

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
Oradell Public School Auditorium
December 13, 2023**

MINUTES

I. *The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mrs. Watson-Nichols.*

II. *The flag salute was led by Mr. Griffin.*

III. *The Sunshine Law Statement was read by Mrs. Watson-Nichols.*

All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act 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 Mr. Derian.*

The Oradell Public School District is dedicated to the ongoing pursuit of educational excellence through comprehensive innovative curriculum and instruction. The District is committed to providing opportunities for social, emotional, and academic discovery to foster curiosity, courage, and character. Our goal is to prepare our students to become life-long learners who are self-directed, resilient, productive responsible citizens.

Adopted by the Oradell Board of Education March 27, 2019

V. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, Mrs. Downey, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Derian, and Mrs. Watson-Nichols.

Mrs. Acosta, Mrs. Norian and Mr. Walsh were absent.

Also present were Ms. Bozios, Superintendent, Mr. Iappelli, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately 4 members of the public.

VI. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

No members of the public addressed the Board.

VII. **BOARD PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

Mrs. Watson-Nichols presented plaques to Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam and Mr. Griffin, and she thanked them for their contributions to the Oradell Board Education. Individual

members of the board took a moment to say thank you and recognize their valued service.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Ms. Bozios presented Another Look at the Data: Bergen County District Factor Group Comparison of NJSLA Data. During and after her presentation, she fielded numerous questions from the board.

Ms. Bozios thanked the PTA for a wonderful Winter Wonderland.

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Iappelli reported that the auditors will be on site tomorrow to begin the audit of 2022-2023 school year.

X. MINUTES

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mrs. Walker, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the Board approved the review of the meeting minutes from November 15, 2023, and the approval of the meeting minutes from October 18, 2023.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- November 15, 2023 Work/Business Section

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- October 18, 2023 Work/Business Section

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mrs. Walker, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the Board approved A1-A2.

- A1. Region V Membership for the 2024-2025 school year – BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oradell Board of Education will continue its membership in the Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education for the 2024-2025 school year; does hereby accept, adopt, and agree to comply with the Region V Bylaws; designates Ms. Megan Bozios, Superintendent, as its representative to Region V; and empowers her to cast all votes and take all other actions necessary to represent its interest in Region V.

A2. HIB Report for November 2023 – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education accepts HIB incident(s) as reported by the Superintendent to the Board of Education:

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B. BUILDING & GROUNDS/ SAFETY- Mr. Derian, Chairperson
A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Griffin, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the Board approved B1-B4.

Mrs. Walker and Mr. Derian shared that they felt honored that the Borough of Oradell would like to have their re-organization meeting in the OPS auditorium, a testament to the integrity of the renovation that was completed last year.

B1. Use of School Facilities- It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the following requests for use of school facilities for the **SY 2023-2024** in accordance with **Board Policy #1330**:

#	Organization	Event	Area of Building	Dates	Time	Custodian OT	Facility Charge
1	The Borough of Oradell	Re-Organization Meeting & Setup	Auditorium	Setup: 1/5/24 Meeting: 1/7/24	Fri: 4pm–5pm Sun: 10am-2pm	1.5 hrs. @ 78.41 = \$117.62	\$25/hr x 4 hours = \$100
2	Traci Schaum	Robotics Club	Auditorium C & D	11/16/23 – 6/6/24	Thursdays 3:15-4:15	N/A	N/A
3	Traci Schaum	Odyssey of the Mind	Room 016 & MPR C,D	10/1/23 – 2/17/24	Weekdays Classroom: 3pm – 10pm Saturday Classroom 11am-3pm Tournaments various weekends 8am-4pm	N/A	N/A
4	OPS PTA	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	MPR A	5/7/2024	11:00am – 1:30	N/A	N/A

5	OPS PTA	Holiday Boutique	MPR D	12/4/23 – 12/7/23	8:30am – 3:00pm	N/A	N/A
6	OPS Class of '24	Spring Fling 2024	Parking Lot	June 6 th & 7 th , 2024	Thurs. 12pm-6pm; Fri. 12pm-11pm	N/A	N/A
7	OPS PTA	Winter Plant Sale	Front Lawn	12/1/2023	2:45pm – 4pm	N/A	N/A
8	Junior Women's Club of River Edge	Spelling Bee	Auditorium	1/14/2024 Snow Date: 1/21/2024	11am-4pm	5 hrs. @ \$78.41 = \$392.05	N/A

- B2. Approval of School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance for Sy 2023-2024** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the 2023-2024 School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance for submission to the County Office of Education.
- B3. Approve State Submission-** It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Oradell Board of Education approves the submission of the **Replacement of Rooftop Exhaust Fans** at Oradell Public School by LAN Associates to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education. The Board will not be seeking an SDA Grant for this project as part of the submission. This project was included in the 2020 Long-Range Facilities Plan list of projects to be completed, and therefore the Long -Range Facilities Plan does not need to be revised.
- B4. Approve State Submission-** It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Oradell Board of Education approves the submission of the **Oradell Public School Partial Roof Replacement** by LAN Associates to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education. The Board will not be seeking an SDA Grant for this project as part of the submission. This project was not included in the 2021 Long Range Facilities Plan list of projects to be completed, and therefore, the Board of Education authorizes submission of an LRFP amendment request to include this project.

C. CURRICULUM- Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, Chairperson

A motion by Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, seconded by Mr. Griffin, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the Board approved C1.

C1. Approval of Field Trips – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following field trip(s) for **SY 2023-2024**:

#	Destination	Grade	Date	Cost to District	Cost to Parents
1	Hiram-Blauvelt Art Museum Oradell, NJ	2-6	February 2024	Teacher Stipend: \$45 per hour x 1 hour = \$45	\$0
2	The Bronx Zoo Bronx, NY	4	April 2024	\$0	\$38 per student
3	Turtle Back Zoo West Orange, NJ	K	May 2024	\$0	\$18 per student

D. FINANCE/ TECHNOLOGY- Mr. Griffin, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Walker, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the Board approved D1-D5.

D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for November 30, 2023– It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board retroactively approves the disbursements on the Payroll Hand Check Register for November 30, 2023 in the amount of **\$412,443.19**.

D2. Check Journal for December 13, 2023 - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the December 13, 2023 Check Journal in the amount of \$388,652.56 check numbers 001758-001760 and 024371 - 024441 and \$622,561.78 check numbers 990201-990210.

D3. Approval of the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the Report of the Board Secretary, A148, and the Treasurer, A149, as of **November 30, 2023**.

D4. Transfer of Funds – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Monthly Transfers Report as of **November 30, 2023**, in accordance with Title 18A:22-8.1 and furthermore, designates the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to make budget transfers between line items, and to make additional transfers as necessary between monthly meetings of the Board.

D5. Monthly Budgetary Line Item Certification – RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary for the Oradell Board of Education certifies that pursuant to N.J.A.C 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3 as of **November 30, 2023**, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C 6A:23A-16.10 (a); and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oradell Board of Education certifies that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 4 that after review of the Board Secretary’s Report (A148) and Treasurer’s Report (A149) and the advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that any major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C 6A:23A-16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

E. NJSBA/ BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT- Mr. Walsh, Delegate (absent)
Nothing to report at this time.

F. PERSONNEL- Mrs. Walker, Chairperson
A motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mr. Derian, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the Board approved F1.

F1. It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts and approves the Personnel Committee Report dated **December 13, 2023**.

G. POLICY- Mrs. Norian, Chairperson (absent)
A motion by Mrs. Downey, seconded by Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the Board approved G1.

G1. It is hereby moved that the Board approves the following policies:

Policy Number	Description
1250	Visitors (Policy)
1250R	Visitors (Regulation)
2224.1	Title IX – Sex-Based Discrimination (Policy)
2224.1R	Title IX – Sex-Based Discrimination (Regulation)
2224.1	Title IX – Sex-Based Discrimination (Form)
5141.21	Administering Medication (Policy)
5141.21R	Administering Medication (Regulation)
6171.2	Gifted and Talented (Policy)

H. PUBLIC RELATIONS- Mrs. Acosta, Chairperson (absent)
The Board discussed the draft survey that was sent to them.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. K. Thorne voiced concerns about the building's safety and security.

Ms. M. Tankard voiced her concerns about her child's safety and access to mental health counselors.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report at this time.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report at this time.

XV. CLOSED SESSION-

A motion by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the Board entered Closed Session at 9:30 p.m. for personnel, legal, and student matters.

WHEREAS, a matter to be considered by the Board of Education deals with personnel, negotiations and/or possible litigation, and

WHEREAS, public disclosure of this matter may be prejudicial to the public good,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this matter be considered in a meeting closed to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minutes of this meeting be sealed until the matter is resolved.

(No public action was taken after the Closed Session concluded.)

A motion by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Derian, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0, the Board exited closed session at 11:35 p.m. Mrs. Walker had left the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Peter Iappelli, BA/BS