

Minutes of **Tuesday, July 9, 2019 Public Board Meeting** of the Orange Board Of Education held at 7:00 p.m., Administration Building, 451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, New Jersey.

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

Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield  
Dr. Courtne Thomas  
Mr. Tyrone Tarver  
Mr. Siaka Sherif  
Ms. Cristina Mateo **(Absent)**  
Ms. Kyleesha Hill  
Mr. Derrick Henry **(Absent)**  
Ms. Brenda Daughtry **(Absent)**  
Mr. E. Lydell Carter

**ROLL CALL: (6) PRESENT (3) ABSENT**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh II, Superintendent of Schools
- Mrs. Shebra Dismuke, Human Resources Talent Officer
- Dr. Paula E. Howard, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
- 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.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh II, Superintendent of Schools

**BOARD MINUTES**

May 21, 2019 - Special Closed Meeting  
June 11, 2019 - Closed Meeting  
June 11, 2019 - Public Meeting  
June 24, 2019 - Special Closed Minutes  
June 24, 2019 - Special Public Minutes

**BOARD COMMENTS**

- Roll Call was performed by Mr. Ayodele at 7:15 pm.
- The board closed the Public Session at 7:20 pm and headed into a 2<sup>nd</sup> Closed Session.  
**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Kyleesha Hill.**  
**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA      (0) NAY      (0) ABSTAIN**
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Session was opened by Mr. Ayodele.
- Dr. Thomas welcomed Dr. Fitzhugh II, Superintendent of Schools.
- Dr. Fitzhugh II rendered the Superintendent's Report to the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Ms. Patricia Arthur said she was confused in the last board meeting because the board voted not to renew the Deputy Superintendent and she needed an explanation about it (ie:- reasons for non-renewal). Mr. Hunt explained that the second action to vote on the contract of the Deputy Superintendent is today (removed in the last meeting). Mr. Carter said it is a personnel item and specifics cannot be discussed in public.
- Ms. Gloria Stewart expressed that she was confused and that the two resolutions were tabled but were not lifted. She asked what decision had been taken instead of the attorney saying "I don't vote." Mr. Carter explained that the resolutions were tabled and untabled and votes taken in the last meeting. Ms. Stewart referred to the June 25, 2019 meeting that was canceled. She stated that the result of the last meeting was not in the minutes. Mr. Tarver said that personnel issues are not discussed in public.
- Ms. Tency Eason welcomed the new superintendent, stating that we should stay positive with an agenda that will benefit the children and work together to achieve the objectives. She said that we need to build on what Mr. Lee has achieved during his tenure.

**BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

**A19-052      REVISED RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH YUNIOR RODRIGUEZ, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST AND THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE BILINGUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION FOR THE SUMMER AND THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education has agreed to contract with Yunior Rodriguez, School Psychologist, to provide Bilingual Psychological Evaluation services at the rate of **\$300.00** per completed evaluations and report; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract specifies the type of service to be provided for Bilingual Psychologist Evaluation Services; 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 with Yunior Rodriguez, School Psychologist, to provide Bilingual Psychological Services for the Summer and the 2019-2020 School Year.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**

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

**A19-053 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH KID CLAN SERVICES, INC AND THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT BILINGUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education has agreed to contract with Kid Clan Services, Inc. to provide contracted services to conduct Bilingual Evaluation Assessments at the rate of \$475.00 per evaluation; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract specifies the type of service to be provided for Bilingual 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 will enter into a contract agreement with Kid Clan Services, Inc. to conduct Bilingual Assessments for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**

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

**A19-054 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH ASSESSMENTS, COUNSELING & EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT (ACES) AND THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT LEARNING EVALUATIONS, PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS, SOCIAL EVALUATIONS, BILINGUAL EVALUATIONS, SPEECH/LANGUAGE EVALUATIONS, NEUROPSYCH EVALUATIONS, NEUROLOGICAL EVALUATIONS ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education has agreed to contract with Assessments, Counseling & Educational Support (ACES) to provide contracted services to conduct Learning Evaluations, Psychological Evaluations, Social Evaluations, Bilingual Evaluations, Speech/Language Evaluations, Neuropsych Evaluations, Neurological Evaluations Assessments at the rate of \$500.00 - \$1250.00 per evaluation; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract specifies the type of service to be provided for Learning Evaluations, Psychological Evaluations, Social Evaluations, Bilingual Evaluations, Speech/Language Evaluations, Neuropsych Evaluations, Neurological Evaluations; 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 with Assessments, Counseling & Educational Support (ACES) to conduct Learning Evaluations, Psychological Evaluations, Social Evaluations, Bilingual Evaluations, Speech/Language Evaluations, Neuropsych Evaluations, Neurological Evaluations for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**

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

**A19-055 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH EL EDUCATION FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ELA TEACHERS & COACHES IN GRADES 3 THRU 5**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education is committed to providing quality professional development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Public Schools are required to obtain approval from the Board of Education to enter into a contract with EL EDUCATION to provide professional development to third, fourth, and fifth grade teachers and coaches; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education's Curriculum Committee has also reviewed and now recommends the acceptance of the contract with EL EDUCATION for professional development;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Orange Board of Education approves the contract and executions of the EL EDUCATION contract for professional development for the year of 2019-2020.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**

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

**B19-014 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TEACHER PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW JERSEY STEM INNOVATION FELLOWSHIP DURING THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey STEM Innovation Fellowship is a one year program that allows experienced elementary teachers to learn about a research-based innovative teaching practice alongside teachers from other New Jersey districts and schools. Teach

**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey STEM Innovation Fellowship runs August 22-23, 2019 and monthly after school at Montclair State University.

**WHEREAS**, The targeted innovative teacher practice is number strings. Number Strings are a ten minute routine in which a teacher presents a carefully designed sequence of math problems that students solve mentally. Teachers who implement number strings improve their ability to facilitate mathematical discussions and boost their students' mathematical ability and confidence.

**WHEREAS**, teachers will implement number strings as part of their regular mathematics instruction, participate in blended learning activities on an online platform, provide data for program evaluation, and share and discuss artifacts with other members.

**WHEREAS**, teachers will be provided with a small video camera and training on how to use them to videotape their implementation of a number string. Videos will solely be used for professional development and program evaluation purposes and not shared beyond the fellowship without explicit, prior consent of all involved. All district regulations will be followed in the collection of videos, such as obtaining requisite consent forms prior to filming.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education of the City of Orange Township hereby approves the participation of Orange Public Schools in the New Jersey STEM Innovation Fellowship during the 2019-2020 school year.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Tyrone Tarver.**

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

**C19-043 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR JUNE 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange School District request the payment of the attached detailed bills for June 2019, whose totals are summarized as follows:

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fund 11 - General Current Expense	\$1,581,494.93	\$1,880,153.24	\$3,461,648.17
Fund 12 - Capital Outlay	71,796.89	2,805.00	74,601.89
Fund 13 - Special Schools	2,470.03	0.00	2,470.03
Fund 15 - Whole School Reform	4,217,773.00	928,903.38	5,146,676.38
Fund 20 - Special Revenue Funds	619,388.15	179,114.14	798,502.29
Fund 30 - Capital Projects Funds	20,530.29	39,093.77	59,624.06
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$6,513,453.29</b>	<b>\$3,030,069.53</b>	<b>\$9,543,522.82</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the total payment of district bills in the amount of **\$9,543,522.82**

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**

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

**C19-044 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby submits the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of May 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education, after review of such report, hereby accepts the May 2019 Board Secretary's Financial Report.

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

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**

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

**C19-045 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER OF SCHOOL FUNDS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2019**

**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 May 2019.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**

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

**C19-046 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BUDGETARY MAJOR ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR MAY 2019**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.3(3), we (the Board) certify that as of May 2019, 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 Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**

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

**C19-047 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS (FUND 11) FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange School District requires budgetary transfers to meet the encumbrances for the 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 budget be adjusted accordingly.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**

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

**C19-048 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS (FUND 15) FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange School District requires budgetary transfers to meet the encumbrances for the 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 budget be adjusted accordingly.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**

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

**F19-031 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 workshops/conferences as per attached summary.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**

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

**F19-032 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 Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**

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

**F19-033 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY BUS EVACUATION DRILLS AS REQUIRED BY N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2(d) FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Department of Education has required all school districts to conduct emergency bus evacuation drills twice per year as per N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2(d) and District Policy (P8630 and requisition (R8630) ; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Education require that the emergency bus evacuation drills should include the date of the drill; the time the drill was conducted; the school name; the location of the drill; the route number(s) included in the drill; and the name of the Principal or assigned person(s) who supervised the drill; and

**WHEREAS**, the district has conducted the required Emergency Evacuation Bus Drills as per information on the attached documents.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education approves the Emergency Bus Evacuation Drills for the 2019-2020 School year as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**

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

**F19-034 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT REORGANIZATION**

**WHEREAS**, that the Superintendent of Schools desires to reorganize administrative supervisory positions to improve the educational programs in the Orange School District; and

**WHEREAS**, the reorganization will result in the reduction of an administrative position; and

**WHEREAS**, the reorganization will include the abolishment of the Deputy Superintendent of Schools position effective immediately; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction in administrative positions are in compliance with Titles 18A:28-9 and 6A:32-5.1; and

**WHEREAS**, the administrative staff affected will be properly notified upon the approval of the re-organizational plan by the Orange Board of Education.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve to reorganize the administrative supervisory staff for educational reasons and other good cause, pursuant to the provisions in Title 18A:28-9.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**  
**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN**

**H. Case Numbers**

**Home Instruction Cases**  
#’s none

**Out-of-District Placement Cases**  
#’s none

**H.I.B Cases -**  
**Substantiated #’s none**

**HUMAN RESOURCE AGENDA**

- Leaves of Absence
- Resignations
- Appointments
- Transfer
- Reassignment
- Other Personnel Actions
- Stipends
- For The Record

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Tyrone Tarver.**  
**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN**



**DISTRICT MEETINGS**

- Next scheduled meetings are as follows:

**Public**

- Facilities Committee Meeting – Monday, August 5, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue
- Public Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Administration Building, 451 Lincoln Avenue
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – Tuesday, TBD, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue
- Finance Committee Meeting – Thursday, TBD, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue

**Closed**

- Human Resource Committee Meeting – Monday, August 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCES**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Tarver reported that progress is on in the area of facilities. He also reported on Personnel and commended the new superintendent on what he is doing in the District.
- Mr. Sherif reported on the Finance Committee and also commended Dr. Fitzhugh II.

**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 August 13, 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 Session.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY (1) ABSTAIN – T. Tarver**

**APPROVAL DATE: August 13, 2019**

**ATTESTED TO BY:**

  
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**School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary**

