

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SECTION MEETING
ORADELL PUBLIC SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
October 18, 2023**

MINUTES

- I. *The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Watson-Nichols with the help of OPS students.*
- II. *The flag salute was led by OPS students.*
- 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, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Derian, and Mrs. Watson-Nichols.

Also present, Ms. Bozios, Superintendent, and Mr. Iappelli, Business Administrator.

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

No members of the public addressed the Board.

VII. **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

No remarks were made at this time.

VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Hawley, OPS Principal, presented HIB Self-Assessment Score. In addition, she gave a Week of Respect Update. Assisting her were OPS Assistant Principals, Mr. Hagopian and Ms. Avgerinos, as well as OPS students.

The Board and Ms. Bozios thanked the students for coming to the meeting.

Two members of the NY Giants visited OPS on behalf of the American Heart Association and NFL's Play 60.

Thanked the Oradell Fire Department for coming to OPS.

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 9-0, the Board approved the review of meeting minutes from October 4, 2023 and the approval of meeting minutes from September 20, 2023.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- October 4, 2023 Work/Business Section

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- September 20, 2023 Work/Business Section

XI. 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. Approval of Submission of ABR Self-Assessment** – It is hereby moved upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the submission of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Self-Assessment for SY 2022-2023.

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Derian, Chairperson

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	Date	Time	Custodial OT	Facility Charge
1	Oradell Mini Cheer		Gym or MPR	10/12/2023 10/19 10/26	5:00-6:30 PM	N/A	N/A

2	Oradell PTA	Read & Rap Book Club	Art Room	11/16/2023	3:30-4:30 PM	N/A	N/A
3	Oradell PTA	Holiday Market Place	MPR	12/03/2023	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	N/A	N/A
4	Oradell Special Events	50/50 Raffle	Front Lawn	10/18/203	3:00-3:30 PM	N/A	N/A
5	Oradell PTA	Kindergarten Book Club	Kindergarten Classroom	11/13/23 11/14/23	3:00 – 4:15 PM	N/A	N/A

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 2023-2024:

#	Destination	Grade	Date	Cost to District	Cost to Parents
1	The Newark Museum of Art, Newark, NJ	3	November 2023	\$0	\$36 per student

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, the Board approved D1-D5.

- D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for October 15, 2023** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board retroactively approves the disbursements on the Payroll Hand Check Register for October 15, 2023 in the amount of \$400,305.56
- D2. Check Journals October 18, 2023** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the Check Journals for October 18, 2023 – Check Journal in the amount of \$260,141.94 check numbers 024207-024299 and check numbers 990199 -990200 in the amount of \$30,533.27.
- D3. Approval of the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the report of the Board Secretary, A148, and the treasurer, A149, as of

September 30, 2023.

- D4. Submission of Comprehensive Maintenance Plan** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Submission of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for Oradell Public School District; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed for the of the Oradell Public School are consistent with these requirements; and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oradell Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Oradell Public School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

- D5. WHEREAS**, there exists a need to replace (10) rooftop exhaust fans at Oradell Public School; and

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

WHEREAS, LAN has submitted a proposal dated September 27, 2023, to perform architectural and engineering services for the replacement of (10) rooftop exhaust fans in the total amount of \$13,800,

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 - #23-829 in the total amount of \$13,800.

- E. 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 E1.

- E1.** It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Personnel Committee Report dated October 18, 2023.

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

G. POLICY – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson
A motion by Mrs. Norian, 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
5131.1	Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
5131.5	Vandalism/Violence
6142.2	English as a Second Language; Bilingual Programs
4151.1/4251.1	Personal Illness and Injury/Health and Hardship
5145.5	Photographs of Students

H. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Acosta, Chairperson
Committee has met and is working on the OPS culture and climate survey.

I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Ms. Jen Allen, an OPS parent, read a prepared statement. After which, a lengthy dialogue took place.

J. OLD BUSINESS
Nothing to report at this time.

K. NEW BUSINESS
Nothing to report at this time.

L. CLOSED SESSION
The Board did not go into a Closed Session.

M. ADJOURNMENT
A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Peter Iappelli, BA/BS