

Minutes of **Monday, January 7, 2019 Public Organization Meeting** of the Orange Board of Education held at 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Building, 451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, New Jersey.

Mr. Adekunle James presided over tonight's meeting.

Dr. Courtne Thomas, Ed. D.
Mr. E. Lydell Carter
Ms. Brenda Daughtry
Ms. Kyleesha Hill
Mr. Derrick Henry
Ms. Cristina Mateo
Mr. Siaka Sherif
Mr. Tyrone Tarver
Mr. Jeffery Wingfield

ROLL CALL: (9) PRESENT (0) ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT:

- Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools
- Mrs. Shebra Dismuke, Human Resources Talent Officer
- Dr. Paula Howard, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. Adekunle O. James, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Mr. Akindele Ayodele, Assistant School Business Administrator/Acting Assistant Board Secretary
- Mr. Ronald Hunt, School Board Attorney with the firm of Hunt, Hamlin & Ridley

In conformance with **Board of Education Policy 1120-1 and Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231**, this is to announce that this Public Organization Meeting of the Orange Board of Education is being convened with adequate notice. Notice of this meeting has been posted at the Administration Building, filed with the 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. The Board of Education thanks you for your cooperation.

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD COMMENTS

- The meeting commenced at 7:15 with roll call by Mr. James followed by the swearing in of new board members. Thereafter, roll call for the public session was taken at 7:28pm followed by the Flag Salute. A motion was then made for the board to go into Closed Session.
- The Board came back into Public Session at 8:35pm. Roll call to reopen was taken by Mr. James.
- Votes were taken on Resolution 19-001 to nominate a Board President. Mr. Carter was reappointed as Board President for the 2019 School Year.
- Resolution 19-002 to nominate a Board Vice-President received 2 nominations (Dr. Thomas and Mr. Tarver).

- Mr. Hunt (Board Attorney confirmed Dr. Thomas as Vice President based on votes cast. 5 Yea, 3 Abstained and 1 Nay for Dr. Thomas, 3 Yea, 5 abstained and 1 Nay for Mr. Tarver.
- The Board voted on several resolutions pertaining to District Committees and Liasons.

19-001 RESOLUTION TO ELECT A SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

WHEREAS, nomination has been made for a board candidate to serve as School Board President over the Orange Public School District for the 2019 Calendar Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **E. Lydell Carter** be elected and serve as School Board President of the Orange Board of Education for the 2019 Calendar Year.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (9) YEA (0) NAY

19-002 RESOLUTION TO ELECT A SCHOOL BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

WHEREAS, nomination has been made for a board candidate to serve as School Board Vice-President over the Orange Public School District for the 2019 Calendar Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **Dr. Courtne Thomas** be elected and serve as School Board Vice-President of the Orange Board of Education for the 2019 Calendar Year.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY (3) Abstain S. Sherif, D. Henry, D. Daughtry

19-003 RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE AS BOARD LIAISONS TO THE DESIGNATED SCHOOLS FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

WHEREAS, the following board members will be assigned to a school and serve as Board Liaisons and will inform the district, at its meetings, of any functions/activities being held at their appointed sites:

Pre-School	-	Derrick Henry / Siaka Sherif / Tyrone Tarver
Cleveland	-	E. Lydell Carter / Kyleesha Hill / Cristina Mateo
Forest	-	Jeffery Wingfield / Cristina Mateo / E. Lydell Carter/ Brenda Daughtry
Heywood	-	Courtne Thomas / E. Lydell Carter / Siaka Sherif / Cristina Mateo
Park	-	Cristina Mateo / Derrick Henry / Tyrone Tarver
Oakwood	-	Kyleesha Hill / Cristina Mateo / Courtne Thomas
Lincoln	-	Cristina Mateo / Jeffery Wingfield / Derrick Henry / Siaka Sherif
Rosa Parks	-	E. Lydell Carter / Cristina Mateo / Courtne Thomas
Scholars	-	E. Lydell Carter / Courtne Thomas / Kyleesha Hill / Siaka Sherif

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OPA - All
 OHS - All
 APEX - All
 STEM - All

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby appoints the board members as listed above to serve as Board Liaisons for the 2019 Calendar Year.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (9) YEA (0) NAY

19-004 RESOLUTION TO ELECT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO DISTRICT COMMITTEES OF THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the school board members listed below serve on the following Board of Education Committees during the 2019 Calendar Year:

<u>Committees</u>	<u>School Board Members</u>
Policy	Chairperson – E. Lydell Carter Member – Kyleesha Hill Alternate – Brenda Daughtry / Tyrone Tarver
Curriculum & Instruction	Chairperson – E. Lydell Carter Member – Derrick Henry Member – Courtne Thomas / Tyrone Tarver
Finance & Budget	Chairperson – Siaka Sherif Member – Jeffery Wingfield Member – Cristina Mateo Member – Tyrone Tarver
Legislative	Chairperson – Cristina Mateo Member – Brenda Daughtry Alternate – Jeffery Wingfield / E. Lydell Carter
Human Resources	Chairperson – Tyrone Tarver Member – Siaka Sherif Member – Courtne Thomas Member – Kyleesha Hill
Facilities & Security	Chairperson – Tyrone Tarver Member – E. Lydell Carter
Public Relations	Chairperson – E. Lydell Carter Member – Courtne Thomas Member – Cristina Mateo Member – Derrick Henry
Orange Municipal Alliance for the Prevention & Education of Drug/Alcohol Abuse	Representative – Cristina Mateo / Kyleesha Hill

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District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC)	Member	-	Cristina Mateo
	Member	-	Derrick Henry

Middle States Committee	Member	-	E. Lydell Carter
	Member	-	Cristina Mateo
	Alternate	-	Courtne Thomas

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (9) YEA (0) NAY

19-005 RESOLUTION TO ELECT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMITTEE OF THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the school board members listed below serve on the following Board of Education Disciplinary Hearing Committee during the 2019 Calendar Year:

1st Quarter, January – March '19

2nd Quarter, April – June '19

Member – **E. Lydell Carter**

Member – **Brenda Daughtry**

Member – **Tyrone Tarver**

Member – **Kyleesha Hill**

Member – **Siaka Sherif**

Member – **Tyrone Tarver**

Member – **Jeffery Wingfield**

Member – **Derrick Henry**

3rd Quarter, July – September '19

4th Quarter, October – December '19

Member – **Jeffery Wingfield**

Member – **Kyleesha Hill**

Member – **E. Lydell Carter**

Member – **Derrick Henry**

Member – **Cristina Mateo**

Member – **Courtne Thomas**

Member – **Brenda Daughtry**

Member – **Siaka Sherif**

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (9) YEA (0) NAY

19-006 RESOLUTION TO ELECT A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE AS A BOARD ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ESSEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-61 et., seq., the Orange Public School District must elect one of its school board members to serve as a Board Assembly Representative to the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously held such an election among its members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education duly elects **E. Lydell Carter** to serve as a Board of Education Assembly Representative to the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission during the 2019 Calendar Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the minutes, indicating such election, be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (9) YEA (0) NAY

19-007 RESOLUTION TO ELECT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE AS DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO THE ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION & THE URBAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

WHEREAS, the Orange School District requires that school board member(s) be elected as delegates to represent the Orange Board of Education at various associations in which it is a member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby elects the following individuals to serve as delegates and alternates to the following associations for the 2019 Calendar Year

<u>Associations</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Alternates</u>
Essex County School Board Association	E. Lydell Carter	Cristina Mateo
Urban School Boards Association	Kyleesha Hill	Derrick Henry

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (9) YEA (0) NAY

19-008 RESOLUTION TO ELECT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE AS A DELEGATE/ ALTERNATE TO THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION DURING THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

WHEREAS, the Orange School District is a member of the New Jersey School Boards Association and is therefore required to elect members of its board to serve on the NJSBA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby elects **E. Lydell Carter** and **Courtne Thomas** as the delegate and alternates, respectively, to the (NJSBA) New Jersey School Boards Association for the 2019 Calendar Year.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (9) YEA (0) NAY

19-009 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to *Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231*, the Orange Board of Education approves the following schedule of business meetings. All public meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Orange Preparatory Academy, 380 Central Avenue, Orange, NJ, unless otherwise designated by the Board:

2019 Board of Education Business Meeting Schedule

January 8, 2019
February 12, 2019
March 12, 2019
April 9, 2019
May 14, 2019
June 11, 2019
July 9, 2019
August 13, 2019
September 10, 2019
October 8, 2019
November 12, 2019
December 10, 2019

***January 6, 2020 - Organization Meeting**

All Regular Board Meetings will be held on Tuesday except for those dates denoted with an (*).

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Brenda Daughtry.

ROLL CALL: (9) YEA (0) NAY

19-010 RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT A SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the appointment of a school attorney to provide general legal counsel to the school district; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the budget for this purpose and the Public Schools Contract Law defines such professional services as not necessarily being subject to competitive bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education reappoints the firm of **Hunt, Hamlin & Ridley**, 60 Park Place, 16Fl. Newark, NJ 07102, as its *School Board Attorney* during the 2019 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$150.00 per hour.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Cristina Mateo.

ROLL CALL: (7) YEA (0) NAY (2) ABSTAIN – K. Hill, D. Henry

19-011 RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT A SCHOOL BOARD NEGOTIATING LABOR LAW ATTORNEY FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

WHEREAS, there exists a need to appoint a school board negotiating labor law attorney to provide counsel to the school district regarding employee/association negotiating and contract procedures; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the budget for this purpose and the Public Schools Contract Law defines such professional services a snot necessarily being subject to competitive bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education reappoints the firm **Hunt, Hamlin & Ridley**, 60 Park Place, 16Fl. Newark, NJ 07102,, as the *School Board Negotiating Labor Attorney* during the 2019 calendar year, at a cost not to exceed \$150.00 per hour.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Siaka Sherif.

ROLL CALL: (9) YEA (0) NAY

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 8, 2019** 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 Organization Session.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Courtne Thomas.

ROLL CALL: (9) YEA (0) NAY

APPROVAL DATE: February 25, 2019

ATTESTED TO BY:



**School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary**

