

Minutes of **Tuesday, July 8, 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
Mrs. Marion Graves-Jackson
Ms. Cristina Mateo
Mr. E. Lydell Carter
Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield
Mrs. Patricia Arthur

ROLL CALL: (6) PRESENT (0) 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. Akindele Ayodele, Assistant School Business Administrator/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

All in attendance will participate in performing the Flag Salute

PRESENTATIONS

Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Prevention Report

Ms. Shelly Harper, Director of Special Services

Superintendent Report

Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools

BOARD MINUTES

Closed Meeting – June 10, 2014
Public Meeting – June 10, 2014

BOARD COMMENTS

- Roll Call was performed by Akindele Ayodele at 7:45 pm followed by the Flag salute..
- A presentation on HIB (Harassment Intimidation & Bullying) was rendered by Ms. Shelly Harper, Director of Special Services

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Gloria Stewart (Citizen of Orange) expressed concerns over the continuous new faces of the board (i.e. the constant changing of board members). She pleaded that the interest of the children should be paramount to board members.
- Brian Stiles (Parent) complained that he tried to register his son into the Special Education Preschool Program without success but the application was misplaced by administrators in the program, and was asked to wait till September. The wife, Georgina Stiles corroborated her husband, stating that her child has the right to benefit from the special services. Ms. Harper obtained her information and promised to resolve the problem.
- Charlie Hendricks (Resident of Orange) commended the District administrators and promised to use her career to shine a spotlight on the children of Orange. She stated that "if it is not broken, don't fix it" referring to the moves made by some board members to change the Board Attorney.
- Ms. Lena Small (Resident of Orange) expressed gratitude for having Mr. Lee Back in the Orange School District. She stated that significant improvement is occurring in Orange. She said that she feels good with the School system. She specifically stated that the team of administrators in the District should continue and that efforts, by the board, to make certain changes when things are going well are not good for the District.
- After board approval of the resolution of the day, Mr. Ashanti introduced a resolution to replace existing board attorney (Love & Randall Esq.) with the law firm, Hunts Esq. The board engaged in a lengthy controversial discussion on the resolution. Ms. Mateo thereafter suggested that some attorneys be invited to do a presentation to the board prior to appointing an attorney.

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BOARD RESOLUTIONS

**A14-014 RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE ESSEX REGIONAL
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE TITLE
– I SERVICES FOR ORANGE STUDENTS WHO ARE
ELIGIBLE IN NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the district is required to provide Title – I services to all eligible residents of Orange who are enrolled in non-public schools within the district and surrounding districts, in accordance with P.L. 107-110, Elementary and Secondary School Improvement Act (NCLB); and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education contracts with the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission to provide educational services for eligible Orange Title – I students who are attending non-public schools.

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

**C14-040 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR
JUNE 2014**

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

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fund 11 - General Current Expense	\$492,782.72	\$614,790.97	\$1,107,573.69
Fund 12 – Capital Outlay	310,208.90	39,983.85	350,192.75
Fund 15 – Whole School Reform	92,430.98	71,542.97	163,973.95
Fund 20 – Special Revenue Funds	68,202.59	97,817.59	166,020.18
Grand Total	\$963,625.19	\$824,135.38	\$1,787,760.57

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the total payment of district bills in the amount of **\$1,787,760.57**

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

**C14-041 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BOARD SECRETARY'S
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2014**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, after review of such report, hereby accepts the May 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 Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

C14-042 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER OF SCHOOL FUNDS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 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 May 2014.

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

C14-043 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BUDGETARY MAJOR ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR MAY 2014

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.3(3), we (the Board) certify that as of April 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 Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

C14-044 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS (FUND 15) FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Orange School District requires budgetary transfers to meet the encumbrances for the 2013-2014 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 2013-2014 budget be adjusted accordingly.

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

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D14-011 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A CONSOLIDATED NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND GRANT APPLICATION FOR TITLES I-A, II-A, AND III

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education now requires districts to incorporate Titles I-A, II-A and III into one consolidated plan under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB); and,

WHEREAS, the state intends to use the NCLB Act of 2001 to promote program coordination and collaboration, shared decision-making and comprehensive planning; and,

WHEREAS, the district in appropriate collaboration with the non-public schools, has prepared a Local Education Subgrant Application according to the following preliminary allocations:

TITLE I-A	Improving Basic Programs Operated by the LEA	\$1,891,081
TITLE II-A	Teacher & Principal Training & recruiting Fund	\$ 336,199
TITLE III	Grants & Subgrants for English Language Acquisition	
	And Language Enhancement	\$ 163,711
TITLE III	Supplemental Immigrant Student Aid	\$ 95,560

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education submit a Consolidated Grant Application under NCLB for Titles I-A, II-A, and III to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

F14-035 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 Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

F14-036 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 Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

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H. Case Numbers

Home Instruction Cases

#s 662, 663, 664

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

Out-of-District Placement Cases

#s 301407

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

H.I.B Cases

Substantiated #s LAS062514001

Unsubstantiated #s LAS062514002, OHS060214001, OHS060214002,
OMS061114001, OMS061114002

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

DISTRICT MEETINGS

- ☐ Next scheduled meetings are as follows:

Public

- Facilities Committee Meeting – Monday, July 14, 2014 at 2:30 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue.
- Next Public Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., Orange Board Administrative Offices, 451 Lincoln Avenue.
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 5:00 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue.

Closed

- Human Resource Committee Meeting – Monday, August 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 E. Lydell Carter. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

APPROVAL DATE: August 12, 2014

ATTESTED TO BY:



**School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary**

