

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649  
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING  
Oradell Public School Auditorium  
April 12, 2023**

**MINUTES**

***I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Nichols, Board President. A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the board entered closed session with Mr. Merlino, attorney, at 6:30 p.m, in regards to a residency hearing. A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the board exited closed session at 7:22 p.m. The public session meeting was called to order at 7:31 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. Bhatia-Nigam, Mrs. Downey, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Derian, and Mrs. Nichols.***

***Mrs. Acosta arrived at 7:40 p.m.***

***Also present were John M. Marmora, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Megan Bozios, Superintendent, 1 administrator, and 2 members of the public.***

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

***Ms. Jen Allen of 945 Wildwood Road, Oradell, urged the board to rethink the snow-day give back policy.***

**VII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

*Ms. Bozios reported on the Odyssey of the Mind team accomplishments this year. Additionally, Ms. Bozios presented on the 2021-2022 school performance report and fielded questions from the board. Mr. Derian had also noted that the state's presentation of the data had improved.*

**IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*Mr. Marmora stated that the financial disclosure statements were due at the end of the month – by 4/30/2023 and NJSBA had announced their dates for their workshops happening in October 2023. Mr. Marmora let the board know that the final budget presentation for the 2023-2024 budget will take place at the April 26, 2023 board of education meeting.*

**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 2/15/23 meeting minutes, and review of the 3/15/23 meeting minutes. Mrs. Norian and Mr. Walsh abstained from 3/15/23 meeting.*

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- March 15, 2023 Work/Business Section

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- February 15, 2023 Work/Business Section

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

*A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the board approved A1-A2.*

**A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

*Mr. Griffin inquired about the snow day give back policy for the 2022-2023 school year.*

**A1. REVISED 1/26/2022: Approval of the 2022-2023 School Calendar** – It is hereby moved that the Board approves the revised 2022-2023 School Calendar.

**A2. REVISED 4/27/2022: Approval of 12-Month Employee Calendar for 2022-2023** – It is hereby moved that the Board approves the revised 12-Month Employee Calendar for 2022-2023.

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

*Mr. Derian gave an update about the various Buildings & Grounds projects happening throughout the district, and provided a briefing on the future projects being planned.*

*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 2022-2023 in accordance with **Board Policy #1330**:

#	Organization	Event	Area of Building	Dates	Time	Custodian OT	Facility Charge
1	Upper Grades Book Club	Book Club Meeting for Grades 4-6	MPR	Thursday, June 1, 2023	3:00 – 4:00 PM	N/A	N/A
2	Class of 2023 Committee	ORA Pizza Fundraiser	OPS Faculty Parking Lot	Saturday, April 15 & Saturday, April 22, 2023	3:00 PM – 8:00 PM	N/A	N/A
3	KidzToPros	Lego Robotics Class	TBD	4/18/2023 4/25/2023 5/2/2023 5/9/2023 5/16/2023	3:00-4:00 PM	N/A	TBD

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

*Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam reported on the 3/20/2023 curriculum committee meeting. Mr. Griffin inquired whether the district decided to use the term “STEM” or “STEAM” and Ms. Bozios responded.*

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

*Mr. Griffin thanked the PTA for their generous donations to the district. A motion by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the board approved D1-D11.*

- D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for **March 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 March 30, 2023 in the amount of **\$388,266.82**.
- D2. Check Register for **April 12, 2023** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the April 12, 2023 Check Register in the amount of **\$517,021.83** check numbers 001715-001716, 023674-023733, and wires 990150-990153.
- 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 **March 31, 2023**.
- D4. **Transfer of Funds** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Monthly Transfers Report as of **March 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.
- 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 **March 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.
- D6. **Approval of Grant – Climate Awareness Education Grant** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept the SY 2022-2023 School Climate Change funds in the amount of \$6,660.
- D7. **Approval of Purchase of PTAC HVAC Units from In-Line Heating & AC Co. for the OPS Central Offices** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the

Superintendent, that the Board approves the purchase of PTAC HVAC Units through the Educational Service Commission of NJ awarded contract #ESCNJ 19/20-13 to In-Line Heating & AC Co. at the purchase price of \$23,660.

- D8. **Approval for Professional Services** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the board approves AM Consultants to perform the district’s Fixed Asset Inventory for the 2022-2023 SY in the amount of \$3,485.
- D9. **Acceptance of a Donation from the OPS PTA** – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts a donation from the OPS PTA in the amount of \$4,775.40 for the purchase of iPads.
- D10. **Acceptance of a Donation from the OPS PTA** – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts a donation from the OPS PTA in the amount of \$5,585.50 for the purchase of STEM Lab Equipment and Supplies.
- D11. **Acceptance of Oradell Public School PTA Mini-Grant Monies for the SY 2022-2023** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts with deep appreciation, mini-grant award money from the Oradell Public School PTA for the following:

Department	Grant Use	Amount
STEM	Creative Thinkers Lab Materials	\$1,500
Art	Assembly with Cartoonist & Felting Materials	\$1,494.76
World Language	Bollywood Dance Assembly & Spanish Textbooks	\$1,500
Physical Education	Speaker, Microphone & iPad Stands	\$1,532.77
Academically Talented	Coding Accessories & 3 iPads	\$1,489.94
Media/Library	Nonfiction Books to Support Curriculum	\$1,500

*E. NJSBA/ BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT- Mr. Walsh, Delegate*

*Mr. Walsh stated that the delegate assembly is approaching - it is scheduled for May 2023.*

**F. PERSONNEL-** Mrs. Walker, Chairperson

*A motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mr. Walsh, 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 **April 12, 2023**.

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

*Mrs. Norian reported on the 3/22/2023 policy committee meeting, and noted all the policy revisions were in the BOE packets.*

**G1. First Reading of the Following Policies**

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
3327	Relations with Vendors
3542.31	Free or Reduced Lunches/Milk
5118	Nonresidents
5127	Commencement Activities
5131.1	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
5141.6	Student(s) Harmful to Self or Others and/or Causing an Education Disruption
6164.1	Intervention and Referral Services

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

**I. COVID-19 TASK FORCE-** Mr. Griffin, Chairperson

**XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

*Mrs. Norian requested that the mentoring resolution she brought before the board at the previous meeting on 3/15/2023, and have it as a part of the minutes. The board discussed the resolution.*

*A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 3-6, the board did not approve the mentoring resolution.*

*Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam brought up sustainable energy, specifically regarding roofing projects and the use of solar panels when completing future work on the roofing. Mr. Derian gave an explanation of the district's current solar panels and stated that the district would be interested in more sustainable energy options in the future.*

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

*Mrs. Walker mentioned an article she read about ChatGPT. The board ensued a discussion regarding ChatGPT and AI. Mrs. Walker thanked Ms. Bozios for her presentation.*

**XV. CLOSED SESSION**

*A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the board entered closed session at 8:30 p.m.*

*(NOTICE: Public action may be taken after Closed Session concludes.)*

**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.

*A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the board exited closed session at 8:59 p.m.*

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.*