-002      RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BOARD SECRETARY'S  
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2017**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education, after review of such report, hereby accepts the November 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 Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA      (0) NAY**

**C18-003      RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER OF SCHOOL  
FUNDS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 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 November 2017.

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA      (0) NAY**

**C18-004      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S  
MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BUDGETARY MAJOR  
ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR  
NOVEMBER 2017**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.3(3), we (the Board) certify that as of November 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 Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA      (0) NAY**

**C18-005      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE WHOLE SCHOOL REFORM  
(FUND 15) TRANSFER REQUEST FOR C.I.A.O**

**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:

Career and Innovation Academy of Orange

**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 Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**C18-006 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 Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**D18-001 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BUILDING CAPACITY FOR  
CAREER PATHWAYS; A PILOT PROGRAM FOR  
COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOLS GRANT-YEAR 3**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education approved the GRANT for the BUILDING CAPACITY FOR CAREER PATHWAYS; A PILOT PROGRAM FOR COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL, Years 1 and 2; and,

**WHEREAS**, the BUILDING CAPACITY FOR CAREER PATHWAYS; A PILOT PROGRAM FOR COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL five year plan (\$500,000.00) was developed, submitted, and approved by the New Jersey Department of Education, focusing on Career and Technical Education; and,

**WHEREAS**, the BUILDING CAPACITY FOR CAREER PATHWAYS; A PILOT PROGRAM FOR COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL must be submitted for approval annually, according to the GRANT schedule; and,

**WHEREAS**, the third year of the BUILDING CAPACITY FOR CAREER PATHWAYS; A PILOT PROGRAM FOR COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL will be submitted for New Jersey Department of Education approval before January 18, 2018;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education approves submission of the BUILDING CAPACITY FOR CAREER PATHWAYS; A PILOT PROGRAM FOR COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL GRANT-YEAR 3.

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**E18-001 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF  
ORANGE TOWNSHIP, DIVISION OF RECREATION, TO  
UTILIZE BELL STADIUM TO HOST THEIR TRACK & FIELD  
AND FOOTBALL PROGRAMS**

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

**BELL STADIUM, CONCESSION STAND AND BATHROOMS**

Track and Field and Football Programs

**March 9, 2018 – June 9, 2018**

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **(Monday – Friday)**

TBD **(Saturdays)**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **(Sundays)**

**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 Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**E18-002 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE JERSEY STARS SOCCER CLUB TO UTILIZE BELL STADIUM TO HOST ITS SOCCER PRACTICES AND GAMES**

**WHEREAS**, the Jersey Stars Soccer Club is requesting to utilize the following:

**BELL STADIUM**

Soccer Practices and Games

April 10, 2018 – June 28, 2018

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:00pm – 9:30pm

Sundays, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby approves the request of the Jersey Stars Soccer Club, as indicated above pending the signing and return of the Hold Harmless Agreement, proof of insurance coverage, completion of the Request to Use Facilities form and payment of any service fees negotiated by the business administrator.

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**F18-001 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT-WIDE WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES W/ADDENDUM**

**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 Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**F18-002 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 Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**G17-048 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE (IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 2011, C. 202) THAT THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER (THE GENERAL ELECTION) 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 District , where the school board should consist of nine (9) Board members and are elected by the people of the City of Orange; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education believes that more citizens will participate in the selection of school board members at the November General Election than on the third Tuesday in April and that the higher level of participation will foster positive interest in our public schools; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education is committed to the non-partisan status of school board membership and the non-partisan conduct of school elections, and believes this principle will not be compromised by conducting board member elections in November.

**WHEREAS**, the polls will be opened from **6:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM** in November 2018 and future years.

**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. This resolution shall be attested by the Board Secretary and forwarded to the office of Orange Municipal Clerk, the County Board of Elections, County Clerk, the County Executive Superintendent of Schools, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, the New Jersey School Boards Association and to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**G18-001 REVISED 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 2 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, County Clerk and the Essex County Executive Superintendent of Schools Office.

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**G18-002 RESOLUTION TO SET AND APPROVE THE BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION DATE AND THE TERM DATE OF BOARD MEMBERS AS A TYPE II DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Orange Township voted at the November 2107 general election to change the Orange School district from a Type I to Type II district, and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education as a Type II district, with a November board election, in accordance with P.L 2012, c.202 and P.L 2011, c.202 the Board re-organization shall change to the first week of January each year, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education set the date during the first of January each year for its re-organization meeting date to be the **5<sup>th</sup> Day of January** each year and if the 5<sup>th</sup> of January should fall on a weekend or a recognized public holiday, the re-organization meeting day will be the next working (Business Day) after the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education in accordance with P.L 2012, c. 202 and P.L. 2011, c. 202 now that the re-organization is set for 5<sup>th</sup> of January, the expiring terms of office of current and future board members are extended to **11:59 Pm** of the day before the January re-organization date, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education has set and approve its Board re-organization meeting date and board members expiring term of office as indicated above and that this resolution be attested by the Board Secretary and submit to the County Board of Election, the County Superintendent of Schools, the County Election Clerk, the New Jersey School Boards Association and the City Clerk's office.

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**G18-003      RESOLUTION TO MERGE PROPERTY LOTS AS  
RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP,  
OFFICE OF THE TAX ASSESSOR**

**WHEREAS**, the ownership of the following lots was transferred from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority to the Orange Board of Education (per: deed dated 08/01/12):

204 Duane Street Block 902 Lot 2  
203 Park Place (rear)  
195 & 191 Park Place Block 902 Lots 38 to 40  
221 & 223 Park Avenue Block 902 Lots 41 & 42

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orange Township, Office of the Tax Assessor recommends that the lots (line items) be merged into the main lot known as 235 Park Avenue Block 902 Lot 1; and,

**WHEREAS**, the merger of lots would take place in the tax year 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education approves the resolution to merge property lots, as indicated above, as recommended by the City of Orange Township, Office of the Tax Assessor.

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA      (0) NAY**

**G18-004      RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE A SCHOOL SAFETY  
SPECIALIST FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, a 2017 state law (P.L. 2017 c. 162) requires the superintendent in each school district to designate an administrator as the School Safety Specialist for the district; and,

**WHEREAS**, the responsibilities of the School Safety Specialist include supervising and providing oversight for all school safety and security personnel; ensuring safety and security policies and procedures are in compliance with state laws and regulations; providing the necessary training and resources to school district staff in matter relating to school safety and security. The School Safety Specialist will also serve as the district's liaison with local law enforcement, as well as national, state and community agencies and organizations in matters of school safety and security.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education designates **Mr. Adekunle James** as the District School Safety Specialist and **Mr. Akindele Ayodele** as alternate.

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA      (0) NAY**

**H. Case Numbers**

**Home Instruction Cases**

**#'s 799, 823, 824**

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA      (0) NAY**

**Out-of-District Placement Cases**

**#'s 308204**

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**H.I.B Cases**

**Substantiated #'s none**

**HUMAN RESOURCE AGENDA**

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

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**DISTRICT MEETINGS**

- ☐ Next scheduled meetings are as follows:

**Public**

- Facilities Committee Meeting – Monday, February 5, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.,  
451 Lincoln Avenue
- Public Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.,  
Orange Preparatory Academy, 380 Central Avenue
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – January 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., 451  
Lincoln Avenue

**Closed**

- Human Resource Committee Meeting – Monday, February 12, 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 **February 13, 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 Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY**

**APPROVAL DATE: February 13, 2018**

**ATTESTED TO BY:**

  
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**School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary**

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January 8, 2018

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

Re: BOE January 9, 2018 Public Comments

Dear Mr. James:

Because of the conflicting city council meeting, I am unable to attend Tuesday's BOE Regular Meeting. Consequently, I respectfully request that this letter be distributed to all BOE members and that the following comments and questions be inserted into the official January 9, 2018 BOE public record.

Civics matter. I do not believe in coincidences. One year ago, President Barack Obama delivered his Farewell Address to the Nation. In hindsight, this Farewell Address was historic and prophetic. It ranks with President George Washington's farewell warning to steer clear of permanent foreign alliances. It ranks with President Dwight Eisenhower's farewell warning of the industrial military complex. Indeed, President Obama delivered his remarks before the phrase "alternative facts" entered our lexicon.

On January 10, 2017, President Obama set forth his belief and commitment to our constitutional form of democratic participatory government. President Obama reminded us:

[D]emocracy does not require uniformity. Our founders quarreled and compromised, and expected us to do the same. But they knew that democracy does require a basic sense of solidarity-the idea that for all our outward differences, we are all in this together; that we rise or fall as one. .

..

Politics is a battle of ideas; in the course of a healthy debate, we'll prioritize different goals, and the different means of reaching them. But without some common baseline of facts; without a willingness to admit new information, and concede that your opponent is making a fair point,



and that science and reason matter, we'll keep talking past each other, making common ground and compromise impossible. . . .

It falls to each of us to be those anxious, jealous guardians of our democracy; to embrace the joyous task we've been given to continually try to improve this great nation of ours. Because for all our outward differences, we all share the same proud title: Citizen.

Accordingly, in the context of President Obama's Farewell Remarks and the Cancelled January 4, 2018 Special Meeting on Limited and Shortened Notice, 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 regular and special meetings?
2. When will the BOE begin to post its annual audits on its public website?
3. Who opined as to the validity of the December 30, 2017 Special Meeting "Other Matters" Public E-Mail Blast Notice under State law?
4. What were these "Other Matters" described in the December 30, 2017 Special Meeting E-Mail Blast?
5. Who opined as to the validity of the amending resolution restricting the aggregate amount of public comments to three minutes under State law?
6. Did counsel compare the public comment policies and procedures in Summit, Millburn and Livingston?
7. Why aren't BOE regular meetings broadcasted, recorded and rebroadcasted on the City's public access channel?
8. Where in the BOE's June 30, 2017 Audit Report are the three Orange Educational Foundation Leases disclosed?
9. Where in the BOE's June 30, 2017 Audit is the STEM Academy Lease disclosed?
10. Why does the BOE's June 30, 2017 Audit footnote regarding the impact of long term tax exemptions conflict with the City's CY 2016 Audit footnote?
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Respectfully submitted,

  
Jeffrey S. Feld

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City Clerk  
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City Business Administrator  
All City Council Members

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1. When will the BOE begin to post its meetings agendas 48 hour prior to its regular and special meetings?
  - **District has started this process; agenda is now on the website prior to meeting.**
2. When will the BOE begin to post its annual audits on its public website?
  - **Under discussion**
3. Who opined as to the validity of the December 30, 2017 Special Meeting “Other Matters” Public E-Mail Blast Notice under the State law?
  - **BA if there is a specific objection – kindly advise**
4. What were these “Other Matters” described in the December 30, 2017 Special Meeting E-Mail Blast?
  - **Confidential matters and see attached proposed agenda (meeting was cancelled)**
5. Who opined as to the validity of the amending resolution restricting the aggregate amount of public comments to three minutes under State law?
  - **It is the prerogative of the Board to set the length of time for public comments; we have provided you with the board policy.**
6. Did counsel compare the public comment policies and procedures in Summit, Millburn and Livingston?
  - **No, nor did those towns consult us when they set their time for individual public comments**
7. Why aren't BOE regular meetings broadcasted, recorded and rebroadcasted on the City's public access channel?
  - **Under discussion and logistics**
8. Where in the BOE's June 30, 2017 Audit Report are the three Orange Educational Foundation Leases disclosed?



- **(not sure if this is an audit item)**

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- **(not sure if this is an audit item)**

10. Why does the BOE's June 30, 2017 Audit footnote regarding the impact of long term tax exemptions conflict with the City's CY 2016 Audit footnote?

- **See attached note as obtained from the State Department as included in the Audit Report Notes**

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- **Open session audio tapes are considered records, we have asked you come and review/listen to the tapes in the Board Secretaries Office since we do not have the capability of dubbing tapes.**

12. Under what authority did the former BOE attorney execute and bind the BOE on the Orange Educational Foundation Park Avenue Lease?

- **The attorney only executes documents on behalf of the BOE with their consent, see resolution as approved by the Board.**

13. What is the updated status of the STEM Academy located in South Orange?

- **Updates are discussed during the Superintendent's monthly reports to the public**

14. Who dropped the ball and delayed the special BOE II election from January to March?

- **No one dropped the ball – the Board collectively has decided that elections should occur in November of 2018**



15. Does an appointed BOE have the statutory and moral authority to shift all BOE elections from April to November after the distribution of the March 2017 special election petitions?

- **The date by which elections are to occur is the decision of the Board**

16. In its BOE II Monetary Sanctions Objection, did the BOE negligently, recklessly and intentionally conceal certain material procedural facts from the court?

- **Absolutely not and if you are making such an accusation – you should identify exactly which you are referring to.**

17. Will reliance on a sparse legal memorandum containing no cease law analysis by a deputy city attorney shield the BOE, its members and counsel from monetary sanctions?

- **This is a legal question for a judge to decide.**

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- **This is not a question but a statement and you are entitled to your own opinions but we are not bound by them.**







# State of New Jersey Local Government Services

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# USED PROPERTY VALUATIONS - EXEMPT PROPERTY - PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DATA

## ments - Taxable Properties (October 1, 2016 Value)

# of Parcels	Assessed Value	% of Total
224	\$11,278,500.00	0.88%
4,102	\$717,498,000.00	55.78%
0		0.00%
573	\$262,014,400.00	20.37%
52	\$43,484,000.00	3.38%
157	\$249,627,500.00	19.41%
23		0.00%
1	\$2,412,145.00	0.19%
5,132	\$1,286,314,545.00	100.00%

## Property Tax Assessments - Exempt Properties (October 1, 2016 Value)

# of Parcels	Assessed Value	% of Total
37	\$106,651,872.00	23.73%
5	\$9,328,500.00	2.08%
125	\$101,787,500.00	22.65%
67	\$72,252,200.00	16.08%
4	\$17,462,700.00	3.89%
42	\$141,898,800.00	31.58%

Total

280	\$449,381,572.00	100.00%
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Percentage of Exempt vs.  
Non-Exempt Properties 34.94%

Value	87.91%
ies	\$1,463,217,546.35

ied in 2016	County Tax Board	255.00
	State Tax Court	193.00
ecisions appealed to Tax Court		60.00
als in State Tax Court		486.00

tax appeals in 2016	\$509,867.85
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## ments in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) - 5 Year Exemptions/Abatements

# of Parcels	PILOT Billing/Revenue	Assessed Value	Taxes if Billed in Full 2016 Total Tax Rate
6		\$717,100.00	\$34,277.38
6	0.00	717,100.00	34,277.38



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MESSAGE: Response to January 16, 2018  
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