

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
Oradell Public School Auditorium
January 20, 2021**

MINUTES

I. *The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mrs. Nichols.*

II. *The Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Norian.*

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, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Derian and Mrs. Nichols. Mrs. Shapiro was absent.

Also present were Mrs. Longo, Interim Superintendent, John M. Marmora, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, 1 member of the administration.

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

VII. **BOARD PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

Mrs. Nichols informed the Board the committees will be ready for assignment at the next meeting.

VIII. **INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – None**

IX. **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Marmora reported that January is NJ School Board Recognition Month and acknowledged all the hard work and dedication from the Board Members. Mr. Marmora explained that the NJ Homeroom website has been down, but the Financial Disclosure Statements deadline will remain for April 30, 2021. Our Auditors will present the 2019-2020 audit report in the 2/10/2021 Board Meeting.

X. MINUTES

Mrs. Norian asked that the 12/9/2020 minutes be modified to show her appreciation and praise to the administrators under the Curriculum Committee Report.

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Walker, the approval of the Meeting Minutes of 12/9/20, and the review of Reorganization Meeting Minutes of 01/06/21 were approved and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0. Mrs. Shapiro was absent.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- January 6, 2021 Reorganization Meeting & Work/Business Section

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- December 9, 2020 Work/Business Section

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – None

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS/ SAFETY- Mr. Derian, Chairperson – *None*

C. CURRICULUM- Mrs. Norian, Chairperson – *None*

D. FINANCE/ TECHNOLOGY- Mrs. Shapiro, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved D1 – D2. Mrs. Shapiro was absent and Mrs. Nigam abstained.

D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for **January 15, 2021** – 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, 2021 in the amount of **\$362,714.90**.

D2. Check Register for **January 15, 2021 - January 20, 2021** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the January 20, 2021 Check Register in the amount of **\$215,176.43** check numbers **001535-001536** and **021785 – 021818 (Voided Checks 021798 & 021815)**.

E. NJSBA/ BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT- Mr. Walsh, Delegate – *None*

F. PERSONNEL- Mrs. Walker, Chairperson

There was a question on 4B. It will be reviewed and revisited. It could always be adjusted in a future meeting. Mr. Melino gave an explanation.

A motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0 the Board approved F1. Mrs. Shapiro was absent.

F1. It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board accepts and approves the Personnel Committee Report dated **January 20, 2021**.

G. **POLICY-** Mrs. Levy, Chairperson – *None*

H. **PUBLIC RELATIONS-** Mr. Griffin, 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. Norian noted that Jane Heede will be retiring and will be missed by all.

Mrs. Norian asked what the District's status is regarding QSAC this year. Mrs. Longo stated the State is preparing a list of schools that will be eligible to waive. She will provide more information as soon as it becomes available.

Mrs. Levy asked about NJSBA Training. Mr. Marmora explained the process on how to register.

Mr. Walsh asked when the next meeting will be. Mrs. Nichols responded.

Mrs. Walker asked what impact removing High School State testing would have on OPS students testing. Mrs. Longo responded.

XV. **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion by Mrs. Norian, and seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried a roll call vote of 8-0 at 7:54pm, the Board entered closed session at 7:54 pm.

WHEREAS, a matter to be considered by the Board of Education deals with litigations and personnel, 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.

No action was taken.

A motion by Mrs. Norian, and seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried a roll call vote of 8-0, to exit closed session at 9:45pm. Mrs. Shapiro was absent

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mrs. Norian, and seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried a roll call vote of 8-0, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



John M. Marmora
Business Administrator/Board Secretary