

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SECTION MEETING
ORADELL PUBLIC SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

MINUTES

I. *The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Nichols, Board President.*

II. *The flag salute was led by Mrs. Acosta.*

III. *The Sunshine Law Statement was read by Mrs. 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. Acosta, Mrs. Downey, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Derian, and Mrs. Nichols.

Mrs. Walker arrived at 7:35 p.m., Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam was absent.

Also present, Ms. Bozios, Superintendent, and Mr. Iappelli, Business Administrator, and approximately 3 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**

Suggested the Board act on the Climate and Culture Survey

At this time, James Albro, Superintendent, River Dell Regional School District, introduced himself, and invited the Board to attend the referendum presentation on October 2nd.

VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Ms. Bozios, with the assistance of Ms. Amy Brancato, Director of Curriculum, presented the NJSLA Results: Spring 2023

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Iappelli reported on closing out the 2022-2023 school year.

X. MINUTES

A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Derian, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the Board approved the minutes of August 16, 2023, and the review of the minutes from September 6, 2023. Mr. Griffin and Mrs. Norian abstained.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 Work/Business Section

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 2023 Work/Business Section

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the Board approved A1-A3.

A1. Partnership with Fairleigh Dickinson University – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves a partnership with Fairleigh Dickinson University allowing graduate students in the field of psychology to work collaboratively with the Child Study Team and to take part in a variety of tasks including evaluations, observations and counseling. All activities will be conducted only after gaining written parental consent.

A2. Approval and Acceptance of Week of Respect – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves and accepts October 2-6, 2023 as “Week of Respect” and supports the school activities implemented during this week.

A3. Approval of Submission of Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the biannual submission of Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff to the county office.

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Derian, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0,

the board approved B1.

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	Date	Time	Custodial OT	Facility Charge
1	OPS	ELL Department Back to School Night	Library	10/3/2023	6:30-7:10 PM	N/A	N/A
2	OPS	Family Science	MPR C	9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19	3:30 – 5:00 PM Setup, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Instruction	N/A	N/A
3	OPS Student Government	Childhood Cancer Awareness Fundraiser	Outside of School – Bucket Drive	9/28/2023	8:10 AM – 8:30 AM	N/A	N/A
4	Borough of Oradell	Family Day	Front Lawn – Temporary Stage Placement	9/23/2023	1:00 – 5:00 PM	N/A	\$15 per day
5	OPS Odyssey of the Mind	Odyssey Experience Camp Program	MPR A-D	10/9/2023	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	N/A	N/A
6	OPS	Family Math	MPR C	9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/25	3:00 – 8:00 PM	N/A	N/A

C. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, Chairperson

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the board approved C1.

C1. Approval of Field Trip(s) – 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	Sharpe Reservation, Fishkill, NY	5	November 2023	Teacher Stipends: \$120 per night x 30 nights = \$4,500. \$6,908.49 Transportation	\$260 per student

D. FINANCE/TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Griffin, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the Board approved D1-D5.

- D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for SEPTEMBER 15, 2023** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board retroactively approves the disbursements on the Payroll Hand Check Register for September 15, 2023 in the amount of \$399,063.83.
- D2. Check Journal September 14-20, 2023** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the **September 20, 2023 Check Journals in the amount of \$474,527.74 check numbers 024135-024201 and \$211,123.38 check numbers 990190-990193.**

- D3. Appointment of Temporary Purchasing Agent -**
RESOLVED, the Oradell Board of Education approves the following resolution, effective July 1, 2023:

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 provides that a Board of Education shall assign the authority, responsibility, and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Board of Education to a person or persons who shall have the power to prepare advertisements, to advertise for and receive bids, and to award contracts as permitted by this chapter; and

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A-18A-3 provides that contracts, awarded by the purchasing agent that do not exceed in the aggregate in a contract year the bid threshold (currently \$44,000), may be awarded by the purchasing agent without advertising for bids when so authorized by Board Resolution; and

Whereas, LFN 2012-9, 2012-17 and 2014-17 provides that if the office of the purchasing agent (who holds a QPA certification) becomes vacant, a local contracting unit may appoint a person who does not hold a QPA certification as a

Temporary Purchasing Agent for one year from the date of the vacancy, and, with the permission of the Director, New Jersey Division of Local Government Service, for a second one-year appointment. During the term of the appointment of a Temporary Purchasing Agent, a contracting unit's bid threshold may remain at the maximum amount allowed.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Oradell Board of Education, pursuant to the statutes and local finance notices cited above, hereby appoints Peter Iappelli, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as its duly authorized Qualified Purchasing Agent and is duly assigned the authority, responsibility, and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Oradell Public School; and

Be it further resolved, Peter Iappelli is hereby authorized to award contracts on behalf of the Oradell Board of Education that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the Bid Threshold (currently \$6,600) without soliciting competitive quotations; and Be it further resolved, Peter Iappelli is hereby authorized to seek competitive quotations, when applicable and practicable, when contracts in the aggregate exceed 15% of the bid threshold (currently (\$6,600) but less than the bid threshold of \$44,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oradell Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.4 and LFN 2012-9, 2012-17 and 2014-17, establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$44,000 for the Oradell Board of Education, and further authorizes Peter Iappelli, the Temporary Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a) and LFN 2012-9, 2012-17 and 2014-17, for those purchases that do not exceed the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

- D4. Submission of Grant** - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the submission of the application for a New Jersey Learning Acceleration Program: High-Impact Tutoring Grant to a maximum amount of \$38,000.
- D5. Anonymous Donation of iPads** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts the donation of (12) iPads 9th Generation for use in classrooms (approximate value of the donation is \$3,000).
- E. PERSONNEL** – Mrs. Walker, Chairperson
A motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the Board approved E1.
- E1.** It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Personnel Committee Report dated September 20, 2023.

- F. **NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT** – Mr. Walsh, Delegate
Nothing to report at this time.
- G. **POLICY** – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson
Mrs. Norian discussed the recent policy committee meeting.
- H. **PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Mrs. Acosta, Chairperson
Nothing to report at this time.
Ms. Nichols suggested a meeting to start the climate and culture survey

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
No members of the public addressed the Board.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS
Mr. Derian stated the agenda for NJSBA workshop has been posted.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS
Fund raisers for Odyssey of the Mind and childhood cancer awareness

XV. CLOSED SESSION
A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the Board entered closed session at 9:08 p.m. to discuss possible litigation.

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.)

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Peter Iappelli, BA/BS