

Minutes of **Tuesday, February 13, 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 **(absent)**
Ms. Cristina Mateo
Mr. Jarteau Israel
Ms. Rhoda Irodia
Ms. Kyleesha Hill **(absent)**
Mr. E. Lydell Carter

ROLL CALL: (5) PRESENT (2) ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT:

- Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Interim Superintendent of Schools
- Mrs. Shebra Dismuke HR Talent Officer
- Dr. Paula E. Howard, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. Adekunle James, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Mr. Akindede 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.

FLAG SALUTE

The following Park Avenue School Student will lead the public in the Flag Salute:
Llayrin Meja-Ortiz

PRESENTATIONS

Park Avenue School - Anchored in Excellence

Tanya Alcids
Iyahna Barret
Shalyse Berrian
Alyssa Black
Octavia Brewster
Aniya Clarks
Makayla English
Rosa Giles
Dory Jean-Bart
Martha Johnson-Jackson
Glenda Morocho
Tamyra Rumble
Autumn Tarver

Winners of the Poetry Out Loud Contest

Space and Zone School Based Program Presentation
Ms. Joy Simeon

Update On Facility Bond Funded Projects
Mr. Adekunle James, Business Administrator

Superintendent's Report
Mr. Ronald Lee, Interim Superintendent of Schools

BOARD MINUTES

January 9, 2018 - Closed Meeting
January 9, 2018 - Public Meeting

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. Adekunle James, (Board Secretary) performed the roll call to start the public session at about 7:08pm followed by the Flag Salute by students of Park Ave. School and a short presentation on Black History Month.
- Dr. Russo introduced the winners of the Poetry Out Loud Contest, who later rendered poetry to members of the public. Awards and recognition were bestowed on students of the month.
- The Space and Zone school based program rendered a short presentation about the program, explaining the various resources available to students.
- Mr. James rendered a presentation on School Facilities and the utilization of the \$2.5m bond money. He explained that delays in obtaining the bond resulted in the projects not starting. Also there was cost overrun and a new bidding process has to take place.
- Mr. Lee rendered the Superintendent's Report for the month. He gave an update about the STEM building, stating that all inspections passed, but the CO/TCO is yet to be obtained. The South Orange Building Department said they need 20 days to review the application for the Certificate of Occupancy (C of O)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Walter (Press Man) expressed appreciation for the Black History Month. He said back in the 1960's there was no teaching curriculum, but teachers improvised. He said he benefited in the education of those days.
- Tyrone Tarver (Parent) distributed papers to the board and read through the document. He would like to know the OBOE's involvement in the upcoming board election. (See Attached) Mr. Carter (Board President) addressed the issues raised about the Board's participation in the upcoming board election.
- Patricia Arthur corrected Mr. Tarver that during the last election, members of the public were educated through a public forum and provided with written materials relating to the election.

- A parent of a student at Rosa Parks asked why Rosa Parks students were not allowed to go out for recess outside. She wants to know the BOE plan regarding renovation of the playground and students having recess outside. Mr. Lee addressed her concern stating that the safety of students is a serious consideration and of paramount importance.
- Mr. Jeffery Feld, sent in a written document to be read to board members and the public because he could not attend the meeting (see attached).

BOARD RESOLUTIONS

**A18-003 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AFFILIATION
AGREEMENT WITH CALDWELL UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, both parties desire to maintain and improve their standards of health care delivery and education by participating in a Clinical Education Program; and

WHEREAS, it is in the mutual interest of the parties to enter into this agreement in order to provide students with the opportunity and benefit of receiving clinical training in the field of nursing; and

WHEREAS, both parties are mutually desirous of cooperating in the manner set forth in the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange Board of Education agrees with the Affiliation Agreement with Caldwell University for the 2017-2018 School year.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

**A18-004 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ASSESSMENTS, COUNSELING,
& EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT, LLC (ACES), TO CONDUCT
EVALUATIONS AS NEEDED FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL
YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education has an immediate need for Evaluation Services for students in the Orange Township School District; and

WHEREAS, the contract specifies the type of services to be rendered by ACES; 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 approves Assessments, Counseling, & Educational Support LLC (ACES) to conduct evaluations as needed for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

**A18-005 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2017-2018
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDUCATION
AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, the parties of this agreement are determine as its goal to safeguard the rights of all students and employees by providing an environment free of disruptive influence of crime, violence, intimidation and fear.

WHEREAS, as per the State Department of Education and New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, districts are directed to revise the current Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials as approved by the Attorney General and Commission of Education as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2 (b) 13 through 15.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education hereby re-affirms its existing Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials during the 2017-2018 school year.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

**A18-006 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH
SUZANNE MORLEY, MS CCC-SLP AND THE ORANGE
BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE SPEECH THERAPY
FOR STUDENTS**

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education has agreed to contract with SUZANNE MORLEY, MS CCC-SLP to provide Speech Therapy at the rate of \$63.00 per hour for Direct/Indirect Therapy sessions and \$250.00 per evaluation; 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 will enter into a contract agreement SUZANNE MORLEY, MS CCC-SLP AND THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE SPEECH THERAPY FOR STUDENTS.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

**B18-002 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE
GLOBAL STUDIES CURRICULUM GUIDE REVISIONS FOR
THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

WHEREAS, the Orange School District is committed to differentiating learning experiences for students based on their academic needs, and;

WHEREAS, the Orange Public Schools are required to obtain approval from the Board of Education for the adoption of the GLOBAL STUDIES CURRICULUM GUIDE REVISIONS; and,

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education's Curriculum Committee has also reviewed and now recommends the acceptance of the GLOBAL STUDIES CURRICULUM GUIDE REVISIONS;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Orange Board of Education approves the implementation and application of the GLOBAL STUDIES CURRICULUM GUIDE REVISIONS, for the 2017-2018 school year.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

**B18-003 RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE FEBRUARY 2018 AS
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Association for Career and Technical Education has designated the month of February 2018 as "Career and Technical Education Month" nationally; and,

WHEREAS, teachers, administrators, and school counselors involved in career and technical education serve more than 699 students at Orange Preparatory Academy, Career and Innovation Academy of Orange, Orange High School; and,

WHEREAS, career and technical education programs incorporate a rigorous academic core coupled with a high-level technical curriculum to prepare students to be college and career ready; and,

WHEREAS, career and technical education builds collaborative connections among education, economic development and workforce development to support healthy economic growth; and,

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers opportunities for student leadership experiences supporting personal and professional growth, opportunities to apply academic knowledge and skills in meaningful contexts through partnerships with post-secondary institutions, business, industry, and community; and,

WHEREAS, Orange Public School CTE students participate in Career and Technical Student Organizations' regional, state, and national competitions and conferences; and,

WHEREAS, the comprehensive, innovative approach to career and technical education prepares students as global citizens for a lifetime of career and education choices;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education approves the **RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE FEBRUARY 2018 AS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH.**

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

**B18-004 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BIG ORANGE ("O") TUTORING
TEAM TO TUTOR MATH AT THE STEM INNOVATION
ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES**

WHEREAS, the district is seeking the approval for the Big Orange ("O") Tutoring Team to tutor students in subjects they have difficulties in; and

WHEREAS, the Big Orange ("O") Tutoring Team is composed of High School Seniors who have successfully completed Algebra I & II, and Geometry with a B or higher,

WHEREAS, the Big Orange ("o") Tutoring Team will tutor students in Algebra I and eventually Geometry,

WHEREAS, the tutoring program will run for up to three days during the week for 1 to 2 hours each session (preferably Wednesday-Friday),

WHEREAS, the start of the program is projected to begin in February, 2018,
WHEREAS, the above-mentioned services will be delivered at an hourly pay of \$8.60 per person to the STEM Innovation Academy,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education of the City of Orange Township hereby approves the Big Orange ("O") Tutoring Team to tutor their peers at the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

C18-007 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR JANUARY 2018

WHEREAS, the Orange School District request the payment of the attached detailed bills for January 2018, whose totals are summarized as follows:

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fund 11 - General Current Expense	\$596,506.06	\$2,822,580.33	\$3,419,086.39
Fund 12 – Capital Outlay	242,828.18	66,685.65	309,513.83
Fund 13 – Special Schools	402.50	0.00	402.50
Fund 15 – Whole School Reform	1,732,384.36	2,694,135.29	4,426,519.65
Fund 20 – Special Revenue Funds	422,678.03	750,773.91	1,173,451.94
Fund 50 – Enterprise Fund	311,494.09	0.00	311,494.09
Grand Total	\$3,306,293.22	\$6,334,175.18	\$9,640,468.40

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the total payment of district bills in the amount of **\$9,640,468.40**

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

C18-008 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, after review of such report, hereby accepts the December 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 Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

C18-009 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER OF SCHOOL FUNDS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 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 December 2017.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

C18-010 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BUDGETARY MAJOR ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR DECEMBER 2017

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.3(3), we (the Board) certify that as of December 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 Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

C18-011 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 Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

E18-003 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF COUNCILWOMAN JAMIE SUMMERS-JOHNSON, TO UTILIZE HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM TO HOST A WARD MEETING

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson is requesting to utilize the following:

HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Ward Meeting

March 21, 2018

6:30 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, City Council, as indicated above and with the condition that all Board of Education events take precedence over the City of Orange Township, Office of the Municipal Clerk's usage and pending the signing of the Request to Use Facilities form.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

E18-004 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF COUNCILWOMAN JAMIE SUMMERS-JOHNSON, TO UTILIZE FOREST STREET SCHOOL COMMON ROOM AND CAFETERIA TO HOST A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH KICK OFF MEETING

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson is requesting to utilize the following:

FOREST STREET SCHOOL COMMON ROOM AND CAFETERIA
Neighborhood Watch Kick Off Meeting
February 27, 2018 (February 28, 2018 Rain Date)
6:30 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, City Council, as indicated above and with the condition that all Board of Education events take precedence over the City of Orange Township, Office of the Municipal Clerk's usage and pending the signing of the Request to Use Facilities form.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

E18-005 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF MR. LOUIS FOUSHEE TO UTILIZE OPA AUDITORIUM TO HOST AN OLDIES CONCERT IN MEMORY OF WILLIE ASBURY

WHEREAS, Mr. Louis Foushee is requesting to utilize the following:

OPA AUDITORIUM
Oldies Concert
April 21, 2018
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the request of Mr. Louis Foushee, as indicated above, pending the receipt of the signed copy of the Hold Harmless Agreement, Request for Use of District Facilities Forms, proof of insurance and payment of fees in the amount of \$898.61.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

E18-006 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD NAACP TO UTILIZE LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL CAFETERIA TO HOST THEIR CANDIDATES DEBATE

WHEREAS, the Orange and Maplewood NAACP is requesting to utilize the following:

LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Candidates Debate

March 10, 2018

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the request of the Orange & Maplewood NAACP, as indicated above, pending the receipt of the signed copy of the Hold Harmless Agreement, Request for Use of District Facilities Forms, proof of insurance and payment of any fees negotiated by the Business Administrator.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

F18-003 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 Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

F18-004 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 Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

F18-005 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT VARIOUS STATE MANDATED, DISTRICT NEW AND REVISED POLICIES (FIRST READING)

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education is required by the State of New Jersey, Department of Education, to adopt and implement for all Public Schools within the district the following new and revised policies:

- P 2700 Services to Nonpublic School Students (M) (**Revised**)
- P & R 7100 Long Range Facilities Plan (M) (**Revised**)
- P & R 7101 Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects (**Revised**)
- P 7102 Site Selection and Acquisition (**Revised**)
- R 7102 Site Selection and Acquisition (**New**)
- P 7130 School Closing (**Revised**)
- P 7300 Disposition of Property (**Revised**)
- R 7300.1 Disposition of Instructional Property (**Abolished**)
- R 7300.2 Disposition of Land (**Revised**)
- R 7300.3 Disposition of Personal Property (**Revised**)
- R 7300.4 Disposition of Federal Property (**Revised**)
- P 0169.02 Board Member Use of Social Networks (**New**)
- P 3437 Military Leave (**Revised**)

- P 4437 Military Leave (**Revised**)
- R 5460.1 High School Transcripts (**Revised**)
- P 5516.01 Student Tracking Devices (**New**)
- R 7101 Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects (**Revised**)
- P 7425 Lead Testing of Water in Schools (**New**)
- P & R 7440 School District Security (M) (**Revised**)
- P & R 7441 Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds (M) (**Revised**)
- P 8507 Breakfast Offer Versus Serve (OVS) (M) (**Revised**)
- P 8630 Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility (M) (**Revised**)
- R 8630 Emergency School Bus Procedures (M) (**Revised**)
- P 9242 Use of Electronic Signatures (**New**)
- P 0143 Board Member Election and Appointment (**New**)
- P 0151 Organization Meeting (**New**)
- P 0110 Identification (**Revised**)
- P 0141 Board Member Number and Term (**New**)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education approves the above mentioned new and revised policies for the Orange Public School District (First Reading)

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarteau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

G18-005 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MUTUAL USE OF THE STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES AND THE TEMPLE SHAREY TEFILO-ISRAEL AS EMERGENCY EVACUATION SITES

WHEREAS, the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges and the Temple Sharley Tefilo-Israel are both in need of evacuation sites ; and,

WHEREAS, the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges and the Temple Sharley Tefilo-Israel have agreed to use each other's facility as an emergency evacuation site.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education approves the mutual use of the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges and the Temple Sharley Tefilo-Israel as emergency evacuation sites.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarteau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

G18-006 RESOLUTION TO RESCHEDULE THE MARCH 2018 PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education had previously scheduled the March Public Board Meeting for Tuesday, March 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Special Election of Board Members is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, the Orange Board of Education would like to reschedule its Public Meeting to Wednesday March 14, 2018 to avoid conflict.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education reschedules its March 2018 Public Board Meeting to Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarteau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

H. Case Numbers

Home Instruction Cases

#'s 823, 825, 826, 827, 828

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

Out-of-District Placement Cases

#'s 107219, 212823, 310350

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

H.I.B Cases

Substantiated #'s HAS010218001, PAS012218001, PAS011618001none

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

HUMAN RESOURCE AGENDA

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

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded by Jarreau Israel.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY

DISTRICT MEETINGS

- ☐ Next scheduled meetings are as follows:

Public

- Facilities Committee Meeting – Monday, March 5, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue
- Public Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy, 380 Central Avenue
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – February 27, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue

Closed

- Human Resource Committee Meeting – Monday, March 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 March 14, 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: (6) YEA (0) NAY

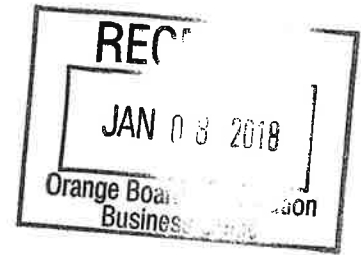
APPROVAL DATE: March 14, 2018

ATTESTED TO BY:



**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? I
11. Are the BOE regular meeting audio tapes "governmental records" under the Open Public Records Act and subject to production pursuant to OPRA? See, *Libertarians for Transparent Government v. The Ocean County Prosecutor's Office*, A-1608-16T1 (App. Div. Jan. 4, 2018) (Judges Messano, Accurso and Vernoia remanding to the trial court to assess whether the record custodian conducted required search for the requested records)
12. Under what authority did the former BOE attorney execute and bind the BOE on the Orange Educational Foundation Park Avenue Lease?
13. What is the updated status of the STEM Academy located in South Orange? ~
14. Who dropped the ball and delayed the special BOE II election from January to March? <
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?
16. In its BOE II Monetary Sanctions Objection, did the BOE negligently, recklessly and intentionally conceal certain material procedural facts from the Court?

17. Will reliance on a sparse legal memorandum containing no case law analysis by a deputy city attorney shield the BOE, its members and counsel from monetary sanctions?
18. As fiduciaries of a public trust, are all BOE "public servants" subject to the equitable remedy of disgorgement? See, Editorial: "Clawback a Just Penalty for Employee Disloyalty," New Jersey Law Journal, 223 N.J.L.J. 3826 (Dec. 25, 2017) ("Economically harmed or not, an employer who is victimized by a dishonorable employee should have the right to recapture compensation paid during the time of the employee's disloyalty. A dishonest employee should not be allowed to go unpunished because of the fortuity of his employer's lack of loss. The integrity of our marketplace demands a full panoply of remedies for judges.")

Respectfully submitted,


Jeffrey S. Feld

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City Attorney
City Business Administrator
All City Council Members

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Attn: Superintendent Ronald Lee
Asst. Superintendent Paula Howard
Business Administrator, Adekunle James
All School Board Members
Atty. Ronald Hunt

Re: Questions presented at the Orange BOE School Board Monthly Meeting

This letter is to inquire about certain actions by the Orange School board that I have concerns about.

- 1) I was made aware that the School Board has been involved in the planning stages of upcoming School Board forums. I believe that is illegal for a School board or any Public Agency to be involved in any activities concerning candidates running for Public position. I would like to know the BOE and/or School Board's involvement in the planning stages of these upcoming forums.
- 2) Concerning the Orange BOE's recent outreach to candidates. A letter was sent to myself requesting that I submit a Bio and Photo for distribution throughout the School District. I believe that this action may be in violation of State law. I believe that it might be illegal to use Public Funds or Public Resources by any Public Agency to distribute any information concerning candidate(s) running for Public office. I have notified the Essex County Clerk and the Superintendent of Elections. I have also been instructed to notify the Essex County Superintendent, the Attorney General and Prosecutor's offices.
- 3) I have not seen any resolution on the BOE Meeting Agenda made available yesterday on the Orange BOE website that authorizes the Business Office to use Public Funds and/or resources to distribute candidate information regarding the March 13, 2018 Special School Board election. I would like to know when this was decided and if the Board Members were notified of this and why is this not being publicly voted on tonight, if not added to the agenda already?
- 4) I was contacted today by the Business Administrator's office concerning participation in two upcoming School Board forums. I have also been informed via email by the Business Administrator's office that Lincoln Avenue School will be the venue for a Candidates forum hosted by the NAACP. Again, I am concerned that it might be illegal to use Public Funds and/or resources to contribute to any candidate events unless being reimbursed by the Parties that will host the events. I would like the details to be made public at this School Board meeting concerning the Orange Public School's role in this event and the details concerning Lincoln Avenue School being used as the venue.
- 5) As of yesterday, I did not see any resolution concerning the use of Lincoln Avenue School for use as a venue for a privately hosted School Election Candidates forum.
- 6) The February 13, 2018 Agenda was not posted on the Orange Public School's website until yesterday at 3:57pm. Not posting an agenda forty-eight (48) business hours prior to a public meeting is in violation of the Open Public Meetings Act, that this School Board adheres to and is

stated clearly at the top of all agendas distributed before every School Board Meeting. I have been asking about this publicly since Spring of 2016. I would like to know why Agendas are still not being made available forty-eight (48) business hours prior to School Board meetings, as required by law.

- 7) I was made aware of the BOE's response to a letter submitted by Jeffrey Feld at last month's January 2018 School Board meeting. In this response to Mr. Feld, he asked the attendees of the May 2017 School board Retreat. I noticed that my name was not included as one of the attendees. I also noticed that Assistant Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard and School Board member Dr. Courtne Thomas' names were also omitted. I would like this response to Mr. Feld to be amended to reflect all twelve (12) attendees at the meeting and for this amended response to be attached to January's meeting minutes.

Thank you.

Best regards,



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