

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649  
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING  
Oradell Public School Media Center  
January 18, 2023**

**MINUTES**

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

*Also present were John M. Marmora, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Megan Bozios, Superintendent, and approximately one member of the public.*

**VI.    **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None****

**VII.   **BOARD PRESIDENT’S REMARKS****

*Mrs. Nichols shared that there are new committee assignments in the board members’ folders and acknowledged donations received from the PTA.*

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

*Ms. Bozios shared the District’s School Safety Data Submission with the board, followed by a presentation on the district’s professional development day, which took place on January 16, 2023. Ms. Bozios also fielded questions from the board.*

**IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

**X. MINUTES**

*A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Walker, the approval of 12/14/2022 meeting minutes and the review of meeting minutes 1/4/2023, carried by a roll call vote of 9-0.*

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- January 4, 2023 Reorganization & Work/Business Section

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- December 14, 2022 Work/Business Section

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

*Ms. Bozios gave an explanation of Resolution A1 to the board.*

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

**A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- A1. Approval of SY 2022-2023 Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves SY 2022-2023 Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff.

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

*Mr. Derian gave an update on the Auditorium Renovation Project.*

*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	Oradell PTA (Category A)	Upper Grades 4-6 Book Club Meeting	MPR	01/25/2023 Wed.	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	-0-	-0-
2	All the World's a Stage (Category D)	Theatre Camp	Auditorium	06/26/23 - 07/28/23 Mon.-Fri.  Exclude: 7/3/23 & 7/4/23  (23days)	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	-0-	<b>Facility Use</b> 23 days x 4 hrs. <u>x \$50 =</u> <b><u>\$4,600</u></b>  <b>Air Conditioning</b> 23 days X \$31= <b><u>\$713</u></b>  <b><u>Approx. \$5,313</u></b>  <b>Technical Services</b> \$50 per hour in increments of 4 hours if requested

C. CURRICULUM- Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, Chairperson

*A motion by Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, 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 2022-2023:

#	Destination	Grade	Date	Cost to District	Cost to Parents
1	Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament (Branchburg, NJ)	5 & 6	March 2023	\$150 Tournament Fee (2 teams @ \$75 per team) \$150 Faculty Stipend \$800 Maximum Prop Transportation	\$0
2	Turtle Back Zoo (West Orange, NJ)	K	May 2023	\$0	\$28 per student*

\*cost offset by anticipated PTA mini grant

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

*A motion by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0 approved D1-D10.*

- D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for **January 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 January 15, 2023 in the amount of **\$387,969.90**.
- D2. Check Register for **December 15, 2022 – January 18, 2023** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the December 15, 2022 – January 18, 2023 Check Register in the amount of **\$683,496.61** check numbers **001712-001713, 023517 – 023567 and 990123 - 990132**.
- 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 **December 31, 2022**.
- D4. **Transfer of Funds** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Monthly Transfers Report as of **December 31, 2022**, 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 **December 31, 2022**, 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 for GL Group Payment** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves partial payment to GL Group Inc. in the amount of \$43,332.77 as per the recommendation of the Board’s Architect as follows:

Contract	\$293,400.00
Add: Total Change Orders	
CO #004 Stage Floor Re-Staining	\$7,892.50
CO # 006 Paint & Repair Stage Walls & Ceiling	\$16,489.69
CO # 007 Additional Electric Work	\$13,225.58
CO # 009 Change Lobby Wall Paint	\$3,269.75
Less: Payment Applications	
Payment App #1 – OPS Auditorium Renovation	(\$ 167,288.76)
<b>Payment App #2 – OPS Auditorium Renovation</b>	<b>(\$ 28,455.77)</b>
<b>Payment App #3 – OPS Auditorium Renovation</b>	<b>(\$ 7,989.50)</b>
<b>Payment App #4 – OPS Auditorium Renovation</b>	<b><u>(\$ 6,887.50)</u></b>
Balance to Finish	\$ 123,655.99

- D7. **Approval of Special Education Services for SY 2022-2023**– It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves Speech and Hearing Associates for Central Auditory Processing Evaluations at a rate of \$650 per Evaluation for SY 2022-2023.
- D8. **Approval of Special Education Services for SY 2022-2023**– It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves Steven J. Myers PhD, LLC for Neuropsychology Evaluations at a rate of \$4,000 per Evaluation for SY 2022-2023.
- D9. **Approval of Legal Cost Per Pupil Indicator** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approves the following:

WHEREAS, the Oradell Board of Education recognizes that the legal costs per pupil for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year exceeded 130% of the Statewide per pupil average and

WHEREAS, the Oradell Board of Education has undertaken steps to reduce these costs by restricting access to the Board Attorney to only authorized personnel and having the Superintendent and Business Administrator review every legal bill before payment and

WHEREAS, the Oradell Board of Education has determined that implementation of further procedures outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)(3) beyond the aforementioned procedures already implemented would not significantly reduce legal costs, as evidenced by the fact that the excess legal costs incurred are the result of a litigation, grievances, protracted negotiations, and/or due process hearings initiated against the

District, which the District has been compelled to defend and over which the District has no control;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the Oradell Board of Education hereby accepts the 2021-22 legal costs as meeting the criteria for controlling legal costs and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will look for more ways to reduce these costs should the opportunity present itself.

- D10. **Acceptance of Cyber Insurance Policy for the Term 01/01/2023 - 06/30/2024** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts the renewal of a cyber security insurance policy with North Bergen County School Board Insurance Group (NESBIG) in the amount of \$14,431.90.

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

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 **January 18, 2023**.

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

*None*

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

*None*

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

*None*

**XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC -** *None*

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS -** *None*

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

*Mrs. Walker shared that Rotary is sponsoring a “Meet the Wizards” Night on February 17. Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam asked if any staff have been trained in forming a threat assessment team, and asked about cyber security insurance.*

**XV. CLOSED SESSION-**

*A motion by Mrs. Norian, and seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the board entered closed session at 8:13 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.

*A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Walker, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the board exited closed session at 8:24 p.m.*

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Walker, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*John M. Marmora  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary*