

Minutes of **Tuesday, July 14, 2015, Public Board Meeting** of the Orange Board Of Education held at 6:00 p.m., at the Administrative Building 451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, New Jersey.

E. Lydell Carter is presiding over tonight's meeting.

Mr. Abdul-Shabazz Ashanti
Mrs. Paula Desormes
Ms. Gloria Fisher
Mr. Jarreau Israel
Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield
Mr. E. Lydell Carter
Ms. Cristina Mateo (**absent**)

ROLL CALL: (6) PRESENT (1) 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/ Assistant 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 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

Strategic Plan Management Proposal

Ms. Charlene Peterson

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Ronald Lee, Superintendent of Schools

BOARD MINUTES

Closed Meeting – May 12, 2015
Public Meeting – May 12, 2015
Public Meeting - June 9, 2015
Closed Meeting – June 9, 2015
Special Closed Meeting – June 29, 2015
Special Public Meeting – June 29, 2015

BOARD COMMENTS

- Roll Call was performed by Akin Ayodele (Asst. BA), followed by the Flag Salute and a presentation by Ms. Charlene Paterson on Strategic Planning.
- Mr. Lee rendered the Superintendent's Report where he specifically reported on the Robert Wood Johnson Grant of \$200,000.00 dollars awarded to the District. He further reported that the Graduation rate increased to over 90% last year.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A15-019 RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE ESSEX REGIONAL 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 E. Lydell Carter. Seconded by Paula Desormes.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

A15-020 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS, INC., ("THE PROVIDER AGENCY") AND THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ("THE DONOR")

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families ("the department") has been duly designated to administer or supervise the administration of social service programs, as defined in the New Jersey State plans for social services, and;

WHEREAS, the Department desires that the Provider Agency deliver services and the Provider Agency has agreed to deliver services, and;

WHEREAS, the Department's policies establish that resources donated by a public donor in the form of cash on In-Kind Contributions as defined below) may, under certain conditions, be used as match in the provision of social services; and

WHEREAS, the Donor wishes to make a donation to support local services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Provider Agency and the Donor agree to following terms and conditions.

Moved by E. Lydell Carter. Seconded by Paula Desormes.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

A15-021 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH RETHINK PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDING ABA SERVICES FOR AUTISTIC STUDENTS FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Orange Township School District has implemented several self-contained autism classes; and

WHEREAS, Rethink is an online program that promotes teacher's use of research-based ABA strategies for addressing individual academic, behavioral, and other educational needs; and

WHEREAS, Rethink promote teachers' use of data based decision making for student individualized plans and provides a universal platform for measuring student progress on individual goals; and

WHEREAS, Rethink provides standardized tools to track IEP progress and ensure district-wide data compliance, step by step behavior planning to help teachers manage challenging behaviors in the classroom effectively, and automatically generate data-based reports that will track everything from staff utilization an student progress that will allow school district leaders to evaluate program effectiveness and student outcome.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education enters into a contractual agreement with Rethink Services providing ABA services for autistic students at a cost of \$14,900.00 for the 2015-2016 school year.

Moved by E. Lydell Carter. Seconded by Paula Desormes.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

A15-022 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A 15 YEAR SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (PPA) WITH SUNEDISON CO. FOR A SOLAR SYSTEM AT PARK AVENUE, LINCOLN AVENUE AND ORANGE HIGH SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, after careful review of the data and options presented by Sun Edison, the School Business Administrator for the Orange Board of Education has chosen to accept the PPA option as explained below:

\$0.119/kWh flat rate Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the next 15 years and a projected cumulative saving of approx. \$581,560.00.

WHEREAS, This rate is better in comparison to the current average PSEG rate at each of the three District locations Lincoln Avenue School is \$0.1719/kwh, Orange High School is \$0.1287/ kwh and Park Avenue School \$0.1807/kwh.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, by the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and Business Administrator, approves the 15 year Solar Power Purchase Agreement rate with SunEdison Co. and the contract pending final review by the Board Legal Counsel and the District Architect of Records; for the Solar Power System at Park Avenue, Lincoln Avenue and Orange High Schools.

Moved by E. Lydell Carter. Seconded by Paula Desormes.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

A15-023 RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE DENTAL SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH DELTA PLAN OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE 2015-2016 & 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEARS

WHEREAS, the current contract for the Orange School District's Participation in the Delta Dental Service Plan of New Jersey expired on June 30, 2015 and a renewal at a two (2) year super composite rate of \$69.28 per month. Per employee, has been proposed; and

WHEREAS, this represents a zero percent (0%) increase over last year's contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby approves the renewal of the dental service contract agreement with Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey for the 2015-2016 & 2016-2017 school years.

Moved by E. Lydell Carter. Seconded by Paula Desormes.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

B15-010 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2015-2016 ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MENTOR PLAN

WHEREAS, the Orange Public Schools are required to obtain approval from the Board of Education for the Submission of the 2015-2016 Mentor Plan to the Essex County Office of the New Jersey Department of Education; and,

WHEREAS, the School Improvement Panel from each Orange Public School must fulfill its obligation to new teachers under AchieveNJ and TeachNJ; and,

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education’s District Evaluation Advisory Panel has also reviewed the NJDOE’s Requirements for a Mentor Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education approves the submission of the Orange Board of Education Mentor Plan for the 2015-2016 school year.

Moved by E. Lydell Carter. Seconded by Paula Desormes.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

C15-044 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR JUNE 2015

WHEREAS, the Orange School District request the payment of the attached detailed bills for June 2015, whose totals are summarized as follows:

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fund 11 - General Current Expense	\$277,756.90	\$2,186,602.52	\$2,464,359.42
Fund 12 – Capital Outlay	0.00	92,943.22	92,943.22
Fund 15 – Whole School Reform	535,844.67	63,146.96	598,991.63
Fund 20 – Special Revenue Funds	134,670.41	548,132.58	682,802.99
Fund 50 – Enterprise Fund	279,718.26	0.00	279,718.26
Grand Total	\$1,227,990.24	\$2,890,825.28	\$4,118,815.52

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the total payment of district bills in the amount of **\$4,118,815.52**

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

C15-045 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby submits the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of May 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, after review of such report, hereby accepts the May 2015 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

C15-046 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER OF SCHOOL FUNDS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015

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 2015.

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

C15-047 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BUDGETARY MAJOR ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR MAY 2015

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.3(3), we (the Board) certify that as of May 2015, 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

C15-048 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS (FUND 20) 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 Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

C15-049 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 Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.
ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

**D15-012 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE INDIVIDUALS WITH
DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT PART B, FY 2016 GRAND
FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education is implementing programs and services to meet the needs of classified students in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B; and

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education submitted a combined Preschool and Basic Application to the State Department of Education for FY 2016 grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the district has been allocated \$1,391.732.00 Basic – and the Preschool award is \$45,610

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education accepts the IDEA Part B grant allocation in the amount of \$1,391.732.00 Basic – and \$45,610 – Preschool for the 2016 School Year.
Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.
ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

**D15-013 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON
FOUNDATION GRANT- BUILDING A CULTURE OF HEALTH
IN NEW JERSEY-COMMUNITIES MOVING TO ACTION**

WHEREAS, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded a grant to promote service learning opportunities in schools for which the district submitted, and;

WHEREAS, the goals of the grant is to support communities to make sustainable systems changes and policy-oriented, long-term solutions for healthier living, and;

WHEREAS, the Orange School District is committed to working with local partners to promote an holistic approach to community healthiness.

WHEREAS, the grant award of \$200,000 total over 4 years was awarded to the Orange School District, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant-Building a Culture of health in New Jersey- Communities Moving to Action.
Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.
ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

E15-033 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF ZUMBA FITNESS, TO UTILIZE ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL GYM TO HOST THEIR ZUMBA CLASSES

WHEREAS, Zumba Fitness is requesting to utilize the following:

ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL GYM
ZUMBA CLASSES
August 3, 2015 – August 13, 2015
7:00pm – 8:00pm

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby approves the request of Zumba Fitness, as indicated above and with the condition that all Board of Education events take precedence over Zumba Fitness' usage and pending the signing of the Request to Use Facilities form, Hold Harmless Agreement, and Proof of Insurance.

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.
ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

F15-028 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

F15-029 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

F15-030 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Orange School District is in need of an experienced person/position to oversee all district-related community engagement activities, programs and to manage related staff, and;

WHEREAS, the Orange School District is in need of a person/position to write and manage all discretionary grants, and;

WHEREAS, the Orange School District is in need of a person/position to develop private/public partnerships and opportunities for students and families, and;

WHEREAS, the Orange School District is in need of a person/position to secure grants, contracts, donations and other resources to advance district goals in the areas of curriculum/instruction, student supports, community engagement and any other areas deemed priorities by the Superintendent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Orange Board of Education to approve the position of Community Engagement Officer

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

F15-031 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT'S § 504 GUIDE BOOK FOR ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Orange Public School District (hereafter the "District") is in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1 et seq., 29 U.S.C. 1401 et seq. (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), and the District's Policy and Regulation No. 1510 Rights of Persons with Handicaps or Disabilities/Policy on Non-Discrimination adoption of Section § 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 § 504 Guide Book for the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has revised the § 504 Guide Book for procedural guidelines and implementation purposes pursuant to federal, state and District guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the § 504 Guide Book is to be made available to parents, students, staff and the public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education approves the District's § 504 Guide Book for use in district and make access available electronically via the District's website for the purpose of public access.

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

G15-026 RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION DOES NOT REQUIRE NEW ROADS SCHOOLS OF NEW JERSEY TO CHARGE STUDENTS FOR REDUCED AND/OR PAID MEALS FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM AS ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, New Roads Schools, Inc. is a for-profit corporation and not eligible to receive funding under the Child Nutrition Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education Special Services has contracted to send to New Roads Schools certain students with disabilities who reside in the District; and,

WHEREAS, New Roads Schools has not applied for or received funding from the Child Nutrition Program as administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that New Roads Schools shall not charge students for paid and reduced meals for the 2015-2016 school year in accordance with the income eligibility criteria established by the Child Nutrition Program as administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

H. Case Numbers

Home Instruction Cases

#’s 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709

Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

Out-of-District Placement Cases

#’s none

H.I.B Cases

Substantiated

#s none

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Gloria Stewart (resident of Orange) commended the Board for starting the 2015-2016 school year with positive energy. She indicated that names of Board Members should be reflected on each agenda. She mentioned the Heywood Avenue School and Oakwood Avenue School playgrounds. She said she attended the community meeting last night, stating that the good news of what is going on in the District should be spread into the community. She also asked for clarification about some resolutions to be voted on. Mr. Lee responded to her concerns and offered clarifications on the resolutions.
- Ms. Sacks asked questions about the \$200k grant and about how it will be utilized. Mr. Lee addressed her questions.

HUMAN RESOURCE AGENDA

- Leaves Of Absence
- Separations: Resignations/ Declination
- Appointments
- Stipends
- Reassignments
- Transfers
- Withholding of Increments
- Other Personnel Actions
- For The Record

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, August 3, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.,
Administrative Building 451 Lincoln Avenue.
- Next Public Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.,
Administrative Building, 451 Lincoln Avenue.
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – Tuesday, TBD, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.,
Administrative Building 451 Lincoln Avenue.

Closed

- Human Resource Committee Meeting – Monday, August 10, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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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 July 14, 2015** 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 Cristina Mateo. Seconded by Jeffrey Wingfield.

ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY

APPROVAL DATE: August 11, 2015

ATTESTED TO BY:



**School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary**