

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING &
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
Oradell Public School Auditorium
May 1, 2024**

MINUTES

I. *The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mrs. Watson-Nichols.*

II. *The flag salute was led by Mrs. Norian.*

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, Mr. Del Greco, Mrs. Downey, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Nutland, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Derian, and Mrs. Watson-Nichols

Also present were Ms. Bozios, Superintendent, and Mr. Iappelli, Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Mr. Jeffrey Merlino, Board Attorney, was present, in addition to approximately 3 members of the public.

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

Mr. Angelo LaMendola addressed the Board.

VII. **BOARD PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

Upcoming Bergen County School Boards Association meeting

Thanked all of the teachers in anticipation of Teacher Appreciation Week

VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

2024-2025 Final Budget Presentation

IX. **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

2024-2025 Final Budget Presentation

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 meeting minutes from March 27, 2024 and the review of the meeting minutes from April 17, 2024.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- April 17, 2024 Work/Business Section

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- March 27, 2024 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 7-0, the Board approved A1-A2. Mrs. Acosta and Mr. Nutland abstained.

- A1. HIB Report for March 2024** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education affirms the decisions and findings of the listed HIB Reports) as reported by the Superintendent to the Board of Education:

1	03.18.2024.6
2	03.21.2024.7
3	03.19.2024.8
4	03.26.2024.9

A2. Proclamation declaring May 6-10, 2024 as Teacher Appreciation Week:

Proclamation declaring **May 6-10, 2024** 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oradell Board of Education proclaims **May 6-10, 2024, 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.

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

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mrs. Norian, 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	Dates	Time	Custodian OT	Facility Charge
1	Odyssey of the Mind	Lollipop Sales	Front Lawn (near Auditorium)	5/6, 5/14, 5/31, & 6/14/24	2:30-4:00pm	N/A	N/A
2	The Men's Glee Club of New York	Choir Rehearsal/ Small Performance for Families	Auditorium	6/1/24	11:00am-4:00pm	\$58.81 x 1.5 Saturday Rate Total: \$294.05	Group D Fee: \$250 A/C Fee: \$31 Total: \$281 Grand Total: \$575.05
3	Oradell Girl Scout Troop 95851	Showing "The Lorax" movie for an Environmental Message	MPR C&D	5/10/24	6:15pm (setup) 7:00-9:30pm (movie)	N/A	N/A
4	Oradell PTA	Read and Rap Book Club Final Meeting	Art Room	5/21/24	3:00-4:00pm	N/A	N/A
5	Oradell PTA	Kindy Book Club	Kindergarten Classroom	5/7/24	3:00-4:15pm	N/A	N/A
6	Oradell PTA	Spring Plant Sale	Front Lawn	5/10/24	2:30-4:00pm	N/A	N/A
7	Oradell PTA	The Curious Kids Club	Art Room, Stem Lab & multiple classrooms	5/1/24	3:00-4:00pm	N/A	N/A

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Norian, Chairperson
Nothing to report at this time.

D. FINANCE/ TECHNOLOGY - Mrs. Acosta, Chairperson
Mr. Derian recognized the donation of Zuccaro Inc.
A motion by Mrs. Acosta, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board approved D1-D8.

- D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for **April 30, 2024** - 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, 2024 in the amount of **\$420,810.57**.
- D2. **Region V Council for Special Education for the 2024-2025 School Year** - RESOLVED, that the Oradell Board of Education (“Board”) desires to participate as a full member of the Region V Council for Special Education (“Region V”) for the 2024-2025 School Year; does hereby accept, adopt and agree to comply with the Region V Bylaws; designates Ms. Megan Bozios, Superintendent, as its representative to Region V; and empowers the superintendent to cast all votes and take all other actions necessary to represent the interests of the Board in Region V.
- D3. **Region V Joint Purchasing Agreement for the 2024-2025 School Year** - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, that the Oradell Board of Education enters into a Joint Purchasing Agreement with Region V Council for Special Education/River Edge Board of Education for 2024-2025 School Year.
- D4. **Region V Joint Transportation Agreement for the 2024-2025 School Year** - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, that the Oradell Board of Education enters into a Joint Transportation Agreement with Region V Council for Special Education/River Edge Board of Education for 2024-2025 School Year.
- D5. **Adoption of the FINAL 2024-2025 School District Budget** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the tentative 2024-2025 school district budget for submission to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools to meet minimum educational standards as follows:

General Fund	\$15,879,443
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 281,173
Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 427,450</u>
Total Budget	\$16,588,066

BE IT RESOLVED that included in the general fund appropriations is a deposit in the amount of **\$57,356 into the board of education’s approved Capital Reserve Account** for future funding of capital projects and represent expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

BE IT RESOLVED that included in **budget line 600 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Local Share in the amount of \$522,312 for School Facilities Project: SDA Project #: 3870-050-23-G5PE; Grant #: G5-6798; HVAC System Upgrades at the Oradell Public School.** The final eligible cost of this school facility project is \$870,520.

BE IT RESOLVED that included in **budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$260,000 for Renovations of Stairwells and Installation of a Rooftop HVAC Unit** at the Oradell Public School. The total cost of these school facility projects is \$260,000, which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that exceed the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards as recommended by the Superintendent.

BE IT RESOLVED that included in **budget line 630 is a withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve Account in the amount of \$150,000 for use on required maintenance activities for a**

school facility as reported in the board of education’s comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

BE IT RESOLVED that included in budget line 660 is a withdrawal from Emergency Reserve Account in the amount of \$45,000 for school security improvements.

BE IT RESOLVED that included in the Adoption of the Final 2024-2025 General Fund Tax Levy is the Use of Banked Cap in the amount of \$50,000 and the Health Care Adjustment in the amount of \$75,250.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following General Fund and Debt Service tax levies be approved to support the 2024-2025 budget:

General Fund Tax Levy \$13,365,953
Debt Service Tax Levy \$427,450

D6. Approval of a Maximum Travel Expenditure for SY 2024-2025

WHEREAS, the Oradell Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Oradell Board of Education ESTABLISHED \$40,000 as the maximum for the current school year and has expended \$5,660 as of this date; and

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$40,000 for the 2024-2025 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded

D7. Approval of Special Education Program/Services - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following Program/Services beginning on May 6, 2024 – ending June 30, 2024.

Student #183	Northern Valley Regional High School Valley Program- Tuition	\$14,307.15
	Occupational Therapy 2x/week @ \$62/session	\$992.00
	Physical Therapy 1x/week @ \$62/session	\$496.00
Total: \$15,795.15		

D8. Approval of an In-Kind Donation from Zuccaro, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Oradell Board of Education is accepting an in-kind donation of services totaling more than \$1,000 from Zuccaro, Inc; and

WHEREAS, the services provided by Zuccaro, Inc. include all associated work, excluding materials, to resurface the basketball court on Center Street; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oradell Board of Education approves the acceptance of the in-kind donation for the aforementioned specified purposes.

E. **NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT** - Mr. Walsh, Delegate
Mrs. Norian will attend the NJSBA's Delegate Assembly on May 18th because Mr. Walsh is away.

F. **PERSONNEL** - Mrs. Walker, Chairperson
*Ms. Nichols asked about the SEL review and Ms. Bozios responded.
A motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Norian, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board approved F1. Mrs. Norian abstained on item 8A.*

F1. It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts and approves the Personnel Committee Report dated **May 1, 2024**.

G. **POLICY** - Mr. Del Greco, Chairperson
Nothing to report at this time.

H. **PUBLIC RELATIONS** - Mrs. Downey, Chairperson
The survey will be going out Friday with a due date of May 20th.

XII. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
No members of the public addressed the Board.

XIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
Odyssey of the Mind and lollipop sales.

XIV. **NEW BUSINESS**
Mr. Nutland acknowledged the PTA and students for doing a wonderful job at the talent show.

XV. **CLOSED SESSION**
A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board entered into closed session at 8:27 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 Mr. Del Greco, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board exited closed session at 9:30 p.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Del Greco, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Appell".

Business Administrator/Board Secretary