

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649**

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING
Oradell Public School Library/Media Center
APRIL 13, 2011
MINUTES**

- I. The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:30 P.M. President Watson-Nichols.
- II. The **FLAG SALUTE** was led by Mr. Ferrante.
- III. The **SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT** was read by President Watson-Nichols.

All requirements of the Open Public Business Meetings Law have been met for this meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of Oradell. Notice of this meeting was filed with The Record and Town News and all persons requesting such notice.

- IV. The **MISSION STATEMENT** was read by Dr. Westlake.

The Oradell Public School District, a safe and nurturing learning community dedicated to the ongoing pursuit of educational excellence, inspires life-long learning in its children through comprehensive, innovative curriculum and instruction. The District fully supports and expects the attainment of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards on the part of all students within a school environment designed to maximize student potential, develop responsible citizens, and promote respect for the uniqueness of all individuals.

Adopted by the Oradell Board of Education August 27, 2008

V. ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Derian, Mr. Ferrante, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Watson-Nichols
Absent: Mrs. Walker

Also present were Dr. Maria Nuccetelli, Interim Superintendent, Ms. Rita Cioppi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately 20 members of the public.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dr. Nuccetelli discussed the following:

- 2011-2012 Budget – The administration has presented the budget to the OPS PTA on April 5 and thanked them for their support. April 19, we will be visiting the Oradell Seniors for a presentation and we also continue to acquaint the community. In addition, we taped a program on our budget for “Inside the Dell” which is the TV station for the River Dell Regional High School which will be continually aired for the next few weeks.

- Community Planning Initiative – Early May we will be contacting our committee members to have discussions on formulating action plans for the four goal areas.
- Shared Services – The administration continues to explore shared services especially in the area of solar energy. There are a number of schools in Bergen County that have been meeting with us and our architect to discuss the possibility of forming a consortium.
- New Literacy Series – Our tri-district committee has selected a reading series for implementation for grades K-5 in the 2011-2012 school year. The Board will have a presentation on this series at their May 24th meeting. The series will be utilized by both Oradell and River Edge Schools.
- Schaeffer Explorations – The information for this program has been posted on the website. Parents are encouraged to review this information and register their children for the session they want. Registration is open until May 20th.
- Spring Recess – school will be closed from April 18-22, reopening on Monday, April 25.
- Reorganization Meeting – will be held Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 7:30 pm in the IMC.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

President Watson-Nichols asked how Odyssey of the Mind turned out. Mrs. Traci Killeen (teacher) said “they are doing well but did not make the Nationals this year.” Dr. Nuccetelli said she would ask the students to come to the May 4th meeting.

VII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

VIII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES –

- March 17, 2011 Regular Meeting
- March 23, 2011 Closed, Public Budget Hearing, Regular Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *On a motion by Mr. Ferrante seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried by roll call vote, the Board approved the following minutes:*

- February 16, 2011 Regular Session ,Closed Session (Mrs. Norian abstained)
- March 2, 2011 Special Meeting (Mr. Samuel and Mrs. Norian abstained)

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

- TRI-DISTRICT/SHARED SERVICES - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson stated a meeting is scheduled on 4/14/11 at Cherry Hill School.
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Derian, Chairperson commented that at the last Buildings & Grounds committee meeting solar panels were discussed.

On a motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried by roll call vote 8-0-1 (Mrs. Walker absent) the board approved B1.

1. Use of School Facilities – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the following request for use of school facilities for the 2010-2011 School Year:

Organization	Event	Area of Building	Date(s)	Time
Borough of Oradell	Forum to discuss upcoming referendum ballot question	Auditorium	April 14, 2011	7 PM-10 PM
Oradell Rec./ RiverDell Jr. Cheerleading	Annual Apparel Sale	MPRD	June 6, 2011	4-8 PM
Oradell Recreation	2011 Summer Recreation Program	Gym	June 27 – Aug.1 (no program on 7/4/11)	9AM-3 PM
		MPRs	Aug. 1-Aug. 5, 2011	9AM-3 PM
YWCA	Aftercare Program	GYM	April 14, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2011	3-6 PM

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson read the summary of the last committee meeting. Mr. Samuel asked if the board would have a chance to look at the new literary series. Mrs. Robertson said it is given by the Tri District. Dr. Nuccetelli said that a presentation would be given to the board at the May 24th meeting. President Watson-Nichols commented that Toni Capodonna was very thorough and very good at the curriculum meeting.

A motion by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Ferrante and carried by roll call vote 8-0-1 (Mrs. Walker absent) the board approved C1.

1. Approval of School Field Trips for 2010/2011 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the following school field trips:

Grade/Trip	Location	Date	Cost
5 th Grade-A day in the life of a Continental Soldier	Memorial Field Oradell, NJ	6/7/11 Rain date: 6/9/11	-0-
Kindergarten	Farmstead Estate Ringwood, NJ	5/18/11	\$1,839.00

D. FINANCE/TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Samuel, Chairperson thanked the PTA for their donation.

A motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried by roll call vote 8-0-1 (Mrs. Walker absent) the board approved D1, D2.

1. Payment of April 2011 Bills/Invoices – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills during the month of April 2011 with retroactive approval at the next scheduled Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education.
2. Acceptance of PTA Mini Grant Award Monies 2010/2011 school year- It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board accepts with deep appreciation, mini-grant award monies in the following amounts from the Oradell Parent-Teacher Association in support of the following programs:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Mini Grant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Grade 5	Joseph J. Ryan	\$ 900.00
Grade 4	Lenape Indian Program	\$ 465.00
Grade 6	Camp Bernie Team Building	\$1,500.00

E. PERSONNEL /NEGOTIATIONS– Mr. Walsh, Chairperson
A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried by roll call vote (Mrs. Walker absent) the board approved E1, E2, E3 (Mrs. Robertson voted no), E4, E5 (Mr. Walsh abstained), E6, E7, E8, E9.

1. Approval of Job Description – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the board approves the following job description (attached):

Literacy Coach
2. Rescind Unpaid Personal Leave of Absence – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board rescinds the unpaid personal leave of absence for Ms. Jennifer Powers on June 16 & 17, 2011 (previously approved February 16, 2011).
3. Approval of Unpaid Personal Leave of Absence – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the unpaid personal leave of absence (with medical benefits) for Helene Albrecht from April 11-15, 2011 as per sidebar agreement with the OEA.
4. Approval of Medical Leave of Absence – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the medical leave of absence for Diane Malwitz, from April 5-8, 2011, (3.5 days) with pay (minus sub pay) and medical benefits.
5. Conferences/Workshops 2010/2011 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent that the Board approves the below listed staff members/board members to attend the following conference/workshop (and related expenses) as outlined in the A5 School District Accountability Act:

Name: Tom Santagato

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: HIB Prevention, Intervention, Laws & Strategies

Date: June 1, 2011
Location: Paramus, NJ
Registration Fee: None
Mileage and Tolls: \$2.99

Name: Tom Santagato
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Effective Interventions for Behavioral and Social challenges
Date: April 29, 2011
Location: Livingston NJ
Registration Fee: \$120.00
Mileage and Tolls: \$22.00

Name: Susan Confrancisco
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: HIB Prevention, Intervention, Laws & Strategies
Date: June 1, 2011
Location: Paramus, NJ
Registration Fee: None
Mileage and Tolls: \$2.99

Name: Barbara Barbagallo
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJASBO Central Office Secretaries
Date: May 10, 2011
Location: Rockaway, NJ
Registration Fee: \$75.00
Mileage and Tolls: \$25.00

Name: Linda Gonzalez
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: ESL Curriculum Development Process
Date: May 2, 2011
Location: Hamilton, NJ
Registration Fee: None
Mileage:

Name: John Walsh
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJSBA Delegates Assembly
Date: May 14, 2011
Location: Trenton, NJ
Registration Fee: None
Mileage/Tolls: \$56.33

6. Appointment of Substitute Custodians – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves the appointment the following substitute custodians at a rate of \$15 per hour:

Stephen Carpenter (pending receipt of Criminal History Review)
Theodore VanPoznak

7. Approval of 2011 Part-Time Summer Custodians – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the following 2011 part-time summer custodians at an hourly rate of \$ 9.50:

Nicholas Moltzen
Joseph Ragusa
Ian Gallagher
Samuel McLean
Stephen Carpenter(pending receipt of Criminal History Review)

8. Approval of Substitute Teachers for the 2010/11 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2010/11 school year, at a per diem rate of \$80.00 which increases to \$85.00 per day after the 10th day of service during the 2010/11 school year:

Dave Garey

9. Approval to Continue Suspension – It is hereby moved that the Board approves to continue the suspension with pay for Employee 4376 based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

F. POLICY – Mr. Ferrante, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Ferrante seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried by roll call vote, the board approved Policy # 3320- Purchasing Procedures. The board tabled #5131 and 5131.1.

1. Second Reading -Adoption of Policies - It is hereby moved that the Board approves and adopts the following policies:

3320	Purchasing Procedures (revised)
5131	Conduct/Discipline
5131.1	Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS/KEY COMMUNICATORS – Mrs. Norian Chairperson distributed a copy of the Oradell School Times newsletter which included the budget. The Oradell School Times will be posted on the district web site and she also asked if a hard copy could be distributed as well. Dr. Nuccetelli thanked Mrs. Corinne Lynch for a terrific job with making the newsletter look great.

Mrs. Norian stated that a committee meeting will be held after the election to discuss community planning.

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate commented that he was a judge at the state tournament for the Odyssey of the Mind competition on April 9th.

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Terry McGill, OPS Teacher, said there was a lot on the radio about the NJEA. He mentioned that the OEA does a lot for the community, such as: helping families in need, helping the Little League, OK Kids booster, preparing packets for homework, supplying water bottles, etc. We are a part of our community.

Mr. Pete Kasturas, OPS Teacher – referred to resolution #2 under Finance. He submitted the proposal for one of the class trips, accepted the funds from the PTA and spoke to the children, and was waiting for a response. Dr. Nuccetelli said she did not receive the paperwork to approve. She asked Mr. Kasturas to follow up with his Administrator.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Samuel felt that more work was needed on the Community Planning Report.

Mr. Samuel asked for more detail in regard to the Tri-District budget amounts and also wanted to see the Inter-local Tri-District Agreement prior to the next board meeting.

Mrs. Robertson asked for an updated timeline on the Security System project. She also asked about the status of repairing the draining issue with the school ball field. Dr. Nuccetelli said she would get the information for them.

President Watson-Nichols asked if the board minutes were being put on the school website. Ms. Cioppi responded “yes”, we started with January 2011.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the district budget newsletter.

A motion made by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mrs. Norian and carried by roll call vote 7-1-1 (Mr. Walsh voted no, Mrs. Walker absent) the board approved to print and mail the district budget newsletter at a cost not to exceed \$1,600.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – Not at this time.

XIV. *A motion by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mrs. Norian the board meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Cioppi
Business Administrator/Board Secretary