

Minutes of **Tuesday, May 10, 2022, Public Meeting** of the Orange Board of Education held at 6:00 pm.

**Shawneque Johnson is presiding over tonight's Meeting.**

Ms. Guadalupe Cabido

Ms. Sueann Gravesande

Mr. Derrick Henry

Ms. Samantha Crockett

Ms. Fatimah Turner, ***Absent***

Mr. Siaka Sherif

Ms. Shawneque Johnson, President

Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield

Mr. David Armstrong

**ROLL CALL (8) PRESENT (1) ABSENT**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh II, Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. Tina Powell, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Systems
- Mr. Jason Ballard, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Ms. Shebra Jones, Executive Director of Human Resources
- Mr. Lamont Zachary, Assistant Business Administrator
- Ms. Jessika Kleen, School Board Attorney with the firm of Machado Law Group

**FLAG SALUTE**

Ms. Johnson motions to close the Executive session and move into a public meeting.

**Moved by Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield Seconded by Ms. Cabido**

**ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN**

Ms. Johnson re-open the public meeting and introduces Dr. Fitzhugh for his Superintendent report.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh II, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Fitzhugh greets the community who are present and are watching the meeting virtually.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates to the community and board members about the Celebration of STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates and congratulates that STEM garnered the top graduation rate in all of Essex County for the school year 2021!

Dr. Fitzhugh introduces STEM Academy Principal, Dr. Reid to present an award for recognition of having the highest graduation rate in the county.

Dr. Reid communicates that a lot of people were involved in the accomplishment of that goal.

Dr. Reid thanks the staff, Dr. Fitzhugh, and Dr. Powell for their vision and for making sure that the vision was executed.

Dr. Reid lastly wants to thank the Class of 2021 for their excellence.

Dr. Fitzhugh presents Dr. Reid and STEM Academy of the Orange with a congratulatory plaque for their great success this year.

Dr. Fitzhugh introduces Dr. Cooke, the proud Principal at Forest Community School, the new nationally honored Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

Dr. Cooke starts by congratulating STEM Academy for preparing our students (our babies) and sending them off in the best way possible.

Dr. Cooke communicates to the community that this evening the amazing Forest Community School is being recognized for achieving one of the highest honors as a Blue Ribbon, Beacon, School of Excellence status!

Dr. Cooke communicates the steps that were taken to ensure the success of Forest Community School being recognized as a Blue Ribbon, Beacon, School of Excellence.

Dr. Cooke communicates the overwhelming support as a principal and school has received from the district and its stockholders.

Dr. Cooke thanks the staff at Forest Community School for all their continuous hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

Dr. Cooke thanks the parents and community members who trust the staff and procedures that have been put in place to achieve the highest excellence.

Dr. Fitzhugh presents Dr. Cooke, the staff, and the students at Forest Community School with a congratulatory plaque for their achievement in obtaining the title of Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. The first school in the District of Orange to ever obtain this very honor.

Dr. Fitzhugh thanked Mr. Lee former Superintendent of Schools for entrusting him to move the district from Good to Great because he had already laid the foundation.

Dr. Fitzhugh thanks the staff at the Forest Community School for all their hard work and dedication they provide to the students and community every day.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates that there are only 9,000 schools in the United States of America that have obtained this honor and Orange Public School houses one of those 9,000 schools.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates to the community the survey regarding the universal school mask mandate. The survey was open from April 29, 2022, until May 2, 2022.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates that 62% of families responded and 38% of staff members responded to the survey.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates goes into further details on the survey and the numbers captured.

Dr. Fitzhugh introduces Mr. Ballard to discuss how the district has been keeping up the state and district mandates in our facilities.

Mr. Ballard communicates to the community the continuous thorough cleaning daily and disinfecting on all touch points in the building, minor and major repairs to our heating units and pumps, and walk-through of all school district facilities.

Mr. Ballard communicates the removal of the TCUs located at Oakwood Avenue School.

Mr. Ballard communicates the renovation of the media center/cafeteria in a campus style.

Mr. Ballard communicates the work that was done in the district spring cleaning throughout the district.

Mr. Ballard communicates that the team alongside the manager of security will continue to meet with the school development authority and terminal construction to keep the district up to date with ongoing progress at the Orange HS renovation project.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates the attendance report to the community and presents a glimpse of the attendance chart.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates the summer programs running throughout the district for students and curriculum writing and summer jobs for the staff. All that information can be found on the webpage.

Dr. Fitzhugh gives a huge shout-out to the wonderful staff for Teacher's Appreciation Week.

Dr. Fitzhugh gives another huge shoutout to our amazing school nurses on their appreciation week.

Dr. Fitzhugh reminds the community that May 27, and June 6 the district is closed due to the extra snow days.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates the Parent University Program continues and discuss the amazing opportunity for the parents.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates how great the district Kindergarten Orientation went and thanks to all parents that came out to make this event successful.

Dr. Fitzhugh reminds the community that Thursday, May 12, 2022, will be the last roundtable conversation regarding the Orange Preparatory Academy Redesign Series.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates the Senior Academic Scholars Banquet and gives all the students who were awarded.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates the Senior Class Scholarship Announcement of \$5,214,112.00 garnered from our amazing students at Orange HS and \$8,813,208.00 for our student at STEM and \$20,800,508.00 for the entire district.

Dr. Fitzhugh encourages us to stay in the loop with everything that is happening in our district by downloading the district app and following our social media handles.

This concludes the Superintendent's report.

Ms. Johnson motions to approve April 12, 2022, public meeting minutes

**Moved by Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield Seconded by Ms. Cabido**

**ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN ABSENT ( 1 )**

Ms. Johnson motions to approve April 12, 2022, closed meeting minutes

**Moved by Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield Seconded by Ms. Gravesande**

**ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN ABSENT ( )**

## **Community Report**

Curriculum Committee: Ms. Cabido communicates that the committee met on April 27, and it was not a very extensive meeting. The committee spent some time looking over what the lesson planning looks like, and how it works and benefits our students.

Ms. Cabido communicated that they also look over the district calendar, testing throughout the district, and the new curricula for ELA at the High School level.

Ms. Cabido communicated that NJXL certification for one of our staff members in science.

Finance Report: Mr. Sherif communicates the finance committee met to discuss the district budget. The budget was well stated and explained to the public.

Mr. Sherif communicates to the community that the accounting team in the district is a good standing with their finance and savings.

Mr. Sherif communicates that last week they discussed the budget that will be going up for approval to the state county administrator.

Mr. Sherif communicates that the committee is hoping to receive all the assistance it will need for the district and for our students.

Mr. Sherif communicates that the treasury report has not been on time for a while however as discussed last month the district reached out to an outsourcing company to assist with the district treasury report.

Facilities Report: Mr. Henry communicates that Mr. Ballard already discussed the progress and facilities report earlier in the meeting. However, he wants to highlight that he is very happy to see the removal of the TCUs at Oakwood.

Mr. Henry communicates the first that happened at 431 Park Avenue the district has been in communications with the town of Orange, and it has been discussed that the district will use Lincoln School Gym for temporary housing and/or dormitory usage.

### **Public Comments**

Community member Tisa Singleton makes the board and community aware that she was looking over grant D22-006 and wants to know who is responsible for getting this grant. Her son absolutely loves the tennis program, and she hopes that more of the children would participate. Ms. Tisa Singleton stated that she hopes the district will continue with more programs like this and she also thanks to the district for assisting those who were affected by the fire near Park Avenue School.

Ms. Tisa Singleton suggests that the district could assist more by doing a dress-down day and having the staff and students donate money to those families that were impacted by the tragedy.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates that the principals and staff have expressed that idea and that will be happening throughout the district. All proceeds will be given directly to the families that were impacted by the fire.

Ms. Lily Moore, Director of Care New Jersey, wants to thank you for the condolences to those who reached out to her recently. Ms. Moore stated that she received a letter from the district regarding after-school programs and she was caught off guard she would like to sit and discuss the letter she received.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates to Ms. Moore that she is on today's agenda for the summer program that will be held at Lincoln Avenue School and Heywood Avenue and encourages Ms. Moore to stick around so that he and Mr. Ballard can discuss this a little more.

Community member Marpesa Bell, treasurer of the Orange Education Association, starts off by thanking the district for its support for the fire victims. She makes the community aware that the OEA will also be doing its part to assist those families.

Ms. Bell communicates that she was glad to hear that the treasury report is coming through on time to benefit the children. Ms. Bell communicates that she has a question regarding the vendor the district outsourced to assist with the treasury report, they are still awaiting tax information documents that have been requested but have not yet been received.

Ms. Bell communicates the excitement that she feels for the Orange Preparatory Academy turning into a grade 8 school.

Mr. Ballard wants to confirm Ms. Bell's question regarding 1095Cs. Mr. Ballard communicates that there is a software provider issue, and the issues were discussed, and those forms should be arriving very soon.

Ms. Johnson motions to close public comments.

**Moved by Mr. Wingfield Seconded by Ms. Sherif**

**ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT**

## **BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

Ms. Johnson motions to approve a consent agenda removing A22-016, C22-028, E22-003- E22-013, F22-011, G22-012

**Moved by Mr. Henry Seconded by Mr. Wingfield**

**ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (1) ABSENT**

Ms. Johnson motions to approve A22-016

**Moved by Mr. Wingfield Seconded by Ms. Crockett**

**ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (1) ABSENT**

Ms. Johnson asks Dr. Fitzhugh to discuss this resolution a little more.

Dr. Fitzhugh asks Ms. Harper to discuss the resolution A22-016 regarding the contract with the uncommon thread incorporated.

Ms. Harper communicates that five FBAs will help students with behavioral disabilities, and ABA practices, to conduct functional behavior assessments and plan a behavior for those students that will benefit from this contract.

Ms. Johnson motions to approve C22-028

**Moved by Mr. Henry Seconded by Mr. Armstrong**  
**ROLL CALL (7) YEA (0) NAY (1) ABSTAIN (1) ABSENT**

Ms. Cabido asks Mr. Ballard regarding DinoTek

Mr. Ballard communicates that the check is for the upgrade of our security camera throughout the district.

Ms. Johnson asks will the fee be a reoccurring fee or a one time.

Mr. Ballard communicates that it is a one-time fee.

Ms. Johnson asks Mr. Ballard about the fee and what is included.

Mr. Ballard asks Mr. Cordes to come up and answer Ms. Johnson's question regarding the new security cameras that are being upgraded.

Mr. Cordes communicates that the bill that you see is for the initial phase of the process, and now we're waiting for the camera to arrive and hook them up and finalize installations.

Mr. Cordes communicates that the wires and blind spots throughout the entire district will be replaced.

Mr. Ballard communicates that there will be a security room with all the cameras in view and monitoring will occur.

Ms. Johnson is adamant about having all her questions asked regarding our new camera installation because the district will be spending a large amount of \$1.7 million for this upgrade.

Ms. Cabido asks Mr. Ballard a question regarding transportation.

Mr. Ballard responds to Ms. Cabido that the Essex Regional Transportation check is for the two months of work of service. The district under-budgeted the expense of transportation last year therefore is this the cost avoidance.

Ms. Johnson motions to approve E22-010

**Moved by Mr. Sherif Seconded by Ms. Gravesande**  
**ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (1) ABSENT**

Ms. Johnson asks for clarification on these resolutions individually E22-010- E22-013.

Mr. Ballard communicates to the board and community with our third-party request fees for our facilities request.

Ms. Johnson confirms a few of the fees for the summer program.

Mr. Sherif asks Mr. Ballard regarding the use of the parking lot at STEM.

Ms. Crockett asks Mr. Ballard regarding the \$200 fees for another facility request.

Mr. Ballard communicates that the district will charge a fee for custodial and security that will be charged to the facility requester.

Ms. Johnson motions to approve E22-001

**Moved by Mr. Armstrong Seconded by Mr. Wingfield**  
**ROLL CALL (6) YEA (0) NAY (2) ABSTAIN (1) ABSENT**

Ms. Johnson motions to approve E22-012

**Moved by Mr. Armstrong Seconded by Ms. Cabido**  
**ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (1) ABSENT**

Mr. Ballard communicates more in-depth about the approval for resolution E22-012 and E22-013 facilities requests fees.

Mr. Johnson asks for clarification City of Orange fee will be charged for the use of our facilities.

Mr. Ballard confirms Ms. Johnson's inquiry regarding the city fee for the use of our facility.

Ms. Crockett asks Mr. Ballard if they are both being charged for custodial, and security will it be a separate cost or will it be together.

Mr. Ballard confirms that the fees will be separate.



Mr. Sherif asks Mr. Ballard how we can approve the resolution when they have not finished the negotiations process? Mr. Sherif wants to meet with the third party before approval of tonight's meeting.

Mr. Ballard's response is that the board trusts him, and he has proven that he is holding those third parties responsible for all fees. He will make sure to continue to showcase the work he has done in the past will suffice for this resolution.

Mr. Ballard asks the board member to continue to trust him as he is doing everything and has done things in the best interest of the district.

Mr. Ballard makes the board aware that the final decision is up to them.

Ms. Gravesande communicates that in the future the cost should be presented when the resolution is up for voting.

Ms. Crockett communicates is thankful that these programs do exist however it would be nice to have all the documents ahead of time before voting happens.

Mr. Ballard communicates that Facilitron is now active, and the software will take care of adding up any fees that the requestor will be responsible for.

Mr. Henry asks what the student body count is on a day-to-day basis at Lincoln Avenue, and how many students to the record participated in last year's program.

Mr. Ballard communicates that the security is based on the number of people who will be utilized during the program.

Ms. Johnson asks Mr. Ballard what the district is doing to make sure that the people who are using facilities doing and have the number of students and staff they applied for.

Mr. Ballard communicates that he will have staff from our district make sure that the facilities are being used for those students and programs.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates that you will be able to tell the difference between the programs because of their sign-off and designated rooms and areas of the building.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates that those sign-in sheets will obtain those sign-in sheets to make sure that those in attendance were accounted for in the facility request.

Ms. Gravesande wants to clarify the location on the documentation saying Heywood Avenue or Lincoln Avenue and their fees for each location.

Mr. Ballard further explains the different fees for each building request, and he will be fully transparent with these requests moving forward.

Mr. Armstrong wants to make clear that it is about children and that Mr. Ballard and his team have given us the provided information from previous facility requests.

Ms. Johnson motions to approve E22-013

Ms. Johnson asks Mr. Ballard regarding the flyer that will be going out will it say “ With the City and collaboration with Orange Public Schools”

Mr. Ballard states that the first one was for approval purposes, but he will request to have our logo be posted on the flyer.

**Moved by Mr. Armstrong Seconded by Mr. Wingfield**  
**ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (1) ABSENT**

Ms. Johnson motions to approve F22-001

Ms. Johnson wants clarity on this resolution.

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates that staffing for the summer is important and that the staffing must be reported to Ms. Jones and that practice will continue.

**Moved by Mr. Wingfield Seconded by Ms. Crockett**  
**ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (1) ABSENT**

Ms. Johnson motions to approve G22-012

Dr. Fitzhugh communicates that there has been a fire near Park Avenue School and the town reached out to assist those families and that the district is following protocol and all policies.

Dr. Fitzhugh thanks the staff at Lincoln Avenue staff that made sure that those displaced families were comfortable while staying at our Lincoln Avenue Gym, to everyone else who made this possible for these families in need.

**Moved by Mr. Sherif Seconded by Ms. Crockett**  
**ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (1) ABSENT**

Ms. Johnson’s motion to approve home instruction cases for March and April

**Moved by Ms. Crockett Seconded by Ms. Gravesande**

**ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (1) ABSENT**

Ms. Johnson motions to approve HIB cases

**Moved by Mr. Wingfield Seconded by Ms. Crockett**

**ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (1) ABSENT**

Ms. Johnson motions to approve to Human Resources Agenda

**Moved by Mr. Wingfield Seconded by Ms. Armstrong**

**ROLL CALL (7) YEA (0) NAY (1) ABSTAIN (1) ABSENT**

Mrs. Crockett makes the district aware of the scheduled meetings.

The curriculum virtual meeting will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm

The facility virtual meeting will be held on June 6 at 3:30pm

Public Relations virtual meeting will be held June 7 on at 3:30pm

The financing committee virtual meeting will be held on June 8 at 5:30pm

Orange Board of Education public meeting will be held on June 14 at 6:00pm

Policy Committee virtual meeting will be held on June 10 at 4:00pm.

Closed budget hearing meeting will be held on June 13 at 5:30pm

Open meeting that will go into close session contract negotiation May 16 4:30pm

## **Board Comments**

Ms. Johnson wants to give a shout-out to a few selected board members and Dr. Fitzhugh, Mr. Ballard, and Mr. Lamont showed up and showed out for those families that lost everything. Ms. Johnson states that her heart was broken after she saw that bus pull up with all those displaced families. Those students and families were so happy to see the people who came out to show their support and assist these families during these hard times. Ms. Johnson becomes very emotional when she communicates that her own life is in shambles however, she is present at every board meeting, participates in district activities, and shows up for those who need her although she is also facing hard times. She urges the community that we must all come together and help these kids because the board and staff of this district are everything to these families. Also a big thank you to the mayor and city officials for jumping on the assistance of the displaced families.

Mr. Armstrong wants to thank the board member and everyone who participated and assisted these families in need.

Ms. Cabido tells Ms. Johnson that she is a very smart, intelligent woman and we are blessed to have someone like her to lead this board. She wishes Mr. Ballard a Happy Birthday and gives the High School a huge shoutout to those who were a part of the musical.

Ms. Gravesande states that Ms. Johnson was the first person to be at the fire location assisting those who need it the most. She expresses her gratitude for all her hard work and continuous support. Ms. Gravesande wishes those students who are taking the NJSLA good luck and to make sure they get to bed nice and early. She congratulates the staff who were a part of the High School Musical, which was a major success. She also thanks to the Red Cross and Blue Shield for all their assistance, and she saw how we all came together for the people of Orange. She wants all parties who came out and supported us in our times in need.

Ms. Crockett states that the curriculum committee got to see and tour the early childhood and she is overjoyed with having the pleasure to see how our kids interact and see kids learning how to work out conflicts with each other. She encourages the community to sign up for our summer programs.

Mr. Henry communicates that it was nice to see Orange come together for those families. It was nice to see how fast came things came together for those families in need. Mr. Henry thanks the board for understanding that he was going through a different time however he is back!

Mr. Sherif communicates that Ms. Johnson has the full support of all board members. He also thanks to the community for coming together to assist those who were affected by the fire. He is happy that there was no death because that will allow the people to move forward and have hopes.

Ms. Johnson moves to have the meeting adjourned

**Moved by Mr. Wingfield Seconded by Mr. Armstrong**

**ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (1) ABSENT**

## **BOARD RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A22-014 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF EDUCATION NITA M. LOWERY 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS CONTINUATION GRANT; AND**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education is applying for a \$347,171 Nita M. Lowery Community Learning Centers Continuation Grant for the 2022-2023 school year;

**WHEREAS**, the grant provides funding for out of school hours programming for **Rosa Parks Community School and Oakwood Avenue Community School** students in grades 4-7 with *quality S.T.E.M. programs, art education programs in graphic creative arts and designing into the after-school space* at both sites;

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education is the lead agency for this grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Innovation will serve as the district liaison on the grant administration; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for the Orange Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of schools, the application for a \$350,000 Nita M. Lowery Community Learning Centers Continuation Grant for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Motion Moved by: Derrick Henry Seconded Jeffrey Wingfield**

**Yea ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)**

### **A22-015 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH GOHEWEC HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS CONNECT, INC. AND THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE NURSING SERVICES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education has agreed to contract with Gohewec Healthcare Providers Connect, Inc. to provide Nursing Services at the rate of \$72.00/hour (RN) and \$55.00/hour (LPN); and

**WHEREAS**, the contract specifies the type of service to be provided for Nursing Services; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the contract for this resolution is on file in the Department of Special Services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education will enter into a contract agreement with Gohewec Healthcare Providers Connect, Inc. to provide nursing services for the 2021-2022 School Year.

**Motion Moved by: Derrick Henry Seconded Jeffrey Wingfield**

**Yea ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)**

### **A22-016 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH THE UNCOMMON THREAD, INC., AND THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FUNCTIONAL BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT SERVICES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education has agreed to contract with The Uncommon Thread, Inc. to provide Functional Behavior Assessment Services at a rate of \$1,600 per setting; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract specifies the type of service to be provided for Functional Behavior Assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the contract for this resolution is on file in the Department of Special Services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education will enter into a contract agreement with The Uncommon Thread, Inc. to provide Functional Behavior Assessments for the 2021-2022 School Year.

**Motion Moved by: Jeffrey Wingfield Seconded by: Samantha Crockett**

**Yea ( 7 ) Nay( ) Abstained (1 ) Absent ( 1 )**

### **B22-008 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MS. ABISOLA OSHUNTOLU'S REQUEST TO CONDUCT A RESEARCH STUDY IN THE ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, Abisola Oshuntolu is pursuing her Principal and Supervisor Certification through the New Jersey Expedited Certification for Educational Leadership (NJEXCEL) program,

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Oshuntolu is requesting to conduct a qualitative research study which aims to investigate the implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and its effects on students' performance in grades 5, 8 and 11, within the Orange Township Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, through teacher surveys, in-class observations, and review of the student performance on the 21-22 New Jersey Student Learning Assessments for Science (NJSLA-S), the research will seek to gain an in-depth understanding of the correlations that may exist between teacher understanding and implementation of the standards, pedagogy and student performance; and

**WHEREAS**, the study intends to build on the strengths of the district's current support plan for teachers implementing the NGSS and offer findings and trends which may be adapted to create an even more robust support structure for teachers as they implement NGSS-aligned lessons; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the City of Orange Township hereby approves Ms. Abisola Oshuntolu's request to conduct a research study within the Orange Public School District.

**Motion Moved by: Derrick Henry Seconded Jeffrey Wingfield**

**Yea ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)**

**C22-028 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR APRIL 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange School District request the payment of the attached detailed bills for April, 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 School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

**Motion Moved by: Derrick Henry Seconded by: David Armstrong**

**Yea ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)**

**C22-029 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BUDGETARY MAJOR ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR MARCH 2022**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.3(3), we (the Board) certify that as of March 2022, 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 School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as indicated above.

**Motion Moved by: Derrick Henry Seconded Jeffrey Wingfield**

**Yea ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)**

**C22-030 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby submits the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of March 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education, after review of such report, hereby accepts the November 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.

**Motion Moved by: Derrick Henry Seconded Jeffrey Wingfield**

**Yea ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)**

**C22-031 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS (FUNDS 11) FOR THE 2021-2022 SY**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange School District requires budgetary transfers to meet the encumbrances for the 2021-2022 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**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator, that the 2021-2022 budget be adjusted accordingly.

**Motion Moved by: Derrick Henry Seconded Jeffrey Wingfield**

Yea ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)

**C22-032 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS (FUNDS 12) FOR THE 2021-2022 SY**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange School District requires budgetary transfers to meet the encumbrances for the 2021-2022 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**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator, that the 2021-2022 budget be adjusted accordingly.

**Motion Moved by: Derrick Henry Seconded Jeffrey Wingfield**

Yea ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)

**D22-005 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE PERKINS SECONDARY CONSOLIDATED GRANT FOR THE 2022 – 2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Perkins Secondary Consolidated grant provides funding under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (Perkins V) to support approved secondary career and technical education programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education submits an application each year for grant funding to support the current Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at Orange High School; and,

**WHEREAS**, an approved board resolution is a required component of our grant application each year; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education approves the submission of the Perkins Secondary Consolidated Grant for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

**Motion Moved by: Derrick Henry Seconded Jeffrey Wingfield**

Yea ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)

**D22-006 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION SCHOOL YOUTH TENNIS INITIATIVE GRANT AWARD FOR THE CONTINUATION OF TENNIS PROGRAMMING IN THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, the School Youth Tennis Initiative (SYTI) Grant is available to schools or organizations to support tennis initiatives outside of physical education classes to provide after school programming; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Public Schools participated in School Youth Tennis Initiative (SYTI) Grant in the Fall/Winter of 2021/2022 and received confirmation of our award for grant funding to continue programming at all elementary schools and Orange Preparatory Academy for the balance of the 2021 – 2022 school year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the total grant amount awarded is \$10,800 to provide for after school tennis programming; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education accept the United States Tennis Association School Youth Tennis Initiative Grant award of \$10,800 for the continuation of tennis programming in the Orange Public Schools.

**Motion Moved by: Derrick Henry Seconded Jeffrey Wingfield**

Yea ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)

**E22-010 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF WILLOW LAKE DAY CAMP TO UTILIZE STEM INNOVAION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES PARKING LOT ONLY**

**WHEREAS**, The Willow Lake Day Camp is requesting to utilize STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges parking lot for loading and unloading of school buses. The goal is to safely utilize a central location to load and unload camp buses each AM and PM session, leave 1-2 staff cars on site during the day and no vehicles left overnight. The event is to take place on the following date and time, with the agreement that all Board of Education events takes precedence over their request:

**Weekdays**

- Beginning 6/27/2022 – 8/19/22
- All weekdays only within date range
- Time
  - Morning Session: 7:45am – 8:15am
  - Afternoon Session: 4:15pm – 4:45pm

**Weekends**

Saturday (only one)

- Date: June 18, 2022
- Time: 8am-9am

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education, approves the request of Willow Lake Day Camp, as indicated above, pending all required documents (Fully Executed Request Form, Certificate of Insurance, Hold Harmless Agreement and Payment).

**Motion Moved by: Jeffrey Wingfield Secoded Sueann Gravesande**

**YEA ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)**

**E22-011 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF POLKADOT AND ROSES CHILDCARE CENTER OF THE ORANGES TO UTILIZE THE PLAYGROUND AT OAKWOOD AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, The Polkadots and Roses Childcare Center of the Oranges is requesting to utilize the playground at Oakwood Avenue Community School to assist in their gross motor social emotional learning requirements from the NJ Office of Licensing. The event is to take place on the following date and time, with the agreement that all Board of Education events takes precedence over their request:

**Weekdays**

- Beginning 05/02/2022 – 08/02/2022
- All weekdays only within specified date range
- Time:
  - 9:45am – 10:30am

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education, approves the request of Polkadots and Roses Childcare Center of the Oranges, as indicated above, pending all required documents (Fully Executed Request Form, Certificate of Insurance, Hold Harmless Agreement and Payment).

**Motion Moved by: Jeffrey Wingfield Secoded Siaka Sherif**

**YEA (6) Nay( ) Abstained (2 ) Absent (1)**

**E22-012 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF CARE NJ TO UTILIZE CLASSROOMS AT HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL AND LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, Care NJ is requesting to utilize classrooms at Heywood Avenue School and Lincoln Avenue School for their Summer Camp Program. The event is to take place on the following date and time, with the agreement that all Board of Education events takes precedence over their request:

- Beginning July 5, 2022 – August 19, 2022
- All weekdays only within specified date range
- Time:
  - 7:30am – 6pm



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education, approves the request of Care NJ, as indicated above, pending all required documents (Fully Executed Request Form, Certificate of Insurance, Hold Harmless Agreement, Signed Facility Use Agreement and Payment).

**Motion Moved by: David Armstrong Seconded Guadalupe Cabido**

**YEA ( 8 ) NAY( 0 ) Abstained ( 0 ) Absent (1)**

**E22-013 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF ORANGE TO USE LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL'S GYMNASIUM AND 5 CLASSROOMS FOR THE SUMMER OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orange Township requested the use of Lincoln Avenue School's gymnasium and five classrooms for the Mayor's Summer of Excellence Program from June 27, 2022 through August 19, 2022. The district will charge the City of Orange for fees associated with the usage security and custodial costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education approves the City's request to utilize Lincoln Avenue School's gymnasium and 5 classroom for the Mayor's Summer of Excellence Program upon receipt of the fully executed facility request form, Hold Harmless Agreement, and Certificate of Insurance.

**Motion Moved by: Jeffrey Wingfield Seconded Guadalupe Cabido**

**YEA ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( 0 ) Absent (1)**

**F22-010 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT-WIDE WORKSHOPS AND 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 of Schools, the Orange Board of Education approves the workshops/conferences and Field trips as per the attached summary.

**Motion Moved by: Derrick Henry Seconded Jeffrey Wingfield**

**Yea ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)**

**F22-011 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO HIRE HIGHLY NEEDED ESSENTIAL INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF POSITIONS ON EMERGENT BASIS PENDING BOARD APPROVAL**

**WHEREAS**, it has been problematic for the Superintendent of Schools to make recommendations to fill essential staffing positions in-between board meeting dates, particularly in the summer months. Thereby, the Orange Public Schools can provide optimal service to all students and staff as well as vendors accordingly

**WHEREAS**: the board realizes that the district currently has vital essential district level staff positions and require that the Superintendent immediately fill these positions for the interest of the students, staff, and daily operations of Orange; and the Superintendent must weekly give an update to the board members about hires.

**WHEREAS**: the current monthly scheduled board meeting dates does not lend itself to allow the Superintendent to make immediate decision and obtain hiring approvals to fill these district level staff positions; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the City of Orange Township; hereby approves that the Superintendent can hire essential district level staff positions from July 1, 2022, through September 13, 2022 scheduled public board meeting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent must record the hired candidates with the Board Secretary and present same staff and positions at the monthly Personnel Committee meeting and thereafter at the September 15, 2022 Public Board meeting for Board approval for the record. This action does not set a precedent.

**Motion Moved by: Jeffrey Wingfield Seconded David Armstrong**

Yea ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)

**G22-011 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW AVRIL BOGLE TO ACCEPT (2) CHERRY BLOSSOM TREES DONATIONS TO BE PLANTED AT FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS** the district will accept the donation from **Avril Bogle** of Cherry Blossom Trees (estimated at a cost of \$150 each) for Forest Street Community School

**WHEREAS**, the donations were made possible through the Hat City Lofts Condominium,

**WHEREAS, Avril Bogle** will provide the donors with receipts for the value of their donations; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education approves the resolution to allow Avril Bogle to accept donations of Cherry Blossom Trees to be planted at Forest Street Community School.

**Motion Moved by: Derrick Henry Seconded Jeffrey Wingfield**

Yea ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)

**G22-012 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF ORANGE TO USE LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL'S GYMNASIUM AS AN EMERGENCY RELIEF SITE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orange Township requested the use of Lincoln Avenue School's gymnasium due to the fire that occurred at 431 Park Avenue on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. The district has allowed this usage through Monday, May 9, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education approves the request to utilize Lincoln Avenue School's gymnasium as an emergency relief site for residents of 431 Park Avenue in the City of Orange.

**Motion Moved by: Jeffrey Wingfield Seconded Samantha Crockett**

Yea ( 8 ) Nay( ) Abstained ( ) Absent (1)