

Minutes of **Tuesday, September 9, 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  
Mrs. Marion Graves-Jackson  
Ms. Cristina Mateo  
Mr. E. Lydell Carter  
Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield  
Mrs. Patricia Arthur

**ROLL CALL: (6) 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. 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 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 Orange Early Childhood Center Student will lead the public in the Flag Salute:

**Chukwuezugbo Aluka & Hanna Hutchinson**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Presentation by Students of the Orange Early Childhood Center**

**Ms. Hutchinson's Class**  
Lorena Calle

**Ms. Unger's Class**  
Toni Cranshaw

**Ms. Strelec's Class**  
Ciani Beaton

Jayson Ceus  
Melany Diaz  
Noah Fortune-Brown

Briana Joisil  
Schubert  
Jackson Morocho  
Lauren Ramos  
Kristal-Beth Rosales

**Ms. Sumter-Maynor's Class**  
**Class**

Marissa Alexandre  
Matthew Awofesobi  
Nicolas Holley  
Wilzer Thalerand Jr.

**Ms. Mesidor-Vincent's Class**

Charity Cummings  
Shaman Drinkard-Lops  
Michael Lassiter  
Berlineda Merceda  
Guerdeline Phanord

**Ms. Belfort's Class**  
**Class**

Nftalem Ghebrekidan  
Michelle Guallpa  
Audelo  
Nyeema Frater  
Andrea Fuentes  
Kelly Morocho  
Dalila Roca  
Raissa Garcia Velasquez

**Ms. Gavilanez's Class**

Miley Arriba  
Stephany Menjivar  
Jaden Mohan

Rachel Cucufate  
Angelina Dhanwa  
Amin Fideen

Kevin Gutierrez

Abdur Khabir Reynolds  
Kimberly Tejada

**Ms. Letnom's Class**

Sanai Brannon  
Brian Cross  
Leahana Petit Homme  
Johnathan Sammy

**Ms. Morales' Class**

Edwin Abreu  
Leslie Alvarenga  
Eliezar Ayala  
Brandon Chogllo  
DannaAndrea Dominguez  
Keyly Marroquin  
John Morocho  
Derwin Saquipulla

**Ms. Barros' Class**

Bryant Castro  
Shirley Canstanza

Melanie DeLaRoca  
Kayli Esquit  
Miguel Gonell  
Katherine Guman  
Kimberly Palta  
Vanessa Parra  
Natalie Paucar  
Sissi Perez

**Ms. Adame's Class**

Tyler Clark  
Aarianna Delphin  
Endy Escobar

Jonathan Condor  
Chardson Delva  
Miley Liverpool

Brandon Lugo-

Ismalyn Ortega  
Elisha Pascal  
Danilo Perez  
Alondra Tapia

**Ms. Oshuntolo's**

Yvianne Alexandre  
Sydney Brown  
Alicia Gang  
Samanta Giraud  
Phoebe Opeywa

**Ms. Edward's Class**

Bruyana Belmont  
Jason Morocho  
Max Lalbay-Morocho  
Jeremiah Revange

**Ms. Springer's**

Chukwuezugbo Aluka  
Damian Arredondo

Hailey Blackwood  
Abby Gonzalez  
Brandon Ocean

**Ms. Gavilanez's Class Cont'd**

Brandon Neal  
Omar Oakley  
Allison Rojas

**Ms. Adame's Class Cont'd**

Sherlyn Jose  
Maya Travers

**Activity Works**

Ms. Eyesha Marable

**Cleveland Street Elementary School/OHS Additions and Renovation Project – SDA**

Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools

**HIB Grade Report Presentation**

Mr. Vernon Pullins

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools

**BOARD MINUTES**

Closed Meeting – August 12, 2014

Public Meeting – August 12, 2014

Special Closed Meeting – August 27, 2014

Special Public Meeting – August 27, 2014

**BOARD COMMENTS**

- Roll Call was performed by Akin Ayodele (Asst. BA) followed by the Flag Salute by students of the Orange Early Childhood Center (OECC) and a short presentation by OECC students.
- Mr. Lee requested Ms. Aisha Maribel to render her presentation. She reported on the financial assistance received from Johnson & Johnson in support of our students and their educational efforts. She gave packages to teachers & administrators from Johnson & Johnson. Awards & recognition were bestowed on the parent of the month from the OECC.
- Mr. Lee rendered a presentation on Cleveland Street Elementary School and Orange High School Addition & Renovation Projects by NJSDA.
- Mr. Pullins presented on the HIB report district-wide.
- A motion was brought to the board and voted on to Accept the Superintendent's Presentation on the New Jersey Schools Development Authority, New Jersey Department of Education & Orange Board of Education's Working Group Recommendation of the Orange High School & Cleveland Street Elementary School Facilities Site Renovation Improvement Scope & Plans

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Gloria Stewart (Citizen of Orange) commented on Oakwood Avenue School, about trimming the trees, and shrubs near the school. She also complained about the playground at Heywood, that it needs to be overhauled, that wood shavings in the playground are safety hazards to kids.
- Ms. Evonne (Resident of Orange) wants to know whether the public will have access to how school funds were spent. She said many iPads were purchased last year which were never used, and also she said that she learnt that the Board of Education is planning to purchase chromebooks. She questioned the rationale for such purchases. She also wanted to know why OHS is starting late. Mr Lee responded that the District budget and financial reports are available on the District Website, he also corrected that the iPads were not bought for students.
- Another resident, whose son attends school at Heywood, said there has been no communication or transparency regarding aftercare program. He wants to know how the YWCA afterschool program will be administered. Mr. Lee addressed his concerns. He further complained about half days, particularly during the last school year.
- Mr. Nussbaum (OEA President) complained about the air conditioning units and implored administration to do something to put in better A/C units. He also complained about timing of HR notices withholding of increments, specifically the rationale for giving the letter late. Mr. Lee addressed his concerns.
- Mr. Arthur Griffa welcomed new board members and commended all members for what they are doing. He commended the CEO of SDA for coming to the District to address facilities concerns the District is having.

**BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

**C14-051      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR AUGUST 2014**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange School District request the payment of the attached detailed bills for August 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	\$623,164.87	\$463,667.58	\$1,086,832.45
Fund 15 - Whole School Reform	151,785.64	923,931.80	1,075,717.44
Fund 20 - Special Revenue Funds	15,329.05	101,506.62	116,835.67
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$790,279.56</b>	<b>\$1,489,106.00</b>	<b>\$2,279,385.56</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the total payment of district bills in the amount of **\$2,279,385.56**

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

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY**

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**C14-052 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BOARD SECRETARY'S  
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2014**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education, after review of such report, hereby accepts the July 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: (6) YEA (0)NAY**

**C14-053 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER OF SCHOOL  
FUNDS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 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 July 2014.

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

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY**

**C14-054 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S  
MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BUDGETARY MAJOR  
ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR JULY 2014**

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

**D14-012**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE INDIVIDUALS WITH  
DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT PART B, FY 2015 GRANT  
FUNDING**

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**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education is implementing programs and services to meet the needs of classified students in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education submitted a combined Preschool and Basic Application to the State Department of Education for FY 2015 grant funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the district has been allocated \$1,303,4999.00 Basic – and the Preschool award is \$43,622.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education accepts the IDEA Part B grant allocation in the amount of \$1,303,499.00 – Basic and \$43,622 – Preschool for the 2015 School year.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Marion Graves Jackson.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY**

**E14-026**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF ORANGE  
BENGALS POP WARNER FOOTBALL/CHEER  
ORGANIZATION TO UTILIZE BELL STADIUM TO HOST  
THEIR HOME FOOTBALL GAMES**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Bengals Pop Warner Football/Cheer Organization is requesting to utilize the following:

**BELL STADIUM (Including the Concession Stand & Press Box)**

HOME FOOTBALL GAME

**SATURDAYS, September 20 and October 4, 2014**

12:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

**SUNDAYS, September 7, 14, and 28, 2014**

8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education, hereby approves the request of the Orange Bengals Pop Warner Football/Cheer Organization, as indicated above, pending the necessary signing of the Hold Harmless Agreement, proof of insurance coverage, completion of the Request for Use of District Facilities form and the payment of any fees negotiated or established by the Business Administrator.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Marion Graves Jackson.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY**

**E14-027      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF HILLTOPPER HEAT  
AAU BASKETBALL PROGRAM TO UTILIZE LINCOLN AVENUE  
SCHOOL GYMNASIUM FOR THEIR BASKETBALL PRACTICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Hilltopper Heat AAU Basketball Program is requesting to utilize the following:

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**LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

*Basketball Practices*

**October 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 & 30 2014**

**November 4, 6, 11, 13, 18 & 20, 2014**

**December 2, 4, 9, 11, 16 & 18, 2014**

**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the request of the Hilltopper Heat AAU Basketball Program, as indicated above, pending the signing and return of the Hold Harmless Agreement, proof of insurance coverage, completion of the Request to Use Facilities form and payment of service fees (custodial & security) in the amount of \$2,317.33

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Marion Graves Jackson.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA            (0)NAY**

**E14-028      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE YWCA OF  
ESSEX AND WEST HUDSON TO UTILIZE ROSA PARKS  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL, CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL, HEYWOOD  
AVENUE SCHOOL, AND LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL TO HOST  
THEIR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the YWCA of Essex and West Hudson is requesting to utilize the following:

**ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL (CAFETERIA AND VARIOUS ROOMS)**

**CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL (K1-ROOM, RM 3 & ART AND CAFETERIA)**

**HEYWOOD AVENUE (AUDITORIUM, GYM, AND VARIOUS CLASS ROOMS)**

**LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL (CAFETERIA AND LAB D 203)**

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY (EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS, HALF DAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSINGS)**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 – JUNE 25, 2015**

**3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves the request of the YWCA of Essex and West Hudson, as indicated above, pending the receipt of the signed copy of the Hold Harmless Agreement, Request for Use of District Facilities Forms and proof of insurance.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Marion Graves Jackson.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA            (0)NAY**

**F14-044      RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT-WIDE  
WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES**

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Board of Education seeks to expand educational opportunities by providing alternative non-traditional experiences.

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**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 Marion Graves Jackson.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA      (0)NAY**

**G14-028      RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES FROM BIBLEWAY CHURCH OF GOD FOR  
ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY**

**WHEREAS**, the Bibleway Church of God has adopted Orange Preparatory Academy and has offered to donate school supplies for approximately one hundred Orange Preparatory Academy students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange Board of Education hereby approves and accepts the donation of school supplies from the Bibleway Church of God and offers their sincere appreciation to the Bibleway Church of God for their generosity and continued support of Orange Preparatory Academy and the Orange Public School District.

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by E. Lydell Carter.**

**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA      (0)NAY**

**H. Case Numbers**

**Home Instruction Cases**

**#s none**

**Out-of-District Placement Cases**

**#s none**

**H.I.B Cases**

**Substantiated #s none**

**Unsubstantiated #s none**

**HUMAN RESOURCE AGENDA**

- ☐ Leaves of Absences
- ☐ Separations: Resignations
- ☐ Appointments
- ☐ Stipends
- ☐ Reassignments



- ☐ Transfers
- ☐ Withholding of Increments
- ☐ Other Personnel Actions
- ☐ For the Record

**Moved by Jeffrey Wingfield. Seconded by Marion Graves Jackson.**  
**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY**

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### **DISTRICT MEETINGS**

- ☐ Next scheduled meetings are as follows:

#### **Public**

- Facilities Committee Meeting – Monday, October 6, 2014 at 2:30 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue.
- Next Public Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy, 400 Central Avenue.
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue.

#### **Closed**

- Human Resource Committee Meeting – Monday, September 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 E. Lydell Carter. Seconded by Cristina Mateo.**  
**ROLL CALL: (6) YEA (0)NAY**

**APPROVAL DATE: October 14, 2014**

**ATTESTED TO BY:**

  
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**School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary**