Minutes of **Friday, December 20, 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 (Absent)

Mr. Derrick Henry

/ Ms. Brenda Daughtry

Mr. E. Lydell Carter

ROLL CALL: (6) PRESENT (3) ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh II, 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 <u>Orange Transcript</u> and the <u>Star Ledger</u>.

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

2018-2019 Fiscal Audit Report PresentationMr. Walter Ryglicki, CPA, Samuel Klein & Company

BOARD MINUTES

BOARD COMMENTS

- Roll Call was performed by Mr. James at 7:10 pm followed by the Flag Salute.
- Mr. Walter Ryglicki presented the result of the annual Audit Report. He referred
 to page 16 of the MAR, stating that there is no audit recommendation. He
 reported on the Fund Balance and excess surplus of the District. He also stated
 that the District had an unmodified opinion, commending the administration for
 their assistance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Gloria Stewart commended the board for their magnanimity in reopening public comments to allow her comment. She expressed concerns about Cleveland St. School regarding the progress of work regarding construction of the addition/renovation. She also has concerns about the 2024 completion of the construction. Dr. Fitzhugh addressed her concerns stating that a presentation will be rendered at the January 14, 2020 meeting.
- Mr. Tarver said that there has been too much delay renovating the school, stating the SDA already rendered a presentation and said they are on schedule.
- Ms. Stewart also said that Cleveland should be the top priority compared to other schools. She also asked that, regarding the 399 Heywood property, staff be able to give ideas on what should be done. Mr. James said that the suggestions and opinions of the Heywood Community are important for the use of the property.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS

C19-077

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT SYNOPSIS, MANAGEMENT REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH SUPPLEMENTARY DATA AND APPROVE THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Statute 18A:23-1 requires that a Board of Education shall conduct an annual audit of the district's accounts and financial transactions to be made by a public school accountant and that audit shall be completed no later than five months after the end of the school fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Orange School district has received its reports from its auditing firm, Samuel Klein & Company, and held its audit exit conference with the Board's Finance Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education accepts the Audit Synopsis and Financial Statement with Supplementary Data and approves the Independent Auditor's Report for the school year ending June 30, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs its auditors to submit the required numbers of copies of the Financial Report, Audit Worksheets and Recommendations to the Office of The Commissioner of Education, within the timelines outlined by the statue. That copy of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report should be maintained in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Moved by Brenda Daughtry. Seconded by Jeffrey Wingfield. ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN

G19-032 RESOLUTION TO RECONFIRM POLL VOTE FOR THE ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO USE 3 MEAL WARMERS, 1 REFRIGERATOR, 5 TABLES & 30 CHAIRS TO HOST THEIR THANKSGIVING DINNER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Orange Fire Department submitted a request to utilize 3 meal warmers, 1 refrigerator, 5 tables and 30chairs for their Thanksgiving Dinner Program; and,

WHEREAS, the request was approved by the Orange Board of Education via a telephone poll vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the City of Orange Township, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby reconfirms the poll vote the Orange Fire Department submitted a request to utilize 3 meal warmers, 1 refrigerator, 5 tables and 30 chairs for their Thanksgiving Dinner Program.

Moved by Brenda Daughtry. Seconded by Jeffrey Wingfield. ROLL CALL: (3) YEA (0) NAY (3) ABSTAIN – D. Henry, B. Daughtry, T. Tarver

G19-034 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF A WRESTLING MAT FROM TOMMY MARCHETTI, DIRECTOR AT CHATHAM YOUTH WRESTLING

WHEREAS, Tommy Marchetti, Director at Chatham Youth Wrestling would like to donate a wrestling mat; and,

WHEREAS, the wrestling mat is valued at \$3,500.00 and will be used for the OHS Wrestling Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the City of Orange Township, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby accepts the donation of a wrestling mat from Tommy Marchetti, Director at Chatham Youth Wrestling and we thank him for his support of the Orange Public Schools.

Moved by Brenda Daughtry. Seconded by Jeffrey Wingfield.

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

G19-035 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF WINTER CLOTHING FROM NATALIE ALVARADO AND THE GROUPS, CHATHAM CONSIGNMENT AND CHATHAM MOMS FOR CHANGE

WHEREAS, Natalie Alvarado and the Facebook groups, Chatham Consignment and Chatham Moms for Change would like to donate winter clothing to students at Newcomers Academy; and,

WHEREAS, the donated items include hats, scarves, gloves, boots, and winter coats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the City of Orange Township, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby accepts the donation of winter clothing to students at Newcomers Academy from Natalie Alvarado and the Facebook groups, Chatham Consignment and Chatham Moms for Change and we thank them for their support of the Orange Public Schools.

Moved by Brenda Daughtry. Seconded by Jeffrey Wingfield.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA

(0) NAY

(0) ABSTAIN

HUMAN RESOURCE AGENDA

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

Moved by Brenda Daughtry. Seconded by Jeffrey Wingfield. 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

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Next scheduled meetings are as follows:

<u>Public</u>

- Facilities Committee Meeting Monday, January 6, 2020 at 2:30 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue
- Organization Meeting, Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.,
 Administration Building, 451 Lincoln Ave
- Public Board Meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:30
 p.m., Administration Building, 451 Lincoln Avenue
- Curriculum Committee Meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue
- Finance Committee Meeting Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue

Closed

 Human Resource Committee Meeting – Monday, January 13, 2020 at 5:00 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 **0162 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 14, 2020,** Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. and Public Session at 7:30 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 Siaka Sherif. Seconded by Tyrone Tarver.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA

(0) NAY

(0) ABSTAIN

APPROVAL DATE: January 14, 2020

ATTESTED TO BY:

School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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