

ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION

ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649

PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING

Remote/Virtual Meeting

May 27, 2020

Minutes

- I.** *The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Mrs. Nichols.*
- II.** *The Flag Salute was waived.*
- 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: Mr. Castro, Mr. Derian, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Shapiro, Mrs. Walker, and Mr. Walsh.

Also present were Barbara Longo, Interim Superintendent, John M. Marmora, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, 3 members of the administration, and approximately 7 members of the public.

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

VII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS - *None*

VIII. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - *None*

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Marmora reported that the Business Office is beginning to close out the 2019-2020 school year and final purchases are being made. Also, the 2020-2021 budget is being entered into the district's accounting software.

X. MINUTES

A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Norian, the approval of the 04/29/2020 Meeting Minutes and the review of Meeting Minutes of 05/13/2020, were approved and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- May 13, 2020 Work/Business Section

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- April 29, 2020 Work/Business Section

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The Board recognized Special Education Week by reading A2 aloud.

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0 the Board approved A1-A2.

- A1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Oradell Board of Education hereby approves the updated **Public Health-Related School Closure Plans**.

A2. Special Education Week in New Jersey, May 10-16, 2020

Proclamation declaring May 10, 2020 through May 16, 2020 as Special Education Week:

WHEREAS, more than 232,500 children receive special education instruction are enrolled in New Jersey’s public and private schools; and

WHEREAS, approximately 18,000 children who receive special education instruction are enrolled in preschool and early intervention programs in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, thousands of parents, teachers, parents, child study team members, and school administrators generously give their time and energy to support the learning needs of students who receive special education; and

WHEREAS, since 1985, the New Jersey School Boards Association and “ASAH (Association of Schools and Agencies for the Handicapped)...serving he private special education community since 1974” have sponsored Special Education Week in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Special Education Week 2020 is “Creating, Learning, Growing,” and

WHEREAS, the Public School Districts and the Private Schools of New Jersey make a major contribution to the public welfare by preparing thousands of exceptional persons to participate as citizens of this and as members of society; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oradell Board of Education, does hereby recognize the Week of May 10th through May 16th, 2020 as Special Education Week.

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

Mr. Derian reported that the committee will be meeting tomorrow to discuss, prioritize and recommend end of the school year and summer projects.

C. CURRICULUM- Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

Mrs. Norian asked if Mrs. Longo could meet with district administration to get an assessment of how remote learning has been going so that the committee can plan for the future. Mrs. Longo responded that she will meet with administration and is currently awaiting further guidance on future planning from the county, which she will relay to the board.

Mrs. Walker noted that the Public Relation committee was working on a survey mentioning remote learning that would be going out to the community.

D. FINANCE/ TECHNOLOGY- Mrs. Shapiro, Chairperson

Mrs. Shapiro read a statement about the challenges the district faced balancing this year's budget, transitioning employee health insurance from a private Horizon plan to the state Horizon plan and the challenges the district may face in the future, such as delayed tax payments and reduced state aid.

Mrs. Shapiro also highlighted D6.

A motion by Mrs. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0 the Board approved D1-D6.

- D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for **May 15, 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 May 15, 2020 in the amount of **\$359,816.84**.
- D2. Check Register for **May 14, 2020 – May 27, 2020** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the May 14, 2020 – May 27, 2020 Check Register in the amount of **\$228,232.20 check numbers 1414, 021218 – 021239, and 990022 ,990025, 990026**.
- D3. Approval of the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approve the Report of the Board Secretary, A148, and the Treasurer, A149, as of **April 30, 2020**.
- D4. Transfer of Funds – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the Monthly Transfers Report as of **April 30, 2020**, 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.
- D5. Monthly Budgetary Line Item Certification – RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary for the Oradell Board of Education certifies that pursuant to N.J.A.C 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3 as of **April 30, 2020**, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C 6A:23A-16.10 (a) ; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oradell Board of Education certifies that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 4 that after review of the Board Secretary's Report (A148) and Treasurer's Report (A149) and the advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that any major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C 6A:23A-16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

D6. Acceptance of a **Donation** from the Philip's Fund - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board accepts a donation from the Philip's Fund in the name of the 2019-2020 Sixth Grade Class in the amount of **\$500.00** for the **Oradell Public School Auditorium Improvement Fund**.

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

F. **PERSONNEL**- Mrs. Walker, Chairperson

Mr. Derian made a note to correct a typo on item C1 which will be reflected in the minutes.

Mrs. Walker asked for clarification on extended school year salaries. Mrs. Longo responded.

Mrs. Shapiro inquired on which budget year the extended school year would be in. Extended school year is considered to be in the 2020-2021 school year. All corrections will be reflected in the minutes.

A motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0 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 **May 27, 2020**.

G. **POLICY**- Mrs. Levy, Chairperson

Mrs. Levy commented that there was no new meeting and all board members had copies of the policies up for approval in their packets.

A motion by Mrs. Levy, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0 the Board approved G1.

G1. Second reading and adoption of the following Policies:

	Policy #	Regulation #	Description
1	4111.1/ 4211.1	4111.1/ 4211.1	Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action Support for Breastfeeding Mothers
2	4111.2/ 4211.2		Domestic Violence
3	5113		Attendance, Absences and Excuses
4	5141		Health

H. PUBLIC RELATIONS- Mr. Griffin, Chairperson

Mr. Griffin reported that the committee met earlier this week and discussed the district newsletter and also discussed formulating a survey that will go out to the community. Mr. Griffin asked the board if they had any questions they would like to see on the survey to please contact him.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Melissa Pizza asked when the CST extended school year positions were posted. Mrs. Longo said she would check with Mrs. Distler and get back to Mrs. Pizza with an answer.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Shapiro inquired about the new executive order regarding school commencements and what may happen with OPS. Mrs. Longo responded that 6th grade and any other promotion ceremonies are not covered under the executive order. OPS will still be virtual.

Mrs. Levy asked if all the board members could receive information about graduation. Mrs. Longo said she will send out the information she has now and will send additional information after her county meeting.

Mrs. Nichols commented on the decline of the quality of the technology used to broadcast the virtual Board meetings. Mr. Derian & Mr. Griffin attributed the technical difficulty to the volume of use Zoom has recently experienced.

Mr. Derian referenced the Health Related Closure Plan and would also be interested to see what we are doing from a curriculum standpoint in preparation of the uncertainty of what will happen in September.

Mrs. Levy agreed and also would like to receive feedback from the parents to see what their experience has been like with remote learning. Mrs. Levy also added that the more information parents receive, the better.

Mr. Griffin stressed the importance of prioritizing education in order to remain at a high level through these times.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call of 9-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



*John M. Marmora
Business Administrator/Board Secretary*