

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Minutes**

**WEDNESDAY, July 16, 2025
6 PM at OSSD Central Office
24 Central St., Randolph, VT**

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AGENDA

I. Opening

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Anne Kaplan at 6:01 pm

- Board Attendance: *Ensuring a quorum* – Anne Kaplan, Martha Hafner, Ryan Anderson attended in person, while Rachel Gaidys, Rachel Fish, Aimil Parmelee and Sam Hooper attended remotely. Administration present: Michael Clark, Kyle Southworth. Interviewees Ron Wold, Nathan Wright and Beverly Lauchner.
- Meeting Purpose: *School Board Candidate Interviews*
- Public Comment for items not listed on agenda: *Board welcomes comment but is not able to take any action. Comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker. No public present, no comments.*

II. Board Process

- Candidate Interviews
- Ron Wold discussed the challenges and opportunities facing education as well as his view of what the Board's responsibilities are.
- Nathan Wright talked about the importance of setting expectations and concerns that trade skills are being lost.
- Beverly Lauchner spoke about the importance of communication and possible loss of local control and those consequences.

III. Executive Session

VOTE: Ryan Anderson moves to go to executive session pursuant to Title 1 Section 313 F(3) "the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided that the public body shall make a final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or an employee in an open meeting and shall explain the

reasons for its final decision during the open meeting.” Michael Clark is invited to session with the Board. Aimil Parmelee seconds, the motion passes unanimously.

The Board exited executive session at 7:41 pm

VOTE: Ryan Anderson moves to appoint Michael Clark as the representative of the OSSD Board to meet with the Randolph Select Board for consultation regarding three potential candidates. He is to report back to the Board before the Board makes a final decision on the appointment of a replacement for the open Randolph board seat. Aimil Parmelee seconds, the motion passes unanimously.

IV. Closing/Incidental Information

- Action Item Recap (*discussion*)

V. Adjournment –

With no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Future Meetings:

Regular Board Meeting, Wed., Aug 13, 6 p.m. at RES

Paine Mtn. Regular Board Meeting, 6 pm Aug 20. Location TBD

Respectfully submitted:

Kyle M Southworth

Administrative Assistant, 7/17/25