

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649  
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING  
Oradell Public School Auditorium  
July 26, 2023**

**MINUTES**

**I.     *The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mrs. Nichols, Board President.***

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

**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, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Derian, and Mrs. Nichols.  
Absent: Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Griffin.*

*Also present: Ms. Bozios, Superintendent; Mr. Iappelli, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Ms. Athina Lekas Cornell, Board Attorney; and approximately 12 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. Nichols, as stated previously, researched and responded to a question that was asked at a prior meeting.*

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- Notification of the submission of the School Safety Data System report for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Update regarding happenings in the building over the summer.
- Shared information regarding the role of students in the hiring process of new staff over the summer.

**IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

*Mr. Iappelli spoke about fiscal year-end.*

- X.** *A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Norian, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the Board approved the review of the meeting minutes from 6/28/2023 and 7/12/2023 and approved the minutes from 6/14/2023.*

**REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES**

- June 28, 2023 Work/Business Session
- July 12, 2023 Board Retreat

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- June 14, 2023 Work/Business Session

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

**A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

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

**A1. 2023-2024 Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the 2023-2024 Virtual/Remote Instruction to be utilized during an extended district closure for a declared state of emergency, public health emergency, or a public health-related closure for the 2023-2024 school year.

**B. BUILDING & GROUNDS/ SAFETY-** Mr. Derian, Chairperson

*Mr. Derian elaborated on building items mentioned in Ms. Bozios’ report.*

**C. CURRICULUM-** Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, Chairperson

*Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam requested a meeting for the Curriculum committee.*

D. **FINANCE/ TECHNOLOGY**- Mr. Griffin, Chairperson

*A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the Board approved D1-D8.*

*Mrs. Norian asked for clarification on D6 and Ms. Bozios responded.*

- D1. **Hand Check Payroll Register for June 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 June 30, 2023 in the amount of **\$16,898.78**.
- D2. **Hand Check Payroll Register for July 15, 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 July 15, 2023 in the amount of **\$113,257.04**.
- D3. **Check Journal for July 2023** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements for the month of **July 2023 Check Journals in the amount of \$507,592.42 check numbers 001744 – 001746, 023959-024029 and \$211,212.21 (hand checks 990182-990185)**.
- D4. **Transfer of Funds** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Monthly Transfers Report as of **June 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 **June 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.
- D6. **Refusal to Submit Application for Federal Funds** -WHEREAS the federal government provides funding under Title III, Immigrant, of the Elementary and

Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Consolidated Formula Subgrant program to qualified districts; and

WHEREAS Oradell Public School District has been allocated the amount of \$2771 for the 2023-2024 school year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Oradell Public School District shall not participate in Title III, Immigrant funding for the 2023-2024 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notwithstanding the District's declining to submit an application for Title III, Immigrant funds this year, it shall not preclude the District from submitting an application for said monies in any subsequent year.

- D7. **Approval of Professional Consultants** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following consultants for neuropsychological exams and evaluations for the 2023-2024 SY:
- Dr. Debra Couturier-Fagan, Ph.D. ABSNP (NJ License #03924)
  - Dr. Lindsay Petouvis, Psy.D. ABPdN ABSNP (NJ License #05413)
  - Dr. Jennifer Gioia, Psy.D. ABSNP (NJ License #06056)
  - Dr. Erica Feldman Bases
  - Dr. Rebecca Yun
  - Dr. Steven J. Myers Ph.D.
- E. **NJSBA/ BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT**- Mr. Walsh, Delegate  
*Nothing to report at this time.*
- F. **PERSONNEL**- Mrs. Walker, Chairperson  
  
*A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, 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 **July 26, 2023**
- G. **POLICY**- Mrs. Norian Chairperson  
*Nothing to report at this time.*
- H. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**- Mrs. Acosta, Chairperson  
*Nothing to report at this time.*
- XI. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
*No members of the public addressed the Board.*

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

*Mr. Walsh thanked teachers and administrators for the wonderful turnout for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Mr. Walsh would like to write a letter to local businesses asking for candy donations for the parade.*

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report at this time.*

**XIV. CLOSED SESSION**

*A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the Board entered closed session at 7:48 p.m.*

**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.)*

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion by Mr., Derian, seconded by Mrs. Norian, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the board exited closed session and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Peter Iappelli, BA/BS*