

## BOARD MINUTES

To be approved at the next OSSD (Unified) Meeting on 3/16/2023

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**SCHOOL BOARD:** Orange Southwest School District (Unified)  
**MEETING DATE:** Budget Informational Meeting on 3/1/2023  
**MEETING PLACE:** Randolph Union High School Auditorium & Remote

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Katja Evans, Anne Kaplan & Sam Hooper

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Layne Millington

**GUESTS:** Sarah Crosby, Julie Maccarone & ORCA Media Video Taping

The meeting was called to order by Layne Millington at 6:05 p.m.

- I. Budget presentation by PowerPoint by Layne Millington. Layne reminded folks of the OSSD Annual Meeting on Monday, March 6 and the Budget Vote on Tuesday, March 7. Layne explained that the school district is actually asking for about one million less than last year from our tax payers. He reviewed the total budget and the breakdown of increases. He showed what was controlled by OSSD and what is out of our control which is the CLA. Due to the increase in property values, the CLA has changed significantly. Layne showed a comparison of the school district impact and the CLA impact on tax rates. He also showed what to expect for taxes in the 3 towns due to the change in property values. He reminded folks of the Homestead Declaration form for tax credit. Braintree and Randolph would see an increase. Brookfield would see a decrease due to their property being reassessed recently. Layne explained surplus and reserve funds and that the school board has oversight of the reserve funds. The plan is to subsidize taxes for the next 3 years with most of the surplus and the remainder will be added to the Facilities Maintenance, Legal, and Special Education Reserve Funds. He showed the current amounts in the reserve funds, the proposed amounts to be added to them, and the rationale for these amounts. Layne reminded all that the OSSD Annual Report is available at our schools, town offices, on our website, and it will be emailed out.
- II. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lubold  
OSSD Board Clerk