

Minutes of **Monday, March 2, 2015 Special Public Meeting (District Strategic Planning)** of the Orange Board Of Education held at 6:30 p.m., at Lincoln Avenue School, 216 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
Mrs. Marion Graves-Jackson
Ms. Cristina Mateo (**absent**)
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/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 Special 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

BOARD COMMENTS

- The meeting commenced at 7:00pm with roll call by Mr. James.
- Ms. Arthur (Board President) welcomed members of the Public stating the purpose of the meeting and requested Mr. Lee to start his section of the presentation.
- Mr. Lee explained the objectives of the strategic planning meeting to members of the public, going through the mission and vision statements of the District, informing them about the current status of where the District is (present situation District-Wide) also

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stating where the District needs to be. He showed slides about the students' performance by grades, comparing them with state averages, particularly in math and language arts. Mr. Lee further informed the public about the conditions of our facilities, budgetary and funding situations. He explained efforts made to get the NJSDA to renovate our schools and what they have committed to do in terms of additions and renovations, stating that Cleveland and OHS facilities would be renovated by the NJSDA. He touched on other areas of concern to the district and how they need to improve.

- The second part of the presentation was rendered by Charlene Peterson from the New Jersey School Board. She requested members of the public to break out into groups, forming altogether teams of 10 groups, and requested that each group discuss the concerns/challenges the district is facing regarding students achievements and so on, as well as areas where District has achieved. This was done and discussed thereafter. She informed the public that the achievements and challenges discussed will be posted on the District website.

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 October 11, 2011**, Closed Session at 5:00 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.

APPROVAL DATE: March 10, 2015

ATTESTED TO BY:



**School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary**