

Minutes of **Monday, March 30, 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.

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 (**absent**)

ROLL CALL: (4) PRESENT (3) 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 6:45pm with roll call by Mr. James after a quorum of members was formed, followed by the Flag Salute.
- Ms. Charlene Peterson of the New Jersey School Board welcomed everyone and introduced the agenda explaining what was discussed in the prior meeting. She gave a brief overview of discussions and recommendations during the last meeting. She specified areas to focus on tonight, which include :
 - Vision of the District
 - Where we are currently and where we would like to be
 - How we are going to get there

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- The Community Members broke into sessions for discussions and came up with 5 year visions and recommendations. The recommendations were summarized by Ms. Peterson and the meeting adjourned until April 27, 2015, when the final Strategic Planning Meeting would be held.

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: April 14, 2015

ATTESTED TO BY:



**School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary**