

Minutes of **Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Virtual Public Meeting** of the Orange Board of Education held at 6:00 pm.

Shawneque Johnson is presiding over tonight's Virtual Meeting.

Ms. Guadalupe Cabido

Ms. Brenda Daughtry

Ms. Sueann Gravesande

Mr. Derrick Henry

Ms. Samantha Crockett

Ms. Fatimah Turner

Mr. Siaka Sherif

Ms. Shawneque Johnson, President

Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield

ROLL CALL (9) PRESENT () ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT:

- Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh II, Superintendent of Schools
- Ms. Shebra Dismuke, Executive Director of Human Resources
- Ms. Jessika Kleen, School Board Attorney with the firm of Machado Law Group
- Dr. Edward Izbicki, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Ms. Johnson, motioned to have the meeting adjourn into executive session at 6:15 p.m.

Moved by Sueann Gravesande Seconded by Fatimah Turner

ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN

At 7:30 p.m. Shawneque Johnson to re-open public meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh II, Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Report:

He reported on Heywood Avenue School robotics team. He said the community should always support our students. He Ms. Alcantara and Mr. Murphy

He thanked Board President Johnson for allowing him to have the Montclair Society of Engineers. Mr. Tom Konnelon and Ms. Monique Detory.

Presentation from Mr. Tom Konnelon: He thanked Dr. Fitzhugh for his commitment to the students in Orange. He recognized that this year was a difficult year to start this program. He recognized his team and thanked him for the opportunity to be here. Words from Ms. Detory, who is the robotics coordinator and the secretary of Montclair Society of Engineers whose is head of the robotics team in Montclair. Also said they have been hosting for 16 year. Students She presented plaques to the students and honored their coaches too. Wacky Wildcats 14645 competed in core values, robots and design and team came in 3rd place. The students set up kiosk around town. She also presented virtually plaques for the students.

Superintendent thanked the coaches and gave Kudos to the students. Ms. Alcantara also thanked Montclair Society of Engineers too.

Facilities Presentation by Mr. Edwin Vasquez:

Mr. Vasquez gave an overview of the district for the month of February.

He updated the community of the district walk throughs and the minor repairs that were made. He reported on the continuation of the cleaning in the month of February and month of March. And he continues to update the mandate of the CDC. Mr. Vasquez also reported on snow removal and its process. Again, Mr. Vasquez discussed the walk through of the building ensuring everything is ready for the students and staff return. He also informed the community on how PCI has cover urinals and sinks and how placed arrows to ensure when the students and staff return they stay six feet apart and this standard is maintained in all 14 schools.

Oakwood: in the teachers lounge the radiators were replace

Lincoln: boiler was replaced

Heywood: Pipe was leaking was able to repair.

Oakwood: Graffiti was on the side of the building and was able to take down

OHS: Minor flood was addressed. The alarm went off and was able to catch in time

STEM: Debris was removed and gutted out the classroom and was able to create more space

Reopening of Schools Reported by Dr. Fitzhugh:

Update on the Reopening of Schools. Walk throughs of all the buildings. Superintendent reported the buildings have and are clean. He thanked Mr. Vasquez and the board members. Superintendent reported Phase II will continue through April 16, 2021. Staff will report on site April 12, 2021. Staff and students will be back April 19th on hybrid schedules. He reported that Phase IV is set to begin. He will be meeting with the trauma inform team to see what to be done with all the staff. It is not just about the academic is about the caring and the development of the whole staff member and the whole child.

District Updates: The Superintendent also discuss on the agenda there are two resolutions that will be voted on tonight: STEM Graduation location, which will take place at the NJIT June 25, 2021. STEM first graduating class. Orange High School which will take place at Codey Arena in West Orange NJ. June 23, 2021. Summer booklet will be forthcoming.

Superintendent was a part of Read Across America this week with guest readers and parents.

Early bird March 16 – 23, 2021 for students who will be 3 years old before October 1, 2021.

For those students who are in grades 8 who are applying for acceptance in the STEM Academy of the Oranges, those application will be available on Friday, March 12, 2021. Summer programs information will forthcoming weeks.

He updated on scholarships \$5.7 million on scholarships. In one month, OHS STEM students have bridged 2 million dollars. Every week he will be giving an update.

Presentation by Dr. Tina Powell:

Recognition that are taking place at STEM Academy of the Oranges. The students presented Capstone. Particularly to inaugural senior class. This school year all the 12 graders at STEM Academy were asked to start a senior capstone project. They had to corporate community service, well-structured research questions a review of literature and a demonstratable solutions. Panels were made up and presented on January 18. Students were asked to present their projects and thoughtful research justification. They also presented their mentors. Panel consisted of 8-10 judges. The had to have knowledge of their projects. students are investigating their projects. On March 3rd the students presented to SDE. The students presented for 5 hours. First biomedical students to presents the 3 ladies did an excellent job. (A short video was presented to the board members)

On March 17th the Commissioner Dr. Angelica McMillan, board members will be visiting STEM Academy of Orange. Dr. Powell thanked everyone.

Superintendent continued with the Update:
Please sign up the student portals
Breakfast Grab and Go
reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us

This concludes the Superintendents report.
Board President
Moved Jeff Wingfield second Sueann Gravesande

Motion to Close Shawneque Johnson
Moved by Sueann Gravesande Seconded by Jefferey Wingfield
ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

RESOLUTIONS

A21-005 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL TO HOST ITS 2021 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE AT THE RICHARD CODEY ARENA AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN IN WEST ORANGE, NJ

WHEREAS, the Richard Codey Arena at South Mountain location provides a suitable location and facility to host the 2021 Orange High School commencement rain or shine; and

WHEREAS, the Orange High School Principal, the Orange High School Graduation Committee, and Superintendent of Schools has deemed the location suitable, dignifying and appropriate to host the 2021 Orange High School Commencement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Orange Board of Education hereby approves Orange High School to host its 2021 Commencement Exercise at the Richard Codey Arena at South Mountain on Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

Moved by Jefferey Wingfield Seconded by Shawneque Johnson
ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

A21-006 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES TO HOST ITS 2021 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE AT THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (NJIT), NEWARK NJ

WHEREAS, NJIT provides a suitable location and facility to host the 2021 STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges commencement rain or shine; and

WHEREAS, the STEM Principal, the Director of Math & Science, the STEM Innovation Academy Graduation Committee, and Superintendent of Schools has deemed the location suitable, dignifying and appropriate to host the 2021 STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges Commencement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Orange Board of Education hereby approves STEM Innovation Academy to host its 2021 Commencement Exercise at the NJIT on Friday, June 25, 2021.

Moved by Jefferey Wingfield Seconded by Shawneque Johnson
ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

C21-014 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the total payment of district bills as presented by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Moved by Derrick Henry Seconded by Brenda Daughtry

ROLL CALL (7) YEA (0) NAY (2) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

C21-015 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2021

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby submits the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of January 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Board of Education, after review of such report, hereby accepts the January 2021 Board Secretary's Financial Report, as presented by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this report be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, Essex County Office and kept on file in the Business Office.

Moved by Shawneque Johnson Seconded by Sueann Gravesande

ROLL CALL (7) YEA (0) NAY (2) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

C21-016

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BUDGETARY MAJOR ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR JANUARY 2021

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.3(3), we (the Board) certify that as of January 2021, 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, presented by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as indicated above.

Moved by Shawneque Johnson Seconded by Sueann Gravesande

ROLL CALL (7) YEA (0) NAY (2) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

D21-005 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE FRANK AND LYDIA BERGEN FOUNDATION GRANT THROUGH SOUTH ORANGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (SOPAC).

WHEREAS, SOPAC has selected to distribute The Frank & Lydia Bergen Foundation Grant to the District of Orange via a residency that will provide classical music instruction to students.

WHEREAS, the Frank & Lydia Bergen Foundation will help cover teaching artist fees and instrument rentals.

WHEREAS, the value of the program is \$10,000.

WHEREAS, SOPAC's Music Residency will provide a teaching artist to supplement Orange Preparatory and High School string instruction, allowing students more customized, (virtual) attention as they learn to perform classical music.

WHEREAS, the teaching artist is a graduate of Montclair State University and is currently with the New Have Symphony and Montclair Orchestras.

WHEREAS, the instrumental needs of the district will be assessed by the strings teacher, the Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts and the Director of Education and Community Engagement of SOPAC. The goal of the program is to improve student techniques on the various string instruments.

WHEREAS, the goal is to begin virtual classes with the SOPAC resident in March 2021, twice a week for 17 weeks.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education approves the implementation and application of the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation Grant through South Orange Performing Arts Center (SOPAC).

Moved by Jeff Wingfield Seconded by Shawneque Johnson

ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

D21-006 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION SUPPORTING THE HUUB APPLICATION FOR THE CHILDREN AND NATURE NETWORK GREEN SCHOOLYARDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

WHEREAS, the Children and Nature Network located at 1611 County Road West B, Suite 315, Saint Paul, MN 55113, is offering potential grantees a Green Schoolyards Technical Grant,

WHEREAS, the HUUB located at 35 Cleveland St., Orange, NJ 07050 is collaborating with the Orange Board of Education, City of Orange Township, to develop outdoor green learning spaces for students and community members;

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education is supporting The HUBB applying and serving as the fiscal agent for a thirty month Green Schoolyards Technical Assistance Grant that supports the development of green outdoor learning spaces at the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges and district schools during the 2021-2022 academic school year. Funding amounts will be as follows; Year 1: 2021-2022 - \$20,000, Year 2: 2022-2023, \$15,000; Year 3: 2023 – 2024, \$10,000;

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Engagement will serve as the district liaison on the collaboration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education, approves and accepts the HUUB application for the Children and Nature Network Green Schoolyards Technical Assistance Grant.

Moved by Jeff Wingfield Seconded by Shawneque Johnson

ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

E21-004 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF ORANGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO USE THE LINCOLN AVENUE GYMNASIUM FOR FOOTBALL CONDITIONING AND CHEERLEADING/DOUBLE DUTCH

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township requested the use of Lincoln Avenue Gymnasium for students in Grades 4 through 8 to participate in Football Conditioning and Double Dutch/Cheerleading Programs.

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township, Division of Recreation is requesting the use of the Lincoln Avenue Gymnasium March 16, 2021 through June 25, 2021 for the following programs:

Double Dutch and Cheerleading beginning March 16, 2021 through June 17, 2021:

Tuesday-Thursday

5:30 pm until 7:00 pm

Football beginning March 16, 2021 through April 29, 2021:

Tuesday-Thursday

5:30pm until 7:00 pm

WHEREAS, the following will be the cost to the district: The city is requesting the use of the Lincoln Avenue School Gymnasium from March 16, 2021, through June 17, 2021. The following is the fiscal breakdown:

Security \$26.25 per hour

Custodian \$21.00 per hour

Cost to the district is \$4,961.00

*If the program does not take place on a particular day, there will be no cost to the district for additional support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education approves the request from the City of Orange Township Office of Recreation to utilize the Lincoln Avenue Gymnasium for the above referenced activities for city residents.

Moved by Jeff Wingfield Seconded by Derrick Henry

ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

F21-005 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2021-2022 ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education annually approves the School Calendar for the ensuing school year; and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 school calendar has been collaboratively developed by the Orange Board of Education and the Orange Administrators, Supervisors, Association and the Orange Education Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby adopt the calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

Moved by Jeff Wingfield Seconded by Siaka Sherif

ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

F21-006 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGE IN THE BOARD MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021

WHEREAS, the Board of Education will revise the April Board of Education Meeting slated for April 13th and move that Meeting to April 20th due to Spring Break taking place the Week of April 5th. All changes will be posted in publicly as mandated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Orange Board of Education approves the April 13, 2021 meeting to April 20, 2021.

Moved by Jeff Wingfield Seconded by Siaka Sherif

ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

F21-007 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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Orange Board of Education approves the field trips as per the attached summary.

Moved by Jeff Wingfield Seconded by Siaka Sherif
ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

F21-008 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED 2020-2021 CALENDAR

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education and the Orange Education Association annually approves the School Calendar; and

WHEREAS, the Orange Education Association voted to change their OEA Day from March 11, 2021 to May 13, 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Orange Board of Education, hereby approved the 2020-2021 calendar.

Moved by Jeff Wingfield Seconded by Siaka Sherif
ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

G21-004 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT A \$700.00 DONATION FROM THE STATEWIDE PARENT ADVOCACY NETWORK (SPAN) FOR ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

WHEREAS, the SPAN Parent Advocacy Network is committed to engaging parents and professionals as partners in improving outcomes for children, and their families.

WHEREAS, the Orange High School Parent Teacher Organization will provide guidance and support for Social and Emotional Health and Family wellness in conjunction with community support.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education approve and accept the \$700.00 donation from SPAN.

Moved by Jeff Wingfield Seconded by Shawneque Johnson
ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

G21-005

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE DONATION OF 17 APPLE MACBOOKS (LAPTOPS) FROM LAPTOP UPCYCLE

WHEREAS, Laptop Upcycle, has generously offered 17 refurbished Apple MacBooks for students who do not have access to devices to join synchronous learning. Laptop Upcycle operates as a part of HackNCraftNJ, Inc., which is a Makerspace in Montclair, NJ. HackNCraftNJ is a NJ registered nonprofit and is a federally recognized 501(c)3 organization.

NOW THEREFORE BE IN RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education approves and accepts the donation of 17 refurbished Apple MacBooks from Laptop Upcycle.

Moved by Jeff Wingfield Seconded by Shawneque Johnson
ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

HOME INSTRUCTION #957

Moved by Jeff Wingfield Seconded by Shawneque Johnson
ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

Human Resource Agenda

Moved by Jeff Wingfield Seconded by Shawneque Johnson

ROLL CALL (9) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT