

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649**

**PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
Oradell Public School Library/Media Center
March 8, 2017**

MINUTES

I. *The meeting was called to order by President Dorothy Watson-Nichols at 7:30 p.m.*

II. *The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Gregory Derian.*

III. *The Sunshine Law Statement was read by President Dorothy Watson-Nichols.*

All requirements of the Open Public Business Meetings Law 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 Mrs. Mary Katherine Norian.*

The Oradell Public School District, a safe and nurturing learning community dedicated to the ongoing pursuit of educational excellence, inspires life-long learning in its children through comprehensive, innovative curriculum and instruction. The District fully supports and expects the attainment of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards on the part of all students within a school environment designed to maximize student potential, develop responsible citizens, and promote respect for the uniqueness of all individuals.

Adopted by the Oradell Board of Education August 27, 2008

V. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. Derian, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Shapiro, Mr. Oddo, Mrs. Walker,
Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Watson-Nichols

Absent: Dr. Westlake

Also present were Mr. Paul J. Saxton, Superintendent, Mr. Scott T. Bisig, M.Ed., School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; 4 members of the Administration, approximately 35 members of the OEA and approximately 7 members of the public.

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

VII. **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS -**

President Dorothy Watson-Nichols thanked Mr. Paul J. Saxton, Interim Superintendent for his service to the district. Mr. John Walsh presented Mr. Saxton with a parting gift. Mr. Saxton spoke for a few minutes thanking the Board of Education for the opportunity to work for such a great school district.

VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –**

Mr. Paul J. Saxton introduced Mrs. Diminich-Kucharski who presented information on the Next Generation Science Standards rollout for next year.

A. Information/Discussion Items

- 1. Julia Diminich-Kucharski will present on the updates to the science curriculum.

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – None

X. MINUTES

A motion by Mr. John Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Rita Walker and carried a roll call vote 7-0 (Dr. Eugene Westlake was absent) (Mrs. Mary Katherine Norian abstained) the Board approved the February 8, 2017 minutes.

REVIEW OF MINUTES -

- February 22, 2017 – Work/Business Session

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES –

- February 8, 2017 - Work/Business Session

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. MISCELLANEOUS

A motion by Mrs. Christine Robertson, seconded by Mr. John Walsh and carried a roll call 8-0 (Dr. Eugene Westlake was absent) the Board approved A1.

- A1. HIB Report for February 2017 – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board affirms the decision and findings of HIB report #2.1.17.2 as reported by the Superintendent to the Board of Education.

B. BI-BOROUGH/SHARED SERVICES – Dr. Westlake, Chairperson

President Dorothy Watson-Nicholas stated that within the Board of Education Packets that the River Edge Board of Education pulled out of the Bi-Borough Curriculum agreement effective June 30, 2017. Further discussion will take place during Administrative Work Sessions.

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Oddo, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Andrew Oddo, seconded by Mr. John Walsh and carried a roll call vote 8-0 (Dr. Westlake was absent) the Board approved C1.

- C1. Use of School Facilities – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the following requests for use of school facilities for the 2016-2017 School Year:

Table with 7 columns: Organization, Event, Area of Building, Dates, Time, Custodian O/T, Facility Charge. Rows include PTA Read & Rap, Oradell PTA Crossing Guard Breakfast, and Oradell PTA Science Fair Judging.

Oradell Little League	Coaches Clinic	GYM	3/20/17, 3/27/17	7:00 – 8:30 PM	-0-	\$30 (\$15 per day)
*Girl Scout Troop #5816	Talent Show Practice	AUDITORIUM	3/9/17	3:00 - 3:45 PM	-0-	-0-
*Odyssey of the Mind	Practice for State Tournament	MPR A	3/12/17	1:00 – 5:00 PM	-0-	-0-

*facility use fee waived

D. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Walker, Chairperson

A motion by Mrs. Rita Walker, seconded by Mr. John Walsh and carried a roll call vote 8-0 (Dr. Westlake was absent) the Board approved D1.

D1. Approval of the Schaefer Explorations Program for Summer 2017 – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the implementation of the 2017 Schaefer Explorations Program with the pending dates of June 26, 2017 to July 21, 2017, on a tuition basis only, at no cost to the Board.

E. FINANCE/TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Derian, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Gregory Derian, seconded by Mr. John Walsh and carried a roll call vote 8-0 (Dr. Westlake was absent) the Board approved E1, E2, E3, E4. Item E2 was revised to the correct amount of \$2,827.20.

E1. Approval of Special Education Program/Service for 2016-2017 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following Program/Service as per the student’s IEP for the 2016-2017 school year:

Student #	School/Program/Service	Tuition/Cost to District
109 (previously listed as student 108)	Windsor Bergen Academy 2016-2017 school year (pro-rated) tuition	\$21,941.61
110	Children’s Therapy Center 2016-2017 school year (pro-rated) tuition	\$25,997.44

E2. Acceptance of Oradell Public School PTA grants for the 2016-2017 school year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts with deep appreciation, mini grant award monies from the Oradell Public School PTA in the amount off \$2,827.20 from the Oradell Public School PTA in support of the following programs:

Grade/Special	Grant	Amount
K	Unique Creatures Program	\$500
K	Julie Della Torre, Storyteller	\$350
5	Revolutionary War Program	\$1000
World Language	Language materials for all grades	\$477.20
Pre-K	Turtle Dance Music Program	\$500

E3. Acceptance and Approval the ESIP payment for March 2017 – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the payment made to Johnson Controls for the ESIP (Energy Savings Improvement Program) for March 2017 for \$238,149.60. The district is withholding set percentages based on each ECM until completed.

E4. Transfer of Funds – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves transfers 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.

F. PERSONNEL - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

A motion by Mrs. Christine Robertson, seconded by Mr. John Walsh and carried a roll call vote 8-0 (Dr. Westlake was absent) the Board approved F1, F2, F3, F4.

F1. Approval of Long-Term Leave of Absence Replacement Teacher for the 2016-2017 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves Shaina Plowman as a long-term leave replacement teacher (for Paige Majka, Grades 2 & 3) from on or about March 29, 2017 to June 30, 2017 (inclusive of 3 transition days) (pending criminal history review).

F2. Approval of Special Education Instructional Aide for the 2016-2017 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the appointment of the following 24.5 Hour Special Education Instructional Aide at a salary of \$15,760.50 (to be prorated), starting on or about March 9, 2017:

- Cleo Perekupka

F3. Approval of Additional Hours for Kindergarten Evening Registration – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves 3 additional hours of compensation at their hourly rate based on employee individual salary for the purpose of Kindergarten Registration during Parent/Teacher Conferences the evening of March 15, 2017 for the following employees:

- Ruth Simpson 3 hours @ \$23.36 = \$70.08
- Amy Skroce 3 hours @ \$28.26 = \$84.78
- Lisa Santangelo 3 hours @ \$21.97 = \$65.91

Total Expense for Kindergarten Evening Registration: \$ 220.77

F4. Approval of Workshops/Conferences for the 2016-2017 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following Workshops/Conferences:

Attendee	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Cost	Travel
Linda McLaughlin	NJASBO Administrative Assistant Program	Rockaway, NJ	5/11/17	\$75	\$25.23 + tolls
Lisa Green	NJASBO Administrative Assistant Program	Rockaway, NJ	5/11/17	\$75	\$21.39 + tolls
Carole Natiello	NJ Branch Int'l Dyslexia Assoc.: Matching Interventions to Reasons for Reading Difficulties	Garwood, NJ	3/24/17	\$180 (registration fee)	\$18.60 + tolls

G. POLICY – Mrs. Shapiro, Chairperson

G1. First reading of the following policies:

Policy #:	Description
2130	Principal Evaluation
2131	Chief School Administrator
4113	Assignment: Transfer
6171.4	Special Education

G2. First reading of the following regulation:

Regulation #:	Description
2130	Principal Evaluation

H. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson – Mrs. Katherine Norian stated she has no report at this time.

I. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate – Mr. John Walsh stated he has no report at this time.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC –

The Oradell Educational Association (OEA) spoke about their collective concerns with the school climate during the districts' current contract negotiation process. Three (3) members from the public spoke with concerns that the Board of Education please take into account the teachers' need for an equitable contract settlement. President Watson-Nichols took their advice under consideration and stated that the Oradell Board of Education did offer the OEA membership an above average proposal.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS – Mrs. Rita Walker stated Mrs. Jen Koth invited the Board members to the Science Fair on April 6, 2017.

XV. CLOSED SESSION – A motion by Mr. Gregory Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh to enter into closed session at 8:58 PM.

(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 Mr. Gregory Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh at 9:05 p.m. to exit closed session.

XVI. A motion by Mr. Greg Derian, seconded by Mr. John Walsh and carried a roll call vote 8-0 (Dr. Eugene Westlake was absent) to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

This is to certify all of the above items are true & correct:

Respectfully submitted,



Scott T. Bisig, M.Ed.

Business Administrator/Board Secretary