

ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Administration Building
451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, New Jersey 07050**

April 29, 2025

Roll Call
5:30 p.m.

Orange Board of Education – Administrative Building: Board Conference Room
451 Lincoln Avenue

In conformance with the **Board of Education Policy 0162 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 Essex News Daily and 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. Public comments are limited to one (1) per attendee for a maximum duration of three (3) minutes. Please be advised, this meeting is being recorded and live streamed via the internet. The Board of Education thanks you for your cooperation.

FLAG SALUTE

PRESENTATIONS

2025 - 2026 District Budget Presentation
Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D., Superintendent's Report
Jason E. Ballard, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Dwayne Ortiz, Assistant School Business Administrator/Asst. Board Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

D. Resolutions

- D1. Resolution to Approve the Orange Public Schools District's Budget for the 2025 – 2026 School Year.

District Meetings

Next scheduled Meeting are as follows:

Public

- Public Relations Committee Virtual Meeting - Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 4:00 pm
- Orange Board Education Public Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 7:30p.m., held at the Orange Board of Education – Administrative Building, 451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, NJ, 07050. Will Recess until 6:45pm, but no later than 7:30pm

Closed (Virtual)

- Curriculum Committee Virtual Meeting Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 3:30pm
- Facilities Committee Virtual Meeting - Monday, May 5, 2025, at 4:00pm
- Special Education Committee Virtual Meeting - Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 3:30pm
- Policy Committee Virtual Meeting - Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 4:00pm
- Finance Committee Virtual Meeting – Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 5:30pm
- Human Resource Committee Virtual Meeting - Monday, May 12, 2025, at 3:30pm

BOARD COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES

ADJOURNMENT

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Administrative Office

451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, New Jersey 07050

April 29, 2025

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education Public School District received its State Aid notification on February 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the District has prepared a budget for FY 2025-2026 totaling \$166,264,632; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2025-2026 budget includes a \$388,225 debt service and \$13,023,999 tax levy, which has remained flat from the FY 2024-2025. State Aids increased by \$7,157,072; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-3, NJSA 18A:7G-31 and NJSA 18A: 7F-41 permits a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorized procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpected appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by Board resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into a Capital Reserve account at the yearend; and

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education has determined that an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into a Maintenance Reserve account at the yearend; and

WHEREAS, the Orange Board of Education has determined that an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Orange Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's Business Administrator/Board Secretary to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

WHEREAS, the Tentative FY 2025-2026 budget includes \$240,451 for travel expenses and \$4,325,785 for professional development which shall be set, at this time, as the maximum allowed expenditures for these categories. The only change to the maximum tolerance set shall be as the result of any additional special revenue grants received that include travel and professional development as an approved activity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education authorizes an annual maximum amount of \$1,500 per employee for business travel only for which district Board of Education approval is not required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Orange Board of Education, accepts and approves the Orange Public Schools FY 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$166,264,632.

ROLL CALL CHECKLIST		
	YEA	NAY
David Armstrong		
Samantha Crockett		
Sueann Gravesande		
Siaka Sherif		
Tyrone Tarver		
India Wiliams		
Jeffrey Wingfield		
Dr. Fatimah Turner School Board Vice President		
Shawneque Johnson School Board President		