

Minutes of **Monday, January 6, 2019 Public Organization Meeting** of the Orange Board of Education held at 7:30 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy, 400 Central Avenue, Orange, New Jersey.

Mr. Adekunle James presided over tonight's meeting.

Ms. Guadalupe Cabido
Ms. Brenda Daughtry
Ms. Sueann Gravesande
Mr. Derrick Henry
Ms. Shawneque Johnson
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 the **Board of Education Policy 0162 and Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231**, this is to announce that this Open Public Organization 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.

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. James welcomed members of the public and explained the purpose of tonight's meeting. The Flag Salute was performed followed by the introduction and swearing in of newly elected board members, Guadalupe Cabido, Sueann Gravesande, and Shawneque Johnson.
- Roll call was performed by Mr. James at 7:35pm.
- A motion was moved to adjourn into a 2nd Closed Session.

2ND PUBLIC SESSION

- Mr. James performed the Roll Call to reopen the Public Session at 9:02pm.
- Mr. Tarver was voted Board President.

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- Mr. Sherif welcomed the new board members and also said he would support the newly elected Board President and Vice-President.
 - Dr. Fitzhugh welcomed the new board members and also congratulated Mr. Tarver and Ms. Daughtry on being voted President and Vice President respectively.
 - Ms. Brenda Daughtry was voted Vice President.
- ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (1) NAY (1) ABSTAIN – S. Sherif**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Gloria Stewart said that the liaison for the schools should work with the school's administration. She congratulated the new board members and Mr. Wingfield for putting himself up for VP. She said he should keep up the good work. She said the superintendent should also extend awards to teachers, not just students, to appreciate all they do. She congratulated the newly elected Board President. Mr. Tarver addressed Ms. Stewart's concerns regarding board liaisons.
- The Board voted on several resolutions pertaining to District Committees and Liaisons.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS

20-001 RESOLUTION TO ELECT A SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2020 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 2020 Calendar Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **Tyrone Tarver** be elected and serve as School Board President of the Orange Board of Education for the 2020 Calendar Year.

ROLL CALL: (8) YEA (0) NAY

20-002 RESOLUTION TO ELECT A SCHOOL BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2020 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 2020 Calendar Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **Brenda Daughtry** be elected and serve as School Board Vice-President of the Orange Board of Education for the 2020 Calendar Year.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (1) NAY (1) Abstain S. Sherif

20-003 RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE AS BOARD LIAISONS TO THE DESIGNATED SCHOOLS FOR THE 2020 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:

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- Pre-School - Derrick Henry / Siaka Sherif / Tyrone Tarver
- Cleveland - Shawneque Johnson / Brenda Daughtry
- Forest - Jeff Wingfield / Cristina Mateo / Guadalupe Cabido / Brenda Daughtry
- Heywood - Derrick Henry / Guadalupe Cabido / Siaka Sherif
- Park - Sueann Gravesande / Derrick Henry / Tyrone Tarver
- Oakwood - Shawneque Johnson / Cristina Mateo / Sueann Gravesande
- Lincoln - Cristina Mateo / Jeff Wingfield / Derrick Henry / Siaka Sherif
- Rosa Parks - Guadalupe Cabido / Cristina Mateo / Sueann Gravesande
- Scholars - Shawneque Johnson / Jeff Wingfield / Sueann Gravesande / Siaka Sherif
- OPA - All
- OHS - All
- Newcomers - 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 2020 Calendar Year.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Brenda Daughtry.

ROLL CALL: (8) YEA (0) NAY

20-004 RESOLUTION TO ELECT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO DISTRICT COMMITTEES OF THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2020 CALENDAR YEAR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the school board members listed below serve on the following Board of Education Committees during the 2020 Calendar Year:

<u>Committees</u>	<u>School Board Members</u>
Policy	Chairperson – Brenda Daughtry Member – Sueann Gravesande/ Guadalupe Cabido Alternate – Tyrone Tarver
Curriculum & Instruction	Chairperson – Guadalupe Cabido Member – Derrick Henry Member – Tyrone Tarver
Finance & Budget	Chairperson – Siaka Sherif Member – Cristina Mateo Alternates – Sueann Gravesande / Shawneque Johnson
Legislative	Chairperson – Cristina Mateo Member – Brenda Daughtry

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	Alternates	-	Jeffery Wingfield / Siaka Sherif / Sueann Gravesande
Human Resources	Chairperson	-	Jeffery Wingfield
	Member	-	Siaka Sherif
	Member	-	Shawneque Johnson
	Alternate	-	Tyrone Tarver
Facilities & Security	Chairperson	-	Tyrone Tarver
	Member	-	Jeffery Wingfield
	Alternate	-	Sueann Gravesande
Public Relations	Chairperson	-	Derrick Henry
	Member	-	Shawneque Johnson
	Member	-	Cristina Mateo
	Member	-	Guadalupe Cabido
Orange Municipal Alliance for the Prevention & Education of Drug/ Alcohol Abuse	Representatives	-	Cristina Mateo / Shawneque Johnson
District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC)	Member	-	Cristina Mateo
	Member	-	Guadalupe Cabido
	Member	-	Sueann Gravesande
Middle States Committee	Member	-	Guadalupe Cabido
	Member	-	Sueann Gravesande
	Alternate	-	Shawneque Johnson

**Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Brenda Daughtry.
ROLL CALL: (8) YEA (0) NAY**

20-005 RESOLUTION TO ELECT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMITTEE OF THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2020 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 2020 Calendar Year:

1st Quarter, January – March '20

2nd Quarter, April – June '20

Member – **Sueann Gravesande**

Member – **Brenda Daughtry**

Member – **Tyrone Tarver**

Member – **Shawneque Johnson**

Member – **Siaka Sherif**

Member – **Jeffery Wingfield**

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Member – **Derrick Henry**

3rd Quarter, July – September '20

Member – **Jeffery Wingfield**

Member – **Shawneque Johnson**

Member – **Cristina Mateo**

Member – **Brenda Daughtry**

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Brenda Daughtry.

ROLL CALL: (8) YEA (0) NAY

4th Quarter, October – December '20

Member – **Guadalupe Cabido**

Member – **Derrick Henry**

Member – **Sueann Gravesande**

Member – **Siaka Sherif**

20-006 RESOLUTION TO ELECT A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE AS A BOARD ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ESSEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION FOR THE 2020 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 **Tyrone Tarver** to serve as a Board of Education Assembly Representative to the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission during the 2020 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 Brenda Daughtry.

ROLL CALL: (8) YEA (0) NAY

20-007 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 2020 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 2020 Calendar Year

<u>Associations</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Alternates</u>
Essex County School Board Association	Tyrone Tarver	Brenda Daughtry
Urban School Boards Association	Tyrone Tarver	Brenda Daughtry

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Derrick Henry.

ROLL CALL: (8) YEA (0) NAY

20-008 RESOLUTION TO ELECT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE AS A DELEGATE/ ALTERNATE TO THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION DURING THE 2020 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 **Tyrone Tarver** and **Brenda Daughtry** as the delegate and alternates, respectively, to the (NJSBA) New Jersey School Boards Association for the 2020 Calendar Year.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Siaka Sherif.

ROLL CALL: (8) YEA (0) NAY

20-009 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2020 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 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, NJ, unless otherwise designated by the Board:

2020 Board of Education Business Meeting Schedule

January 14, 2020
February 11, 2020
March 10, 2020
April 14, 2020
May 12, 2020
June 9, 2020
July 14, 2020
August 11, 2020
September 8, 2020
October 13, 2020
November 10, 2020
December 8, 2020

***January 5, 2021 - Organization Meeting**

All Regular Board Meetings will be held on Tuesday except for those dates denoted with an (*). **Moved by Brenda Daughtry. Seconded Siaka Sherif.**

ROLL CALL: (8) YEA (0) NAY

20-010 RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT A SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY FOR THE 2020 CALENDAR YEAR ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS

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 2020 school year on a month to month basis, at a cost not to exceed \$150.00 per hour.

Moved by Derrick Henry. Seconded Siaka Sherif.

ROLL CALL: (8) YEA (0) NAY

20-011 RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT A SCHOOL BOARD NEGOTIATING LABOR LAW ATTORNEY FOR THE 2020 CALENDAR YEAR ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS

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 2020 calendar year on a month to month basis, at a cost not to exceed \$150.00 per hour.

Moved by Jeffery Wingfield. Seconded Siaka Sherif.

ROLL CALL: (8) YEA (0) NAY

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 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 Brenda Daughtry. Seconded Derrick Henry.

ROLL CALL: (8) YEA (0) NAY

APPROVAL DATE: February 11, 2020

ATTESTED TO BY:



**School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary**

