

# ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2023 @ 6 P.M.  
RANDOL UNION HIGH SCHOOL

## MINUTES

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Layne Millington & Heather Lawler

GUESTS: ORCA Media Video Taping, Robert Worley, Wes Gibbs, Jamie Salls & son, Bethany Silloway.

### I. Opening

The meeting was called to order by Hannah Arias at 6:02 PM.

Board Attendance: Ensuring a Quorum, YES.

Meeting Purpose: Self-Monitoring, Review of Sub-Committee's Progress, amongst other things

### II. Board Education and Ownership Linkage

- a. Public comment (4.2.1) (Recognize e-communications to the Board) No one online.  
Hannah Arias read a statement regarding public comments at board meetings and then opened the meeting for public comments.

Bethany Silloway - Asked the Board to put on the October Board agenda the changing of the Randolph Elementary School Mascot. She thinks that the school is spending too much time on this subject, and it is taking away from more important issues.

Howard Garrow - Very unhappy with the roadway repair. His sod has been damaged, the elevation has been raised, the stop sign is not working, traffic needs to be slowed down, damage to his apple trees. Would like to have a construction meeting with Mr. Millington. Mr. Garrow will contact him.

The Board had no comment at this time.

#### b. Consider Student Request

Jamie Salls requested that her son be allowed to continue his junior year at RTCC as an OSSD guest student after the family moves to Williamstown in December. The family would apply for school choice in March for the 2024-2025 school year.

Katja Evans moved to go into an Executive session to discuss request.  
Seconded by Sarah Haupt. Passed unanimously.

Layne Millington, Heather Lawler and Sue Smith were invited into the Executive session.  
Jamie Salls and son left the meeting.

Chelsea Sprague made the motion to have the student have guest status for the 2023-2024 school year. Seconded by Sam Hooper. Passed unanimously.

III. Monitoring: Organization

a. Second Reading/Accept EL 2.0, 2.8. 2.9 Reports

2.0, Anne Kaplan said the wording in the first paragraph needs to be updated Layne Millington said he would fix it.

2.8 is OK.

2.9 is OK.

Hannah Arias made the motion to approve all, along with edits to 2.0. Seconded by Chelsea Sprague. Passed unanimously.

b. Quarterly Facilities Monitoring Report

Hannah Arias asked for general questions from the Board addressed to Robert Worley & Wes Gibbs, Co-Facility Directors on the Facilities Report.

Robert Worley & Wes Gibbs answered questions from the Board.

Robert Worley discussed the issue of an older facility and the repairs that have been done in the last year. And in the process of repairing those issues they end up finding more issues that need to be repaired.

Robert Worley thanked the Board for always approving the Facility Requests. He also said that they would never request any repairs that did not absolutely need to be done.

IV. Monitoring Board

a. Access Boards compliance with Board Governance Policy 4.2 & 4.3

4.2 - Sarah Haupt said that the Board was being proactive with the Superintendents Evaluation and the Letter to the Community. Maybe write another letter in the spring. Maybe posting warnings on another platform as well as continuing posting in the paper and on the website.

Anne Kaplan said that there were Parent Advisory Boards in each school. Maybe we need to get our message out to them. Provide them with the resources to bring issues (good and bad) to the Boards.

4.3 - Maybe the Board could promote the Board during Community events.

b. Subcommittee Verbal Reports

Superintendent Evaluation - Chelsea Sprague reports that only 25% had responded to the survey. Would like to see 60% before the survey closes at noon on Friday, September 15, 2023.

Ends Report - Trying to begin being more descriptive. More detailed and overview knowledge of the work that is going on.

Annual Report - Items are being added to it. Involving Administration to the Board meetings. Possibly some Board member training/webinars on some months. Maybe a Student representative.

V. Advocacy

a. Determine VEHI/VSBIT/VSBA Proxy

The annual meeting is on October 26 + 27, 2023. Layne Millington, Heather Lawler and Hannah Arias will be attending.

A motion was made by Katja Evans to make Hannah Arias the Boards Proxy. Seconded by Rachel Gaidys and Sarah Haupt. Passes unanimously.

VI. Consent Agenda

a. Approve Minutes from the OSSD Regular Board meeting on 8/10/2023 6 pm (enclose with agenda)

Request for date correction, 8/10/2023 changed to 8/9/2023. Request for removal of Katja Evans name from 8/9/2023 minutes, she did not attend that meeting.

b. Approve Minutes from the OSSD Special Board meeting on 8/23/2023 2 pm (enclosed with agenda)

c. Approve minutes from special board meeting on 8/23/2023 6 pm (enclosed with agenda)

d. Approve Facilities Reserve Funds Requests (form enclosed).

Layne Millington explained the reason for the request.

e. List of Professional Contracts for 2023-2024 issued since the last Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Hannah Arias to except the Consent Agenda with edits. Seconded by Katja Evans and Chelsea Sprague. Passed unanimously.

VII. Closing

- a. Superintendent's Report (enclosed with Agenda)

No discussion

- b. Principals & Director Reports

No discussion

- c. Action Items Recap

No discussion

- d. Financials (handout)

A small discussion

VII. Executive Session:

At 8:35 pm, A motion was made by Sarah Haupt and Seconded by Chelsea Sprague to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and a Legal Issue. Motion passed unanimously. Layne Millington and Heather Lawler were invited to the Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Smith, Board Clerk

Next Scheduled Meeting:

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

Regular Meeting: September October 11, 2023, Randolph Elementary School, 6 pm.