

Minutes of **Wednesday, October 22, 2014, Town Hall Meeting** of the Orange Board Of Education held at 6:00 p.m., at Lincoln Avenue School, 216 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, New Jersey.

Ms. Patricia Arthur presiding over tonight's meeting.

Mr. Abdul-Shabazz Ashanti
Mrs. Marion Graves-Jackson
Ms. Cristina Mateo
Mr. E. Lydell Carter **(absent)**
Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield **(absent)**
Mrs. Patricia Arthur

ROLL CALL: (4) 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. 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 Open 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

Everyone in attendance participated in the Flag Salute

BOARD COMMENTS

- Meeting Commenced with a roll call by Mr. Akin Ayodele (Asst. BA) at 6:15 p.m. after a quorum of members was formed, followed by the Flag Salute.
- Patricia Arthur, Board President, welcomed members of the public briefly explaining the purpose of the meeting.

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- Mr. Ronald Lee, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed members of the public, introduced members of Cabinet and administrators to the public and presented the 2013-2014 Students Achievement Data, giving comparatives with prior years and State's benchmarks. He elaborated on the students data by showing how each of the District's schools performed. He informed the public about PARCC and the new graduation requirements.
- Awards and recognition were bestowed on various students who performed well on the State's examinations.
- Mr. Lee informed the public about the school's facilities and updated them about the NJSDA plans to renovate and put additions to the OHS and Cleveland Elementary School building. He also discussed about the \$11 million bond approved by the Board of School Estimate to be raised for District projects. He further reported on the Federal grant of \$2.5 million received by the District over a period of 25 years, in conjunction with Montclair State University
- The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVAL DATE: November 11, 2014

ATTESTED TO BY:



**School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary**