

# ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, August 9, 2023 @ 6 P.M.  
RANDOL UNION HIGH SCHOOL

To be approved at the September 13, 2023, Board Meeting

## MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Kaplan, Katja, Rachel Gaidys, Hannah Arias, Megan Sault, Chelsea Sprague, Sarah Haupt & Sam Hooper

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Layne Millington & Heather Lawler

GUESTS: Nathan Wright, Christian McCurry, Matha Hafner, Howard Garrow and ORCA Media Video Taping

I. Opening

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Hannah Arias at 6:05 p.m.

Board Attendance: Ensuring a Quorum

Meeting Purpose: A lot to cover.

II. Board Education and Ownership Linkage

a. Public comment (4.2.1) (Recognize e-communications to the Board)

Hannah Arias read a statement regarding public comments at board meetings and then opened the meeting for public comments.

Nathan Wright asked that the OSSD Board review the RTCC policies and make sure they are enforced.

Martha Hafner read a letter - Randolph Parents Rights in Education, Resolution for Parents.com, VT for Vermont.

Christian McCurry read a letter - Regarding the Access Road Between the 23 Forst Street and 25 Forest Street Properties.

b. Real Estate discussion - Garrow property

Howard Garrow and Christian McCurry viewed their opinions on the condition of the road, poorly maintained, used as an overflow for parking during school events, has decreased their property values, vehicles drive to fast on the road. They would like to see the road gated off to traffic. There was much discussion, the board had opinions of possible solutions - Monitoring the access road daily, either by staff or a camera, installing speed bumps, digging up the current road and repairing it, last estimate cost given to the Superintendent was \$ 14,00.00, possibly selling the road to OSSD. Mr. Millington said that the OSSD board would send a letter to Mr. Garrow with the Boards decision.

c. Finalized the Board Letter to the Community

- d. Create next step in Ownership Linkage Plan  
Board discussion on the Letter to the Community, letter will go out the to public the week of August 28, 2023, it will be posted in the Herald and on Front Porch Forum.  
Motion to post Letter to the Community -

By: Megan Sault  
Seconded by: Sarah Haupt  
Motion passed: yes, unanimously.

- e. Receive State Mandated Training  
Layne Millington explained to the Board what the Mandated Training was and what it entails. Layne Millington provided a pamphlet to the Board.

### III. Monitoring: Organization

- a. Review and Approve Annual Board Agenda for 2023-2024  
A Sub-committee was formed to update the annual agenda, Sarah Haupt and Hannah Arias. It will be on the next agenda to be approved. Motion was made for this Sub-committee to proceed -

By: Rachael Gaidys  
Seconded by: Megan Sault  
Motion passed: yes, unanimously.

- b. First Reading/Review of EL 2.0, 2.8 and 2.9 Reports  
Hannah Arias had questions. Layne Millington explained each one.
- c. Create a Sub-committee for the Evaluation Process or the Superintendent  
Chelsea Sprague had the contract between the OSSD Board and the VSBA for the Chairperson to sign. There will be three consultation meetings with a consultant from the VSBA and a Sub-committee, Sarah Haupt, Anne Kaplan and Chelsea Sprague.  
A motion was made to proceed with this Sub-committee and the consultant:

By: Hannah Arias  
First by: Megan Sault  
Seconded by: Sam Hooper  
Motion passed: yes, unanimously.

### IV. Monitoring Board

- a. Access Boards compliance with Board Governance Policy 4.2  
Hannah Arias read the Board Job Description. All discussed. Sam Hooper suggested the Board go back to the policy chart. Anne Kaplan will forward the policy chart to Hannah Arias to review 4.2 and 4.3 for the next board meeting.

V. Policy decisions; District Governance

Discussion on the Ends, 1.3. Would like to mold into something else and possibly rename. Would like to see the Ends more specific to students. Not detailed enough. Not well defined. A lack of learning is based on lack of learning time. Changing the Master Schedule would allow more learning time. But too much detail in what needs to be done may make it difficult for the district to complete. What is a reasonable explanation of detail? After a rewrite there would have to be a discussion on how to implement it by the Administration. A motion was made for a Sub-committee to meet for the purpose of re-writing the Ends, Rachel Gaidys, Megan Sault, Hannah Arias and Heather Lawler -

By: Sarah Haupt  
Seconded: Chelsea Sprague  
Motion Passed: yes, unanimously.

When the rewrite of the Ends has been completed, the Board will send out to the Community.

VI. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes from the OSSD Regular Board meeting on 6/21/2023 (enclose with agenda)
- b. Approve Minutes from the OSSD Special Board meeting on 7/5/2023 (enclosed with agenda)
- c. List of Professional Contracts for 2023-2024 issued since the last Board Meeting.
- d. Approval of Facilities and Transportation Reserve funds requests (forms enclosed with agenda)  
There were a few questions regarding the costs of some of the Facility Request. Layne Millington explained that with an ageing facility we are going to have increasing repair and replacement costs. Rachael Gaidys asked if there had been a new campus study done. Layne Millington said he was looking into hiring a company to do the study.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda

By: Chelsea Sprague  
Seconded: Anne Kaplan  
Motion passed: yes, unanimously.

VII. Closing

- a. Superintendent's Report (enclosed with Agenda)  
No questions or discussion
- b. Student Handbooks to Review  
Discussion on some of the changes in the Student Handbooks. Change is hard. May hear some feedback from parents.

c. RUHS & RTCC Graduation Requirements.  
No discussion.

d. Financials.  
No discussion.

e. Action Items Recap

Sub Committee for the evaluation of the Superintendent.  
Sub Committee for the rewriting of the Ends.  
4.1 & 4.2 Policy Review  
Heather Lawler, Project of a Graduate

VIII. Executive Session:

At 8:58 pm, A motion was made by Rachael Gaidys & seconded by Sarah Haupt to enter Executive Session to discuss the Garrow Property with the superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. Motion passed.

At 8:59 pm The board exited to the Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Smith, Board Clerk

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Agenda Planning Meeting: September 25, 2023, 6 pm.

Regular Meeting: September October 11, 2023, RES, 6 pm