

ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
Oradell Public School Auditorium
March 11, 2020
MINUTES

- I. *The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm 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. *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: Mr. Castro, Mr. Derian, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Walker, and Mr. Walsh. Mrs. Shapiro arrived at 7:35 pm.

Absent: Mr. Griffin

Also present were Barbara Longo, Interim Superintendent, John M. Marmora, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, 4 members of the administration and 0 members of the public.

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

VII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

- *Mrs. Nichols commended the Odyssey of the Mind team for taking the first place prize in their last competition.*

VIII. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- *Mrs. Longo introduced herself and relayed her experience in the district since she started.*
- *Mrs. Longo commented on the current situation regarding the Coronavirus, COVID-19, and the impact it has had on the district. Mrs. Longo also reported that district is working on lesson plans that can be delivered to students in the event of a school closure.*
- *Mrs. Longo acknowledged Read Across America day that occurred on March 2, 2020 and how much she enjoyed getting in the classroom and reading to the students.*

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- *Mr. Marmora reported that the originally scheduled board meeting on March 25 has been rescheduled to March 18 at 7:30 pm in the OPS auditorium. The tentative budget presentation will take place at this meeting.*
- *Mr. Marmora also reported that there will be a special meeting taking place on April 1 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium where Matt Lee from NJSBA will present on Community Engagement.*

X. NJSLA - SCIENCE SPRING 2019 SCORE REPORT PRESENTATION

- *Ms. Bozios presented on the district's NJSLA – Science Spring 2019 Scores and fielded questions from the board.*

XI. MINUTES

A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Norian, the approval of the 02/12/2020 Meeting Minutes and the review of Meeting Minutes of 02/26/2020, were approved and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- February 26, 2020 Work/Business Section

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- February 12, 2020 Work/Business Section

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Mrs. Shapiro asked about the costs & expenses associated with the St. Elizabeth program. Mrs. Longo responded and discussion amongst the board ensued.

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 7-1 the Board approved A1.

- A1. Memorandum of Agreement with The College of St. Elizabeth – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with The College of St. Elizabeth

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

Mr. Derian reported that the originally scheduled B&G committee meeting was cancelled and we are looking to reschedule a new meeting date.

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 Interim Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the following requests for use of school facilities for the SY 2019-2020 in accordance with Board Policy #1330:

| . | Organization | Event | Area of Building | Date(s) | Time | Custodian OT | Facility Charge |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Oradell Police Dept. (Cat A) | Mandatory Training | Hallways/ Classrooms | 4/18/20 and 4/25/20 | 8:00A.M. to 12:00P.M. | 0 | 0 |

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

D. **FINANCE/ TECHNOLOGY-** Mrs. Shapiro, Chairperson

Mrs. Shapiro gave an update from the last Finance & Technology meeting which focused on next year's budget as well as the district's technology needs for home instruction in the event of a school closure due to ongoing Coronavirus situation.

Mrs. Walker asked a question in regards to item D4 and Mrs. Nichols responded.

Mr. Derian noted that Bergen Tech has been doing a great job and was asking if additional assistance could be arranged to prepare for home instruction in the event of a school closure.

A motion by Mrs. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried by a roll call vote 8-0, the Board approved D1-D5.

- D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for February 28, 2020– 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 February 28, 2020 in the amount of \$364,965.55.
- D2. Check Register for March 4 – 11, 2020 - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the March 4 – 11, 2020 Check Register in the amount of \$95,000.94 check numbers 001406-001410 and 021075-021106.
- D3. Acceptance of a Donation from the Girl Scout Troop 97677 - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board accepts a donation from the Girl Scout Troop 97677 in the amount of \$100.00 for the School Library.
- D4. REVISE: 8/7/2019: Approval of Special Education Programs / Services for SY 2019-2020 – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the following Programs/Services for SY 2019-2020:

| Service(s) | Student# | Description | Cost |
|---|----------|---|---------------------------|
| Northern Valley Regional High School-Valley Program | 136 | OT 1 session per week OT 2 sessions per week commencing October 1, 2019 for SY 2019-2020 | \$65.00 per session |

D5. Approval of Shared Services Agreement for 2020-2021 – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the Shared Services Contract between the Oradell Board of Education and Bergen County Technical Schools for the services of a site technician and technology support services in the amount of \$90,400, for the SY 2020-2021.

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

Mr. Walsh gave background on a new bill that is being brought forward for vote and provided board members with materials from the last Delegate meeting he attended. He instructed if any board members have any questions, they can address them to New Jersey School Boards or himself. Materials for the Pre School Expansion program will be distributed in the next meeting's board packet.

Mrs. Shapiro commented on the bill.

F. PERSONNEL- Mrs. Walker, Chairperson

Mrs. Walker reported that the Personnel committee met this evening and had a very productive meeting.

A motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Norian, and carried by a roll call of 8-0 the Board approved F1.

F1. It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board accepts and approves the Personnel Committee Report dated March 11, 2020.

G. POLICY- Mrs. Levy, Chairperson

Mrs. Levy noted that she thought item G1 was already approved. This will be researched and in the meantime item G1 will be tabled until further notice. The next Policy meeting is scheduled for March 23.

~~G1. Board of Education contracted with the New Jersey School Boards Association to update the district policy manual that included the necessary policy revisions, term changes and updated legal references. It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board accepts and approves the updated District Policy Manual from the New Jersey School Boards Association~~

H. PUBLIC RELATIONS- Mr. Griffin, Chairperson - *None*

XIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- *Ms. Bozios commented on Bergen Tech's assistance with implementing a digital home instruction plan. Mr. Derian expressed his vision of digital learning. Ms. Bozios responded.*

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

- *Mrs. Walker gave kudos to Mrs. Yablen for her work on the district newsletter and to Mrs. Gallagher for decorating the BOE offices.*
- *Mrs. Levy reported on her experience during the Read Across America event. Mrs. Levy also noted to keep any eye out for the district newsletter in the mail and also expressed her appreciation to the staff for the technology email that went out to parents. She also thanked and acknowledged the additional stress being put on the staff due to the Coronavirus situation.*
- *Mrs. Shapiro echoed Mrs. Levy's sentiments regarding the Coronavirus situation and never envisioned we would be at this place right now.*
- *Mr. Castro commented that the staff has been doing a great job with acting swiftly to create action plans in anticipation of a closing. Mr. Castro asked questions regarding to school closures and Mrs. Longo responded.*
- *Mr. Derian reinforced the current guidelines that have been set to meet the State's 180 school day requirement.*
- *Mrs. Shapiro had additional questions regarding the current state of school closures and Mrs. Longo responded with the most current information that has been received up to that point.*
- *Mrs. Walker expressed her appreciation for Ms. Bozios email notification to cancel the district's Wicked musical trip.*

XV. NEW BUSINESS

- *Mrs. Nichols notified the board of the change in date for the next meeting from March 25 to March 18.*

- *Mr. Derian acknowledged that we live in extraordinary times that require extraordinary members and expressed the board's willingness to provide any help necessary.*
- *Mrs. Norian echoed Mr. Derian's statement. Mrs. Norian welcomed Mr. Castro to the board and provided him with ways to attend board member training.*

XVI. CLOSED SESSION

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call of 8-0, the Board entered closed session at 8:29 pm.

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.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Walker, to exit closed session at 8:49 pm, and carried a roll call vote of 8-0.

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call of 8-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



*John M. Marmora
Business Administrator/Board Secretary*