

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649  
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING  
Oradell Public School Auditorium  
November 15, 2023**

**MINUTES**

***I. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mrs. Watson-Nichols.***

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

***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. Acosta, Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, Mrs. Downey, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Derian, and Mrs. Watson-Nichols.***

***Mr. Griffin was 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**

***Mr. Watson-Nichols polled the Board about the Borough of Oradell's Application for Safe Roads to Schools Grant.***

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

*Ms. Bozios reported on and discussed the following topics with the Board:*

*QSAC*

*STEAM Day*

*Grade 5 Sharpe Trip*

*Halloween*

**IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

*Nothing to report at this time.*

**X. MINUTES**

*A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Walker, and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, the Board approved the review of the meeting minutes from October 18, 2023 and the approval of the meeting minutes from October 4, 2023.*

**REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES**

- October 18, 2023 Work/Business Section

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- October 4, 2023 Work/Business Section

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

**A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

*A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mrs. Norian, and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, the Board approved A1-A4.*

A1. Approval of Bus Evacuation Drills - The Oradell Board of Education approves the completion of the following bus evacuation drills involving all students at Oradell Public School for the 2023-2024 school year drills:

Date	Time Frame	Grade Levels Involved	Location	Supervising Administrator(s)
10/11/23	12:15 - 2:00	Grade 1      Grade 2 Grade 5      Grade 6	Church Street Drop-Off Lane, Oradell Public School	Melissa Avgerinos Michael Hagopian
10/24/23	11:20 - 2:00	Grade K      Grade 3 Grade 4	Church Street Drop-Off Lane, Oradell Public School	Melissa Avgerinos Michael Hagopian

A2. Approval of QSAC DPR Self-Evaluation – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the submission of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum District Performance Review Self-Evaluation.

A3. Approval of District QSAC Review Committee - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following individuals to serve as the District QSAC Committee:

Megan Bozios
Amy Brancato
James Butcher
Peter Iappelli
Rosine Mazzo
Mary Katherine Norian
David Roth

A4. Readoption of BOE Policies – The Oradell Board of Education approves the readoption of all Board policies in the district’s electronic policy manual for the 2023-2024 school year.

**B. BUILDING & GROUNDS/ SAFETY- Mr. Derian, Chairperson, gave an update on the following B&G items:**

- Auditorium*
- Roofs*
- HVAC*
- Center Street*
- Building Security*
- Exterior Doors*

***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	Dates	Times	Custodian OT	Facility Charge
1	All the World's A Stage – REHEARSALS	Frozen Jr.	Auditorium	11/18, 12/2, 4, 6,8,9,11 13	4pm –8pm (weekdays) 11 am –3pm (Saturday) 3pm –7pm (weekday)	Weekdays & Saturdays \$58.81/hour	\$50/hour
2	All the World's A Stage – SHOWS	Frozen Jr.	Auditorium	12/5  12/16 (2 shows)  12/17	Friday 12/15: 5pm – 9pm  Saturday 12/16: 11am – 3pm & 6pm – 9pm  Sunday 12/17: 12pm – 4pm	Weekdays & Saturdays \$58.81/hour  Sundays \$78.44/hour	\$150/hour
3	Oradell Police Department	Training	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Hallways	11/27, 11/28, 11/30	4pm – 8pm	N/A	N/A

**C. CURRICULUM-** *Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, Chairperson, gave an update on the committee's discussion of ELA and the new State standards.*

**D. FINANCE/ TECHNOLOGY-** Mr. Griffin, Chairperson (absent)  
*Mr. Derian gave an update and introduced the resolutions.  
 A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the Board approved D1-D9.*

D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for **October 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 October 30, 2023 in the amount of **\$398,349.01**.

D2. Hand Check Payroll Register for **November 15, 2023**– It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that

the Board approves the disbursements on the Payroll Hand Check Register for November 15, 2023 in the amount of **\$408,070.85**.

- D3. Check Journal for **November 15, 2023** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the November 15, 2023 Check Register in the amount of **\$268,217.48** check numbers **024302-024370 and 001752-001757**.
- D4. 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 **October 31, 2023**.
- D5. **Transfer of Funds** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Monthly Transfers Report as of **October 31, 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.
- D6. **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 **October 31, 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.
- D7. **Approval of GL Group, Inc. Application No: 007** – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves **Final Payment to GL Group, Inc. in the amount of \$49,279.24** per attached AIA Documents: Application and Certificate for Payment, as approved by the Board’s architect.
- D8. **WHEREAS**, there exists a need to replace the roof over the EPDM Roof Section (approximately 3,700 SF), and Old Kindergarten Roof (approximately 5,150 SF) at the Oradell Public School; and

**WHEREAS**, LAN Associates is approved as the Architect of Record for the Oradell Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, LAN Associates has submitted a proposal dated November 14, 2023, to perform architectural and engineering services for the replacement of the roof over the EPDM Roof Section (approximately 3,700 SF), and Old Kindergarten Roof (approximately 5,150 SF) at the Oradell Public School; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Oradell Board of Education awards a contract to LAN Associates to perform said work as per proposal LAN Reference #2.20120.0 - #23-1012 **in the amount of \$39,400.**

D9. **Approval of Special Education Services for SY 2023-2024**– It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves Ridgewood Pediatric Therapy Associates. For Neuropsychology Evaluations at a rate of \$160 per 45-minute session for SY 2023-2024.

E. **NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT** – Mr. Walsh, Delegate  
*Nothing to report at this time.*

F. **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 F1.*

F1. It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts and approves the Personnel Committee Report dated **November 15, 2023.**

G. **POLICY** – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

G1. First Reading of the Following Policies:

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
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, gave an update on the climate and culture survey. Mrs. Watson-Nichols encouraged the Board to send their comments to Ms. Bozios.*

**XI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

*No members of the public addressed the Board.*

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

*Mr. Walker attended a presentation about River Dell’s upcoming referendum. Mrs. Norian commended Ms. Bozios and the staff for their QSAC preparation.*

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

*No new business came before the Board.*

**XIV. CLOSED SESSION**

*A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Walker, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the Board entered closed session at 8:22 p.m. for a personnel and legal matter. Mr. Derian left the closed session at 9:05 p.m.*

**WHEREAS**, a matter to be considered by the Board of Education deals with personnel and a legal matter; 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 Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, the board exited closed session.*

*A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Peter Iappelli, BA/BS*