

Minutes of **Tuesday, December 9, 2014, Public Board Meeting** of the Orange Board Of Education held at 7:30 p.m., at the Administrative Building 451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, New Jersey.

**Ms. Patricia Arthur presiding over tonight's meeting.**

Mr. Abdul-Shabazz Ashanti (**absent**)  
Mr. E. Lydell Carter  
Mrs. Paula Desormes (**absent**)  
Mrs. Marion Graves-Jackson  
Ms. Cristina Mateo  
Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield  
Mrs. Patricia Arthur

**ROLL CALL: (5) PRESENT (2) ABSENT**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools
- Mrs. Belinda Scott-Smiley, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for Operations/Human Resource Services
- Dr. Paula E. Howard, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. Adekunle O. James, School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary
- Mr. Akindele Ayodele, Assistant School Business Administrator/  
Assistant Board Secretary
- Mr. Melvin Randall, School Board Attorney with the firm of  
Love & Randall

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. The Board of Education thanks you for your cooperation.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The following Oakwood Avenue School Student will lead the public in the Flag Salute:  
Mayc Watts & Unique Chadwick

**PRESENTATIONS**

**"Week of Respect"- Essays & Video Presentation**

By

Al'Ree Evans & Cassandra Dawson

**Heywood String Ensemble Performance**

Melvain Appiah	Ernesly Jean Paul
Neika Brown	Jasmine Jimenez Ascencio
Teika Brown	Tharaly Joseph
Morgan Carson	Alcia Lewis
Whitney Carson	Jade Mitchell
Shaneria Champagne	Ijnae Prince
Shateria Champagne	Ivana Timmers
Abigail Excellent	Jevonnie Voltaire
Kayla Fisher	Jameelah Wallace
Damaris Hernandez	Tyla Williams
Haleigh Hunter	

**National Substance Abuse Prevention Poster Contest Award Presentation**  
The Orange Municipal Alliance Committee

**Winners**

1.	Alianny Javier	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Park Avenue Elem. School
2.	Melanie Laveriano	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Cleveland Street Elem. School
3.	Karla Claros	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Orange Preparatory Academy

**Honorable Mention**

1.	Davia Campbell	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Forest Street Elem. School
2.	Mitchard Murad	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Park Avenue Elem. School
3.	Lismarlis Acosta	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Park Avenue Elem. School
4.	Brianna Thomas	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Rosa Parks Elem. School
5.	Emily Urena	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Park Avenue Elem. School
6.	Symarra Jean School	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Heywood Avenue Elem.
7.	Zahara Robinson School	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Heywood Avenue Elem.

**Orange Sustainability Presentation: Eco- Schools**  
Ms. Jennifer Dowd

**Superintendent Report**  
Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools

**BOARD MINUTES**

Closed Meeting – October 14, 2014  
Closed Meeting – November 11, 2014  
Public Meeting – November 11, 2014

**BOARD COMMENTS**

- Roll Call was performed by Mr. James at 7:45pm followed by the Flag Salute and a short presentation by students of Heywood Avenue School. Awards and recognition were bestowed on Students of the Month
- Mr. Lee rendered the Superintendent's Report for the month.
- A presentation on Sustainability through Community was rendered by Jennifer Dowd and Jon Rosenthal from Eco- Schools USA.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Gloria Stewart (Citizen of Orange) thanked the board and Mr. Lee for the security light bulb replacement at Oakwood. She is requesting for the TCU used for Early Childhood at Oakwood to be refurbished. She also requests that Heywood Ave. School playground be refurbished and improved. She also asked that the personnel agenda be made available to members of the public. She wants to know how many speech therapists the District has.
- The President of the OEA complained about water stains on the ceilings at OPA and said that administration should be pro-active addressing health and safety issues in all our facilities. He also complained about the unequal heat distribution in the OPA GYM and other facilities.

**BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

**C14-067      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 2014**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange School District request the payment of the attached detailed bills for November 2014, whose totals are summarized as follows:

<b><u>FUNDS</u></b>	<b><u>CHECKS</u></b>	<b><u>BILLS</u></b>	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>
Fund 11 - General Current Expense	\$835,971.04	\$1,832,702.03	\$2,668,673.07
Fund 12 - Capital Outlay	121,082.00	343.75	121,425.75
Fund 13 - Special Schools	2,005.13	0.00	2,005.13
Fund 15 - Whole School Reform	1,830,979.34	1,020,915.93	2,851,895.27
Fund 20 - Special Revenue Funds	204,325.42	776,368.66	980,694.08
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2,994,362.93</b>	<b>\$3,630,330.37</b>	<b>\$6,624,693.30</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the total payment of district bills in the amount of **\$6,624,693.30**

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by E. Lydell Carter.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA      (0)NAY**

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**C14-068      RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BOARD SECRETARY'S  
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2014**

**WHEREAS**, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby submits the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of October 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education, after review of such report, hereby accepts the October 2014 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 E. Lydell Carter.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA      (0)NAY**

**C14-069      RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER OF SCHOOL  
FUNDS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2014**

**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 October 2014.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by E. Lydell Carter.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA      (0)NAY**

**C14-070      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S  
MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BUDGETARY MAJOR  
ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR OCTOBER 2014**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.3(3), we (the Board) certify that as of October 2014, 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 E. Lydell Carter.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA      (0)NAY**

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**C14-071      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
(FUND 11) FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange School District requires budgetary transfers to meet the encumbrances for the 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 budget be adjusted accordingly.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by E. Lydell Carter.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA            (0)NAY**

**C14-072      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE WHOLE SCHOOL REFORM  
(FUND 15) TRANSFER REQUEST FOR CAREER INNOVATION  
ACADEMY OF ORANGE (C.I.A.O)**

**WHEREAS**, the Whole School Reform, Abbott Districts, are required to obtain the approval of transfers from the State of New Jersey Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the following school listed below has submitted a transfer request as approved by the School Principal, SPMT Chairperson, Business Administrator and Superintendent of Schools, per the attached:

CAREER INNOVATION ACADEMY OF ORANGE

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby approves the Whole School Reform Transfer Request for the above school and submits such requests to the State of New Jersey Department of Education for their approval.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by E. Lydell Carter.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA            (0)NAY**

**C14-073      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DISTRICT 2015-2016  
BUDGET PREPARATION CALENDAR**

**WHEREAS**, as required by the status and the proposition of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC), that a district budget preparation calendar should be developed and approved by the Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached 2015-2016 budget preparation calendar has been established to assist the district with its budget preparation process and has been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the attached district 2015-2016 budget preparation calendar.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by E. Lydell Carter.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA            (0)NAY**

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**C14-074      RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT  
RECOMMENDATIONS CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR  
THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange School District has received its' financial audit for the school year ending June 30, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the financial Audit Management Report for the school year 2012 – 2013 noted recommendations to improve the district's internal administrative and accounting procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board Secretary has prepared specific board action and disposition for each audit recommendation on the attached schedule; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby accepts the 2012-2013 Audit Recommendation Corrective Action Plan and the deposition of each audit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of the Audit Recommendations Corrective Action Plan be on file in the Office of Business Administration and a copy forwarded to Essex County Superintendent of Schools office for record purposes.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by E. Lydell Carter.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA            (0)NAY**

**F14-053      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 Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA            (0)NAY**

**F14-054      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 Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA            (0)NAY**

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**F14-055      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DISCIPLINARY  
RECOMMENDATION OF STUDENT I.H.**

**WHEREAS**, student I.H. was brought before the Orange Board of Education Disciplinary Hearing Committee charged with violating the Board's Policy by committing acts of assault and attempted robbery; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon credible testimony, it was determined that the evidence was adequate to sustain charges; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education hereby declares that it does not condone the action(s) of I.H. Hence the Board adopted the following recommendations:

- I.H. shall remain on home instruction, until an out-of-district placement can be facilitated.
- I.H. shall be required to complete all assigned schoolwork.
- I.H. shall not be permitted in any of the buildings or grounds of the school district without permission of the Superintendent of Schools or his designee.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that The Orange Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, approves the disciplinary agreement as it pertains to student I.H. in accordance with the specifications and requirements above. I.H. will be placed in an out of district placement with the appropriate transportation by the Orange Board of Education as applicable.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA      (0)NAY**

**F14-056      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT  
RECOMMENDATION OF STUDENT J.S. FOR OUT OF  
DISTRICT PLACEMENT WITH APPROPRIATE  
TRANSPORTATION BY THE ORANGE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, student J.S. was brought before the Superintendent Disciplinary Hearing charged with violating the Board's Policy and Student Code of Conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the credible testimony and recommendation of the administrator, it was determined that J.S. should be placed in an appropriate out of district school.

**NO, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the disciplinary action to place student J.S. in an out of District Placement with appropriate transportation by the Orange Board of Education as applicable.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA      (0)NAY**

**F14-057      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S  
DISCIPLINARY RECOMMENDATION OF STUDENT H.M.**

**WHEREAS**, student H.M. was brought before the Orange Board of Education Disciplinary Hearing Committee charged with violating the law and the Board's Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the credible testimony, it was determined that the evidence was adequate to sustain the charges; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange board of Education hereby declares that it does not condone the action(s) of H.M. Hence the Board adopted the following recommendation:

- H.M. shall remain on Home Instruction pending an Out of District Placement suitable to meet his education needs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the disciplinary agreement as it pertains to student H.M. in accordance with the specifications and requirements above.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA      (0)NAY**

**G. Other (none)**

**H. Case Numbers**

**Home Instruction Cases**

**#'s 672, 673, 674, 675, 676**

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Marion Graves Jackson.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA      (0)NAY**

**Out-of-District Placement Cases**

**#'s 130401, 304173**

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Marion Graves Jackson.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA      (0)NAY**

**H.I.B Cases**

**Substantiated #s PAS103014002, PAS103014001, PAS103014003,  
OMS102214001**

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Marion Graves Jackson.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA      (0)NAY**



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### **HUMAN RESOURCE AGENDA**

- ☐ Leaves of Absence
- ☐ Separations: Resignations
- ☐ Appointments
- ☐ Stipends
- ☐ Transfers
- ☐ Other Personnel Actions
- ☐ For the Record

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Marion Graves Jackson.**  
**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0)NAY**

### **DISTRICT MEETINGS**

- ☐ Next scheduled meetings are as follows:

#### **Public**

- Facilities Committee Meeting – Monday, January 5, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.,  
451 Lincoln Avenue.
- Next Public Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.,  
Orange Preparatory Academy, 400 Central Avenue.
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.,  
451 Lincoln Avenue.

#### **Closed**

- Human Resource Committee Meeting – Monday, January 4, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

### **CORRESPONDENCES**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

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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 **February 11, 2014** Closed Session at 5:30 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 Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by E. Lydell Carter.**

**ROLL CALL: (5) YEA (0)NAY**

**APPROVAL DATE: January 13, 2014**

**ATTESTED TO BY:**

  
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**School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary**