

Minutes of **Tuesday, December 13, 2022, Public Meeting** of the Orange Board of Education held at 6:00 pm.

Shawneque Johnson is presiding over tonight's Meeting.

Ms. Guadalupe Cabido

Ms. Sueann Gravesande

Mr. Derrick Henry

Ms. Samantha Crockett

Ms. Fatimah Turner, Ph.D.

Mr. Siaka Sherif

Ms. Shawneque Johnson, President

Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield

Mr. David Armstrong

ROLL CALL (7) PRESENT (2) ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT:

- Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh II, Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. Jason Ballard, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Mr. Lamont Zachary, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Ms. Christine Martinez, School Board Attorney Substitute with the firm of Machado Law Group

FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Johnson motions to close the Executive session and move into a public meeting.

Moved by Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield Seconded by Ms. Gravesande

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

Ms. Johnson introduces Park Avenue School Principal Dr. Myron Hackett.

Dr. Hackett thanks the board members and executive team, the staff at Park Avenue and the community for coming out to Park Avenue for tonight's meeting.

Dr. Hackett thanks the staff for all they did to get the school ready for the board meeting.

Seventh grade students from Park Avenue say the school motto and the pledge of allegiance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Fitzhugh introduces Ms. Jones to announce the Governor's Educator and Educational Professional of the Year.

Ms. Jones announces the nominations for each school in our district and the two categories the educators need to be nominated.

Ms. Jones communicates that one of our educators obtained the honor for her recognition of Exemplary Educators. Congratulations to Ms. Orslla Ojentis.

Dr. Fitzhugh announces the STAR Students of the Month for November.

Dr. Fitzhugh announces the NJSLA Celebration with the district's great achievers.

Dr. Fitzhugh introduces Mr. Scutari to discuss Fall 2022 diagnostic data information to discuss the mathematics.

Mr. Scutari communicates i-Ready data by grade (3,428 students).

Mr. Scutari communicates NEWA Map data by grade (1,273 students).

Mr. Scutari communicates InnerOrbit Data by Standard – Grade 5 (334 Students)

Mr. Scutari communicates InnerOrbit Data by Standard – Grade 8 (377 Students)

Mr. Scutari communicates InnerOrbit Data by Standard – Grade 11 (318 Students)

Mr. Scutari communicates that students are not expected to learn Science from a book. Therefore, the district is taking another approach.

Mr. Scutari communicates how the students are ranked throughout the state.

Mr. Scutari communicates that students are not supposed to learn Science from a book but rather learn by experience and asking questions.

Ms. Harris communicates the English Language Arts and advises the community that the data is broken down into three different cohort.

Ms. Harris communicates that this data was taken at the beginning of the school year.

Ms. Harris communicates the color coordination for the data.

Ms. Harris communicates the success at the pre-school level.

Ms. Harris communicates that the student must remain stimulated throughout the summer to have good progress data in September.

Dr. Powell communicates that this assessment was not required for the graduating class.

Dr. Powell communicates the 2022 NJGPA Grade 11 field test.

Dr. Powell communicates to the community about NJGPA and Graduation.

Dr. Powell communicates the NJGPA measures the extent to which students are graduation ready in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. The ELA component of the NJGPA assesses student

graduation readiness based on grade 10 standards. The mathematics component of the NJGPA assesses student graduation readiness based on Algebra I and Geometry standards.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates the attendance presentation for the month of November 2022.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates Average Daily Attendance Percentages. State Average is 95%. District Average Daily Attendance was 95%.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates the attendance for Rosa Parks with that building being our second biggest building.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates Orange High School attendance numbers.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates the importance of our students attending school each day.

Mr. Vasquez communicates the repairs and maintenance that occurred in the month of November.

Mr. Vasquez communicates that Oakwood Avenue School has a small playground in the middle of the building. The playground was older and unsafe for our children to play on. As a result, the district decides to renovate the playground.

Mr. Vasquez communicates the repairs that occurred at Lincoln Avenue School parking lot had several lights out, making it unsafe. Once the new lights were delivered, PCI immediately started to install the new lights fixtures. "Let there be light."

Mr. Vasquez communicates Work orders are being entered into Brightly (work order reporting system) from classroom lights needing to be changed to steam pipes breaking. The following few slides will show some of the work that was tackled in November by PCI as result of the work orders generated.

Mr. Vasquez communicates the district is working with multiple vendors to address all heating and cooling issues. This is an ongoing process, district wide. HVAC units are complex and expensive to repair/replace. There is an IPM (Integrated Pest Management) system in place. If rodents/insects are spotted, a specific area/location must be communicated to Facilities for the vendor to investigate/address Locks, door and key issues are being addressed throughout the district. Evaluations of curtains, blinds and shades are scheduled to take place over the next few weeks and into the new year for replacement if needed.

Mr. Ballard communicates that the team and I will continue to meet with the Schools Development Authority and Terminal Construction to keep the district up to date with the ongoing progress at the Orange High School Renovation Project.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates the district updates.

Dr. Fitzhugh announces the Orange Page Turner challenge to the community and encourages the community and staff to take part in this great challenge.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates the Holiday Emergency Food Distribution event.

Dr. Fitzhugh reminds the community in the effort of gathering more community input, the Board of Education has elected to visit several school locations. The Board of Education Meetings take place the second Tuesday of each month.

Dr. Fitzhugh reminder the community of the upcoming school closure days.

Dr. Fitzhugh reminds the community to stay informed and download the district application.

That concludes the Superintendent's report.

Dr. Fitzhugh and Ms. Johnson present Ms. Cabido with an honorary plaque for all her hard work and dedication she shown in her term as a board member.

Ms. Cabido communicates that nothing can be accomplished by just one person but a group of people who wants the same thing for the students and community.

Ms. Cabido communicates that she is thankful and grateful for all the work they have done to get the district where they are, and she continues to have high expectations for rest of the team and the new board members.

Ms. Johnson motions to approve November 15, 2022, public meeting minutes

Moved by Mr. Wingfield Seconded by (unable to detect_
ROLL CALL (7) YEA (0) NAY (0)ABSTAIN

Ms. Johnson motions to table November 15, 2022, closed meeting minutes to the next board meeting

Moved by Mr. Wingfield Seconded by (unable to detect)
ROLL CALL (7) YEA (0) NAY (0)ABSTAIN

Community Reports: Ms. Cabido communicates that the curriculum committee met on December 8 and the committee unfortunately were unable to complete the entire agenda. Ms. Cabido communicates that they discussed the two staff members and obtaining their doctoral and their interview will be held in Orange. Ms. Cabido communicates the different programs and partnerships the district has for all school throughout the district. Ms. Cabido communicates the different professional development are staff will have in support of some school green houses. Ms. Cabido communicates the impact that these programs have on our students and community. Ms. Cabido encourages the community to tune in to the community report committee meetings. Ms. Cabido communicates the two different curriculum electives for the high school students.

Facility Reports: Mr. Henry communicates that Mr. Vasquez and Mr. Ballard provided the community with a great informative presentation and does not feel the need to elaborate further on it.

Public Comments: Community members James Ward communicates that the city has been in touch with a corporate sponsor who would like to donate, and the city is looking to collaborate with the district in

hosting a coat giveaway for students and adults. Mr. Ward also communicates that the district has too many calendars and would like to suggest a change so that it can be more uniformed, and it can be easy to read for those students and parents that don't read English.

Tisa Singleton communicates the board member and parents that they need to update their phones numbers with their perspective schools. This is a very urgent and important information that needs to be made available to reach a family member in case of an emergency.

Tyrone Taver communicates that he would like to have the board members discuss a resolution and also asks that they result for the election made public as that is public information.

Ms. Klein district lawyer advises Mr. Taver that is something that the Board of Education is not required to do, and it will be discussed.

(Unable to detect what Dr. Fitzhugh response to Mr. Taver's question regarding the resolution)

This concludes public comments.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Johnson motions to approve a consent agenda removing K-1

Moved by Mr. Wingfield Seconded by (unable to detect)
ROLL CALL (6) YEA (0) NAY (1) ABSTAIN (2) ABSENT

Ms. Johnson motion to approve Human Resources Agenda

Moved by Mr. Wingfield Seconded by Ms. Cabido
ROLL CALL (5) YEA (0) NAY (2) ABSTAIN (2) ABSENT

Mrs. Crockett makes the district aware of the scheduled meetings.

The curriculum virtual meeting will be held on January 31st at 3:30pm

The facility virtual meeting will be held on January 9 at 3:30pm

Public Relations virtual meeting will be held on January 3 at 3:30pm

The financing committee virtual meeting will be held on January 5 at 5:30pm

Orange Board of Education public meeting will be held on January 10at 7:30pm at OHS

Policy Committee virtual meeting will be held on January 6 at 4:00pm.

Board Comments

Ms. Gravesande wants to give a round of applause to Park Avenue for welcoming the board members and the staff did an amazing job in getting the school ready for todays meeting. Ms. Gravesande also thanks those community members that attend the meeting and wants to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Ms. Gravesande wishes everyone a goodnight.

Ms. Johnson moves to have meeting adjourned

Moved by Mr. Henry Seconded by Ms. Cabido

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