

Minutes of **Tuesday, November 11, 2014, Public Board Meeting** of the Orange Board Of Education held at 7:30 p.m., at the Administrative Building 451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, New Jersey.

**Ms. Patricia Arthur presiding over tonight's meeting.**

Mr. Abdul-Shabazz Ashanti  
Mr. E. Lydell Carter  
Mrs. Paula Desormes  
Mrs. Marion Graves-Jackson  
Ms. Cristina Mateo  
Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield  
Mrs. Patricia Arthur

**ROLL CALL: (7) PRESENT (0) 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/ Assistant 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 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**

The following Oakwood Avenue School Student will lead the public in the Flag Salute:  
Mayc Watts & Unique Chadwick

**PRESENTATIONS**

**The Challenge(s) - A Video Presentation  
&  
"Bucket Filler"**  
By Oakwood Avenue School Students

Isaiah Antwi  
Azmir Braime  
Leki Bryant  
Gregory Burto  
Kayla Burton  
Curtis Crawford  
AlRasheed Darden  
Helena Douglas  
Ada Garcia  
Jayda Holt  
TeJonn Jones  
TeQuan Jones  
Angel Juggar  
Zyire Knight

Vincent Loomis  
Malayla Lynn-Boyd  
Latreasha Milford  
Ray'Quan Oliver  
Kyar Parham  
Shaddai Ramos  
Esteban Rodriguez  
Jaylen Russell  
Lizbeth Torres  
Nathalia Vinasco  
David Williams-Brodders  
Angela Wilson  
Emmanuel Watts

**Family Assistance Resource Center, NJ (FARC NJ) Presentation**

Mr. Roger Hinton, Mr. Ernest Williams & Mr. Don Parrott

**Food Bank Pantry Program**

Mr. Tyrone Dorsey, Food Service Manager

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools

**BOARD MINUTES**

Closed Meeting – October 14, 2014

Public Meeting – October 14, 2014

Town Hall Meeting – October 22, 2014

**BOARD COMMENTS**

- Roll Call was performed by Mr. James at 7:40pm followed by the Flag Salute and a short presentation by students of Oakwood Avenue School.
- The Food Service Department (Tyrone Dorsey) gave a short presentation on Food Back Pack for families of Orange, followed by another presentation by Family Assistance Resource Center Inc.
- Mr. Lee rendered the Superintendent's Report
- Awards and recognition were bestowed on Students of the Month and the Parent of the Month

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Gloria Stewart (Citizen of Orange) expressed her joy that Mr. James is back, and congratulated the students of Oakwood Avenue School for their performance. She welcomed Mrs. Desormes for being selected as a member of the board. Ms. Stewart asked about the type of food the Food Bank will be providing to families in the community. She encouraged the District's administrators to attend future teachers' conventions. She also asked for clarification about the hiring of social workers or guidance counselors, and their responsibilities with regards to students.
- Ms. Arthur introduced the new board members to the public and administrators. The Principals/Directors were asked to introduce themselves to the new board member.
- Ms. Faith Alcantara (Principal of Heywood Avenue School) requested that the board congratulate veterans; that flags in all our schools be flown and be in good condition.
- Board members shared their experiences at the School Board Conference they attended with the public.

**BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

**A14-029      RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR  
CUSTODIAL AND GROUNDS SERVICES WITH POWER  
CLEAN, INCORPORATED (P.C.I.) FOR THE  
2014- 2015 SCHOOL YEAR ON A MONTH TO MONTH  
BASIS**

**WHEREAS**, there exist a continued need to provide custodial and ground services in the district; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2014-2015 school year contracted services in the amount of \$214,228.00/month to include additional two (2) custodial manpower at 397 Park Avenue, Orange Early Childhood Center (OECC) and two (2) additional custodial manpower at 123 Cleveland Street, (2) additional custodial manpower at 368 Capuchin Way (Scholars Academy) at \$61,299.76 each location per year, and an addition of (2) Maintenance staff at \$75,000 due to the added square footages to the newly renovated/additions to the district facilities and grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available in the 2014-2015 budget for said purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the revised Contract for Custodial and Grounds Management Services with Power Clean, Incorporated of Bellville, New Jersey, on a month to month basis in the pro-rated annual amount, as indicated above, for school year 2014-2015.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Contract be evaluated every month by the Business Administrator for its effectiveness in providing the prescribed services.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.**

**ROLL CALL: (7) YEA (0)NAY**

**B14-018 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PROGRESS TARGETS ACTION PLAN 2014-2015**

**WHEREAS**, the the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) uses progress targets to analyze the performance of every school and district as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver Request; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDOE has supplied the Orange School District with the district and schools' progress data; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange School District uses this data to support efforts to implement strategies to address low performance and low graduation rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Public Schools is required to submit a board-approved corrective action plan, referred to as the Progress Targets Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education Curriculum Committee reviewed the Progress Targets Action Plan for each school and has found them to be reflected in the approved District Improvement Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education approves the 2014-201 Progress Targets Action Plan.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.**

**ROLL CALL: (7) YEA (0)NAY**

**C14-062 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR OCTOBER 2014**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange School District request the payment of the attached detailed bills for October 2014, whose totals are summarized as follows:

<b><u>FUNDS</u></b>	<b><u>CHECKS</u></b>	<b><u>BILLS</u></b>	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>
Fund 11 - General Current Expense	\$1,016,392.61	\$1,595,523.57	\$2,611,916.18
Fund 12 - Capital Outlay	65,120.75	0.00	65,120.75
Fund 13 - Special Schools	280.00	0.00	280.00
Fund 15 - Whole School Reform	1,813,360.85	1,193,140.42	3,006,501.27
Fund 20 - Special Revenue Funds	1,055,320.72	805,152.11	1,860,472.83
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,950,474.93</b>	<b>\$3,593,816.10</b>	<b>\$7,544,291.03</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the total payment of district bills in the amount of **\$7,544,291.03**

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.**

**ROLL CALL: (7) YEA (0)NAY**

**C14-063      RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BOARD SECRETARY'S  
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2014**

**WHEREAS**, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby submits the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of September 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education, after review of such report, hereby accepts the September 2014 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: (7) YEA      (0)NAY**

**C14-064      RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER OF SCHOOL  
FUNDS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2014**

**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 September 2014.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.**

**ROLL CALL: (7) YEA      (0)NAY**

**C14-065      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S  
MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BUDGETARY MAJOR  
ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.3(3), we (the Board) certify that as of September 2014, 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: (7) YEA      (0)NAY**

**C14-066      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: (7) YEA      (0)NAY**

**F14-050      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: (7) YEA      (0)NAY**

**F14-051      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: (7) YEA      (0)NAY**

**F14-052      RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION OF DISENROLLMENT OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENT**

**WHEREAS**, children whose parent(s)/guardian(s) are residents of Orange are permitted to attend Orange Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6a:22-4.1, eligibility for admission to the Orange Public School District is subjected to thoroughly review and evaluation, and there is a potential for assessment of tuition in the event that an initially admitted student is later found ineligible for enrollment; and

**WHEREAS**, after review and consideration of relevant, documentation and testimony from faculty, staff, and the student's parent, including admission of residency outside of Orange.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that The Orange Board of Education makes the final determination that the student with I.D.#300013 and State Student I.D. # 7631069475 is not a resident of Orange and not eligible to attend schools on Orange, and therefore accept recommendation of disenrollment of said non-resident student.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.**

**ROLL CALL: (7) YEA (0)NAY**

**G. Other (none)**

**H. Case Numbers**

**Home Instruction Cases**

**#'s 671**

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.**

**ROLL CALL: (7) YEA (0)NAY**

**Out-of-District Placement Cases**

**#'s (none)**

**H.I.B Cases**

**Substantiated #s (none)**

**Unsubstantiated #s (none)**

**HUMAN RESOURCE AGENDA**

- ☐ Leaves of Absence
- ☐ Separations: Resignations
- ☐ Appointments
- ☐ Stipends
- ☐ Transfers
- ☐ Other Personnel Actions
- ☐ For the Record

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.**

**ROLL CALL: (7) YEA (0)NAY**

**DISTRICT MEETINGS**

- Next scheduled meetings are as follows:

**Public**

- Facilities Committee Meeting – Monday, December 8, 2014 at 2:30 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue.
- Next Public Board Meeting – Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy, 400 Central Avenue.
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 5:00 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue.

**Closed**

- Human Resource Committee Meeting – Monday, December 8, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCES**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOARD COMMENTS**

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 February 11, 2014** 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 Patricia Arthur. Seconded by Abdul Shabazz Ashanti.**

**ROLL CALL: (7) YEA (0)NAY**

**APPROVAL DATE: December 9, 2014**

**ATTESTED TO BY:**

  
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**School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary**