

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649**

**PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING**

**Oradell Public School Auditorium**

**October 14, 2020**

**MINUTES**

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

**II. *The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Walsh.***

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

***Also present were Barbara Longo, Interim Superintendent, John M. Marmora, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Jeff Merlin, Board Attorney, 4 members of the administration, and approximately 50 members of the public (9 in person and 41 virtual).***

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

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

### **A. Recognition of Staff for Years of Service for SY 2019/2020**

- *President Watson-Nichols commented this is one of the Board favorite nights to recognize staff for milestone years of service. It usually happens in the spring but has been postponed until tonight due to the pandemic. Mrs. Watson recognized staff members achieving these milestones in Oradell Public School and presented each with a certificate and pin of recognition.*

### **B. Recognition of Melissa Pizza for Governor's Educator of the Year Program for SY 2019/2020**

- *Mrs. Longo explained the process of being awarded Governor's Educator of the Year. President Watson-Nichols introduced and congratulated Melissa Pizza as Governor's Educator of the Year and presented her with a certificate of recognition from the New Jersey Department of Education. Conversation ensued amongst the Board, Administrators, colleagues, students, and parents congratulating and sharing kind words and stories.*

## **VIII. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

*Mrs. Longo congratulated Ms. Pizza and introduced the new Director of Special Services, Mrs. Shannon Sharkey.*

## **IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*Mr. Marmora gave update on the needle point bipolar ionization HVAC upgrade project. Mr. Marmora reminded the Board about their registration for the NJSBA Virtual Workshops coming up in the following week. This year the District will be part of the State's QSAC review and will begin training next week.*

## **X. MINUTES**

*A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Norian, the approval of the Meeting Minutes of 9/9/2020 and the review of Meeting Minutes of 9/23/2020 were approved and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0.*

### **REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES**

- September 23, 2020 Work/Business Section

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- September 9, 2020 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 9-0 the Board approved A1-A4.*

A1. Recognition of Melissa Pizza for Governor’s Educator of the Year Program for SY 2019/2020:

A2. Recognition of Staff for Years of Service for SY 2019/2020:

	<i>Staff Member</i>	<i>Years of Service</i>	<i>Position</i>
1	Thomas Ackerman	25	Custodian
2	Missy Warnet	25	Clerical/Secretarial
3	Doug S. Durling	20	Teacher
4	Melissa Pizza	20	Teacher
5	James Butcher	15	Teacher
6	Patricia Cuddy	15	Teacher
7	Nicole Hendricks	15	Teacher
8	John McManus	15	Custodian
9	Denise Pallotta	15	Special Education Aide
10	Kristen Terzano	15	Teacher
11	Kristen Falotico	5	Special Education Aide
12	Estelle Haberman	5	Special Education Aide
13	Michael Hagopian	5	Assistant Principal
14	Kaitlin Sinclair	5	Teacher
15	Amy Skroce	5	Clerical/Secretarial
16	Gina Stross	5	Teacher

A3. **Annual Renewal of the Uniform Memorandum of Agreement with Law Enforcement** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to accept the Annual Renewal of the Uniform Memorandum of Agreement with Law Enforcement and the related Memorandum of Understanding for SY 2020-2021.

**WHEREAS**, the Oradell Board of Education is required to annually renew the Uniform Memorandum of Agreement with Law Enforcement; and,

**WHEREAS**, PL 2017, C.119 also requires a Memorandum of Understanding to be accepted for SY 2020-2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education herewith approves acceptance of the Annual Renewal of the Uniform Memorandum of Agreement with Law Enforcement, as well as the related Memorandum of Understanding for SY 2020-2021.

A4. **Approval of SY 2020-2021 Nursing Services Plan** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves SY 2020-2021 Nursing Services Plan.

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

*Mr. Derian had no update since there was no committee meeting. Mr. Derian expressed his appreciation to the HVAC upgrade contractor for starting the project earlier than expected.*

*A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, 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 Interim Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the following requests for use of school facilities for the SY 2020-2021 in accordance with Board Policy #1330:

Organization	Event	Area of Building	Date(s)	Time	Custodian OT	Facility Charge
Oradell PTA (Category A)	Fall Family Fun Day	Grounds of OPS	10/16/2020 Setup	3:00pm-6:00pm	-0-	-0-
			10/17/2020 Event	8:00am-4:00pm		

**C. CURRICULUM-** Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

*Mrs. Norian stated the committee has not been able to meet and would like to set up a meeting in the near future.*

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

*Mrs. Shapiro highlighted item D5 and expressed her appreciation to the State. Mrs. Shapiro acknowledged that Mr. Marmora continues to actively pursuit any and all grant opportunities. Mrs. Walker needed clarification on D6. Mr. Marmora clarified State guidance. Mrs. Levy had a question on the amount received in D5. Mr. Marmora explained the State process for grant monies.*

*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 **September 30, 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 September 30, 2020 in the amount of **\$363,240.81**.

D2. Check Register for **October 12, 2020** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the October 12, 2020 Check Register in the amount of **\$657.75** check numbers **990033**.

- D3. Check Register for **October 14, 2020** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the October 14, 2020 Check Register in the amount of **\$164,397.77** check numbers **021517 - 021567**.
- D4. **REVISED 8/19/2020** - **Approval of Special Education Programs/Services for SY 2020-21** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves retroactively the following Programs/Services for SY 2020-21.

STUDENT #	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	COST
117	Deron School (ESY tuition)	10,378.80
	Aide (ESY)	4,650.00
	COR Behavioral-Speech 1x/wk. (7/1-8/28/2020) @ \$140	1,120
	<b>COR Behavioral-Speech 1x/wk. (8/31-12/31/2020) @ \$140</b>	<b>2,520</b>
	Deron School (Sept-June tuition)	62,272.80
	Aide (Sept-June)	27,900.00

- D5. **Authorization to Submit and Accept funding of the Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant for the 2020-2021 SY** – It hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board authorizes the submission of the Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant application and accepts the funding of **\$19,153**.
- D6. **REVISED 09/09/2020** - **Approval of an agreement for Non-Public School Aid Entitlement** for St. Joseph School as follows for SY 2020-2021:

Entitlement Category	Amount
Nursing	\$5,712.00
Security	\$9,800.00
Technology	TBD
Textbooks	\$3,421.00
<b>COVID-19 Technology</b>	<b>\$2,436.00</b>

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

*Mr. Walsh reported in a resolution presented at the last Delegate Meeting he attended and notified it will be voted on in the November Delegate Assembly. Conversation ensued amongst the Board.*

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

*A motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0 the Board approved F1 – F4.*

- F1. It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board accepts and approves the Personnel Committee Report dated **October 14, 2020**.
- F2. **Approval of Job Description for Director of Curriculum & Instruction** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the Job Description for Director of Curriculum & Instruction, effective 10/15/2020.
- F3. **Approval of Title Change** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the title change of Amy Brancato from Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction to Director of Curriculum & Instruction, effective 10/15/2020.
- F4. **Approval of Sidebar Agreement** between the Oradell Board of Education and Oradell Administrators' Association regarding unused vacation days for SY 2019/2020:

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

*Mrs. Levy reported the committee met this week and discussed two policies and will be in for first review in the next Board meeting.*

H. **PUBLIC RELATIONS-** Mr. Griffin, Chairperson

*Mr. Griffin commented on the success of the Zoom portion of the meetings.*

**XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

*Mr. James Del Greco asked about the phase II of reopening school. Mrs. Longo responded the District has sent out surveys and are waiting for them to be returned next Tuesday and will start developing the plans.*

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

*Mr. Walsh expressed he would like to see the District Goals be approved. He suggested to carryover the District's goals from last year to move it along. Mrs. Nichols asked to have the District Goals be sent to all Board Members to discuss before the next meeting. Mr. Derian asked the Board Attorney if a retreat is necessary to implement the District's Goal. Mr. Merlino responded. Mrs. Walker commented on the picture of the building on the projection screen. Mr. Derian responded.*

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS - NONE**

**XV. CLOSED SESSION**

*A motion by Mrs. Norian, and seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried a roll call vote of 9-0 at 8:20p.m., the Board entered closed session at 8:29 p.m.*

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

*No action was taken.*

*A motion by Mr. Norian, and seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried a roll call vote of 9-0., to exit closed session at 9:54p.m. Mrs. Shapiro left at 9:44p.m.*

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion by Mrs. Norian, and seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried a roll call vote of 9-0, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*John M. Marmora  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary*