

Minutes of **Tuesday, July 16, 2019 Special 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 (**Absent**)
Mr. Tyrone Tarver
Mr. Siaka Sherif
Ms. Cristina Mateo (**Absent**)
Ms. Kyleesha Hill
Mr. Derrick Henry
Ms. Brenda Daughtry
Mr. E. Lydell Carter

ROLL CALL: (7) PRESENT (2) 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. 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

PRESENTATIONS

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

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY (2) ABSTAIN – D. Henry, B. Daughtry

BOARD COMMENTS

- Roll Call was performed by Mr. Ayodele at 7:20 pm followed by Flag Salute by everyone present.

- Dr. Fitzhugh II, Superintendent of Schools addressed the public, stating that he will be involved in hiring professionals and staff; that a curriculum audit is being done. He said the superintendent must lead the district in curriculum and instruction. He said some critical work will be done where administrators will be actively involved. An audit of transcripts of students will be done to ensure every student is on track towards graduation. He stated that he works as a team and will work with executive members and all stakeholders. He will work with the executive team and take a strategic look at the things that are working. He will be evaluating the principals and directors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Patricia Arthur expressed disappointment at the last board meeting, stating that a resolution was walked in and given after comments and the public could not comment on it. She said the Deputy Superintendent helped along with Mr. Lee to move the District forward. She said there is nothing bad said about the Deputy Superintendent's performance, why is her job being eliminated. She would like to know how the decision was arrived at.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A19-056 RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR AN EXTENDED PARKING LOT AT 376 CLARENDON PLACE

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education, through its Business Office, sought proposals for an extended parking lot at 376 Clarendon Place; and,

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education received the following proposals:

Your Way Construction, Inc.	\$370,000.00
KM Construction Group	\$448,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby awards the CONTRACT FOR AN EXTENDED PARKING LOT AT 376 CLARENDON PLACE to **Your Way Construction, Inc., 404 Coit St, Irvington, NJ 07111.**

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Kyleesha Hill.

ROLL CALL: (7) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN

F19-035 REVISED 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 notified appropriately upon the approval of the re-organizational plan by Superintendent of Schools.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approves 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: (7) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN

F19-036 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: (7) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN

F19-037 RESOLUTION TO RESCIND DISTRICT REORGANIZATION RESOLUTION F19-034

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education held a vote and approved resolution F19-034, *Resolution to Approve District Reorganization*, at the July 9, 2019 Public Board Meeting; and,

WHEREAS, there is need to rescind the vote to approve resolution F19-034, amend the body of resolution, and reintroduce it for a second vote.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education approves the RESOLUTION TO RESCIND DISTRICT REORGANIZATION RESOLUTION F19-034.

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.

ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0) NAY (2) ABSTAIN – D. Henry, B. Daughtry

H. Case Numbers

Home Instruction Cases

#’s none

Out-of-District Placement Cases

#’s none

H.I.B Cases -

Substantiated #’s none

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, August 8, 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
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 E. Lydell Carter. Seconded by Siaka Sherif.

ROLL CALL: (7) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN

APPROVAL DATE: August 13, 2019

ATTESTED TO BY:



School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary