

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
Oradell Public School Auditorium
March 27, 2024**

MINUTES

I. *The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by an OPS student.*

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

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, Mr. Del Greco, Mrs. Downey, Mr. Nutland, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Derian, and Mrs. Watson-Nichols.

Also present were Ms. Bozios, Superintendent, and Mr. Iappelli, Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Many parents and students were also in attendance.

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

No members of the public addressed the Board.

VII. **BOARD PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

No remarks at this time.

VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Ms. Bozios invited Mrs. Hawley, principal of Oradell Public School, to share updates regarding actions taken toward meeting the district goals focused on integrating creativity into the curriculum and enhancing the home school partnership. Mrs. Hawley accompanied by

second and fourth grade students presented to the Board about OPS activities including a parent/student event in second grade creating leprechaun traps and the integration of STEAM in the 4th grade music curriculum during a unit on creating advertising jingles.

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Iappelli reported on the bid openings for the exhaust fans and roof replacements. The received bids will not go to attorney review.

X. MINUTES

A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Walker, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board approved the review of the meeting minutes from March 13, 2024, and the approval of the meeting minutes from February 28, 2024 and revised minutes of July 26, 2023.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- March 13, 2024 Work/Business Section

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- February 28, 2024 Work/Business Section
- REVISED – July 26, 2023 Work/Business Section

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board approved A1.

- A1. HIB Report for February 2024** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education affirms the decisions and findings of the listed HIB Report(s) as reported by the Superintendent to the Board of Education:

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

Mr. Derian spoke about the resurfacing and enhancements to be made to the basketball court.

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, 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	Time	Custodian OT	Facility Charge
1	Oradell PTA	Talent Show	Auditorium	3/20/24 - practice 3/21/24 - practice 4/25/24 - show	3:00 – 5:00 pm	N/A	N/A
2	Math League	End of Year Chip & Dip Party	Front Lawn in front of Auditorium (Auditorium Weather Permitting)	4/29/24	3:00 – 3:45	N/A	N/A

C. **CURRICULUM-** Mrs. Norian, Chairperson
The minutes to the meeting were in the board packets.

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, 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	Middle School Band and Orchestra Festival, Northern Valley Regional High School, Old Tappan, NJ	5 & 6	June 2024	\$0	\$0

D. **FINANCE/ TECHNOLOGY-** Mrs. Acosta, Chairperson

A motion by Mrs. Acosta, seconded by Mrs. Norian, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board approved D1-D6.

- D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for **March 15, 2024**— 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 March 15, 2024 in the amount of **\$430,270.32**.
- D2. Check Journal for **March 27, 2024** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the March 27, 2024 Check Register in the amount of **\$244,845.88 from the General Fund check numbers 024605-024687, and \$2,418.00 from Student Activities check numbers 001761-001764**.
- 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 **February 29, 2024**.
- D4. **Transfer of Funds** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Monthly Transfers Report as of **February 29, 2024**, 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 **February 29, 2024**, 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. **Hand Check Journal** – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board approves the Hand Check Journal for Check Numbers 990218-990229 in the amount of \$1,074,447.00

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 Mrs. Norian, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, 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 **March 27, 2024**.

G. **POLICY-** Mr. Del Greco, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Del Greco, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board approved G1.

G1. It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following policies:

Policy Number	Description
5111	Admission Policy
3326	Payments for Goods and Services
5141.8	Sports Related Concussion & Head Injury

H. **PUBLIC RELATIONS-** Mrs. Downey, Chairperson

The committee held a meeting and the parent survey is coming soon.

XI. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public addressed the Board.

XII. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

XIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

Board members recognized the creativity and enthusiasm of the students.

XIV. **CLOSED SESSION-**

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board entered closed session at 8:22 p.m.

WHEREAS, a matter to be considered by the Board of Education deals with personnel, possible litigation, and security matters

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.

Mrs. Acosta, Mrs. Norian and Mrs. Walker left the closed session at 10:32 p.m.

A motion by Mr. Nutland, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the Board exited closed session at 10:34 p.m.

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Del Greco, and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Business Administrator/Board Secretary