

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
Oradell Public School Auditorium
May 10, 2023**

MINUTES

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mrs. Nichols, Board President, and the board entered closed session. The public session meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by Mrs. Nichols, Board President.

II. The flag salute was led by Mr. Griffin.

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. Downey, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Derian, and Mrs. Nichols.

Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam arrived at 7:10 p.m., Mrs. Acosta was absent.

Also present were John M. Marmora, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Bozios, Superintendent, approximately 25 members of the public, and 5 district administrators.

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

VII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mrs. Nichols stated that this meeting is one of the Board of Education's favorite nights of the year.

Mrs. Nichols and Ms. Bozios recognized staff members for their years of service and dedication to the district.

Mrs. Michelle Hawley congratulated all the staff being recognized.

Mrs. Nichols read the resolution and congratulated Mrs. Patricia Hansen on her retirement.

Mrs. Nichols and Ms. Bozios presented Ms. Lesley Maklin with the Governor's Educator of the Year Award.

Mrs. Roberta Kenyon congratulated Ms. Maklin on behalf of the Oradell Education Association.

Mr. Scott Durling congratulated Ms. Maklin and shared his experiences working alongside her.

Mrs. Michelle Hawley congratulated Ms. Maklin, and also shared her experiences working alongside her.

Ms. Bozios congratulated Ms. Maklin, and also shared her experiences working alongside her.

Ms. Maklin thanked everyone for their support.

Mrs. Norian congratulated Ms. Maklin.

Mrs. Nichols thanked Mrs. Walker for coordinating the Teacher Appreciation Week breakfast.

Mrs. Nichols called a two-minute recess following the recognitions.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Bozios reported that the state approved the district's HIB score.

Ms. Bozios reported that approximately 1,000 tickets have been sold thus far for the 2023 OPS Musical, Beauty and the Beast.

Ms. Bozios reported on the current NJSLA testing happening in the district, and thanked all staff for their help with the process.

Ms. Bozios recognized that this week is educator appreciation week.

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - None

X. MINUTES

A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Walker, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the board approved the 4/12/2023 meeting minutes and the review of the 4/26/2023 meeting minutes.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- April 26, 2023 Work/Business Section

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- April 12, 2023 Work/Business Section

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Mr. Derian recognized all of the administrative resolutions and congratulated the staff.

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the board approved A1-A5.

- A1. **Recognition of Lesley Maklin for Governor’s Educator of the Year Program for SY 2022-2023.**
- A2. **Anniversary Recognition of Staff for SY 2022-2023:**

	Staff Member	Years Employed in District	Current Position
1	Tracey Schaum	35	Teacher
2	Marie Menti	25	Clerical/Secretarial
3	Jamie Caruana	20	Teacher
4	Amy Kennedy	20	Teacher
5	Lisa Maiella	20	Teacher
6	Carole Natiello	15	Teacher
7	Amy Rabinowitz	15	Speech Correctionist
8	Robin Weinzierl	15	Lunch Aide
9	Hellen Kapp	10	Teacher
10	Stephanie Kruczek	10	Teacher
11	Jennifer Loschiavo	10	Instructional Aide
12	Blair McGrath	10	Teacher
13	Elizabeth Barone	5	Instructional Aide
14	Sheila Daley	5	School Psychologist
15	Mary Anne Doran	5	Teacher
16	Gina Marana	5	School Nurse
17	Rosine Mazzo	5	Teacher
18	Victoria Mertens	5	Teacher
19	Joan Novak	5	Nurse Aide

20	Kristen Scanlon	5	Teacher
21	Danielle Westdyk	5	Teacher

A3. Special Education Week in New Jersey, May 14-20, 2023

Proclamation declaring May 14, 2023 through May 20, 2023 as Special Education Week:

WHEREAS, 237,344 children receive special education instruction in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, more than 18,000 special needs children are enrolled in preschool and early intervention programs in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, thousands of parents, teachers, child study team members and school administrators give generously of their time and energy to support the learning needs of special education students; and

WHEREAS, since 1985, New Jersey has proclaimed the second week in May each year as Special Education Week in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Special Education Week 2023 is “Creating a Better World;” and

WHEREAS, the public school districts of New Jersey make a major contribution to the public welfare by preparing thousands of exceptional persons to participate as citizens of this state and as members of society; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oradell Board of Education recognizes the students who have worked so hard and accomplished so much; and thanks their parents and educators, who have provided support to these children and continue to look for ways to improve our schools to promote the achievement of ALL students.

A4. Proclamation declaring May 8-12, 2023 as Teacher Appreciation Week:

Proclamation declaring **May 8-12, 2023** as Teacher Appreciation Week at Oradell Public School:

WHEREAS, teachers are our nation’s heroes who motivate and inspire young minds and enable students to achieve extraordinary things; and

WHEREAS, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship and mold future citizens through guidance and education; and

WHEREAS, teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors, and open students’ minds to ideas, knowledge, and dreams; and

WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are over; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey and in particular Oradell boast some of the best teachers in the country who care about each student’s education and upbringing, teaching them skills that will help them make our communities better; and

WHEREAS, teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching students, and performing community service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oradell Board of Education proclaims **May 8-12, 2023, to be TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oradell Board of Education recognizes and commends all of Oradell’s teachers and educators with appreciation for their contributions to the lives of our students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oradell Board of Education strongly encourages all members of our community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to their work.

- A5. **HIB Report for April 2023** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education accepts HIB incident(s) as reported by the Superintendent to the Board of Education:

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

Mr. Derian offered a reminder to notify the neighbors of upcoming events at Oradell Public School which are going to take place outdoors, outside of regular school hours, such as the 6th grade spring fling.

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

#	Organization	Event	Area of Building	Dates	Time	Custodian OT	Facility Charge
1	Caldecott Book Club	Book Club	2 First Grade Classrooms	5/3/2023	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	N/A	N/A

2	PTA Read & Rap Book Club	Book Club	Art Room	5/19/2023	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	N/A	N/A
3	Upper Grades Book Club (4-6 Gr.)	Book Club	MPR (One Section)	6/1/2023	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	N/A	N/A
4	Odyssey of the Mind	Lollipop Fundraiser	Front Lawn near OPS Auditorium	4/5/23 4/26/23 5/10/23 6/7/23 6/16/23	3:00 – 4:30 PM	N/A	N/A
5	Oradell Public School 6 th Grade (Category A)	6 th Grade Spring Fling	Center Street Parking Lot and Gym	6/8/2023 & 6/9/2023	6/8 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM 6/9 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM	N/A	N/A

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

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

Mr. Griffin thanked the Oradell Kids Foundation for their donation in the amount of \$5,600. Mrs. Walker and Mr. Griffin inquired about D4, and Mr. Marmora responded. Mr. Derian inquired about D5, and Mr. Marmora responded. Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam inquired about D8, and Ms. Bozios responded.

A motion by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the board approved D1-D8.

- D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for **April 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 April 30, 2023 in the amount of **\$374,377.13**.
- D2. Check Register for **May 10, 2023** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the May 10, 2023 Check Register in the amount of **\$307,054.33** check numbers **001719-001722, 023777-023824, and wires 990157-990158 and 999075-999076.**

D3. **Authorization to Implement the 2023-2024 School District Budget** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent and the School Business Administrator to implement the 2023-2024 School District Budget pursuant to local and state policies.

D4. **Approval of 2023-2024 Tuition Rates** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the 2023-2024 Tuition Rates as follows:

Preschool/Kindergarten	\$14,868
Grades 1-5	\$15,344
Grade 6	\$16,708
LLD	\$43,539
PreK PT	\$18,725

D5. **Approval of 2023-2024 Tax Revenue Payment Schedule** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the tax revenue payment schedule for the SY 2023-2024 below:

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
August 2023	\$2,221,880.10	January 2024	\$1,110,940.09
September 2023	\$1,110,940.09	February 2024	\$1,110,940.09
October 2023	\$1,110,940.09	March 2024	\$1,110,940.09
November 2023	\$1,110,940.09	April 2024	\$1,110,940.09
December 2023	\$1,110,940.09	May 2024	\$1,110,940.09
		June 2024	\$1,110,940.09
Total 2023	\$ 6,665,640.46	Total 2024	\$ 6,665,640.46
TOTAL	\$13,331,281.08		

D6. **Approval of Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record for the 2023-2024 School Year** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Oradell Board of Education approves an agreement with and the appointment of **Phoenix Advisors, LLC**, as the Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record and Continuing Disclosure Agent to provide Continuing Disclosure Services as required at a **base cost of \$1,350, issue set-up charge of \$450, and event notice fee of \$250 per event.**

- D7. **Appointment of Recording Technicians for SY 2023-2024** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board reappoints the following Recording Technicians for the 2023-2024 School Year:

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Salary
1	Butcher	James	Recording Technician	\$25.00 per hour
2	Gallagher	Eileen		
3	Mardini	Rami		

- D8. **Acceptance of Oradell Kids Foundation 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 Kids Foundation for the following: Grit on the Go Program and two parenting workshops with Coach Jim Stroker.

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

Mr. Walsh distributed resolutions that will be discussed at the upcoming delegates meeting. The board discussed the proposed resolutions. The board was not in favor of the first and second resolutions, but took a favorable position of the third, fourth and fifth resolutions. Mr. Walsh thanked Mrs. Eileen Gallagher for always being there to help him in any way she could while on premises at Oradell Public School, and expressed his deep gratitude for her assistance.

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

Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam inquired about topics related to where field trips are taken and how that is decided, Mrs. Nichols and Ms. Bozios responded,

A motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the board approved F1-F2.

- F1. It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts and approves the Personnel Committee Report dated **May 10 2023**.
- F2. **Resolution for Ms. Patricia Hansen on her Retirement** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following resolution for Ms. Patricia Hansen on her Retirement:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Patricia Hansen has tendered her resignation as an Instructional Aide in the Oradell Public School District to become effective July 1, 2023, after 24 years of dedicated and faithful service to the Oradell Public School District, and

WHEREAS, during her many years in our school system she has supported the academic and social needs of the students of Oradell Public School, and

WHEREAS, she has influenced the lives of many children and has earned the love and respect of students, colleagues, and the Oradell community, and

WHEREAS, she has given unselfishly of her time and effort in the interest and welfare of the children of our school district,

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Oradell Board of Education hereby recognizes Ms. Hansen’s contribution to the district and expresses its appreciation of her dedicated service and directs that this resolution be included in the minutes of the Board and that a copy be presented to Ms. Patricia Hansen as a token of its esteem.

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

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

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

XI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Derian mentioned the NJSBA Public Relations Conference coming up in Trenton on June 2, 2023.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION- (IF NECESSARY)

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the board entered closed session at 8:58 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 TBD, seconded by TBD, and carried by a roll call vote of TBD, the board exited closed session at 9:37 p.m.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by TBD, seconded by TBD, and carried by a roll call vote of TBD, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John M. Marmora
Business Administrator/Board Secretary