

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649**  
**PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING**  
**Oradell Public School Auditorium**  
**September 9, 2020**  
**MINUTES**

- I.     *The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Mrs. Nichols.***
- II.    *The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Griffin.***
- 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, 3 members of the administration, and approximately 20 members of the public (1 in person and 19 virtual).*

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

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

*Mrs. Nichols stated that the recognition for Educator of the Year will take place at the October 14, 2020 meeting. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Nichols thanked the Administrators and Teachers for a successful start to the school year and wish them the best for this school year.*

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

*Mrs. Longo reported on the perseverance of the district staff in meeting the challenges to open this school year. Mrs. Longo went on to thank the teachers and parents for working with our children and under the leadership of a dynamic administrative team, the staff will continue to refine their skills to provide students with engaging and effective learning.*

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

*Mr. Marmora commented on the challenges encountered to open the building and thanked everyone involved with the process. Mr. Marmora also thanked the maintenance and custodial staff.*

## **X. MINUTES**

*A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Norian, the approval of the Meeting Minutes of 07/8/2020 and the review of Meeting Minutes of 09/19/2020 were approved and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0. The approval of the Meeting Minutes of 07/22/2020 were approved and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0 (Mrs. Shapiro abstained on the Meeting Minutes of 7/22/2020).*

### **REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES**

- August 19, 2020 Work/Business Session

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- July 8, 2020 Work/Business Session
- July 22, 2020 Retreat Special Meeting

## **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.*

- A1. Approval of Professional Development Plan Annual Statement of Assurance for SY 2020/2021** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the proposed SY 2020/2021 Professional Development Plan Annual Statement of Assurance for submission to the County Office.

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

*Mr. Derian provided an update from the 09/02/2020 Buildings & Grounds Meeting where the committee meet with a vendor to discuss implementing a Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization upgrade to the building's HVAC systems. Mr. Derian described the Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization technology and implementation process to the Board.*

*Mrs. Levy asked if the committee met with any other companies. Mr. Derian responded that the vendor was recommended by LAN Associates. Mrs. Levy expressed her appreciation to the Buildings & Grounds Committee and asked if this is required. Mr. Derian responded that it's not required to filter the air like this in a school environment but we want to make sure we are doing everything we can.*

*Mr. Griffin thanked the committee for looking into the safety of the children and would be interested to see any of the evidence to see the effectiveness of the technology. Mr. Derian expanded on the complexities involved, such as the different effects of the HVAC systems, room configurations in the building and how the technology works.*

*Mrs. Walker thanked Mr. Derian for the information and asked if the technology will work when the heat is on. Mr. Derian responded the technology would still work.*

*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)	Mini Photo Session Sales for Oradell Families	Lawn Near Administrators Parking Lot	9/21/20 – 10/23/20 Mon-Fri only	9:00 am – 12:15pm & 1:15pm – 3:00pm 10 min sessions	-\$0-	-\$0-

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

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

*Mrs. Shapiro reported that the committee would be scheduling a meeting date for next week.*

*Mrs. Levy asked about funding for these new and unexpected expenditures. Mr. Derian responded that we do not have these funds in our budget and we would be consulting with the district’s auditor for a recommendation on which reserve account to use to fund these purchases.*

*A motion by Mrs. Shapiro, 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 **August 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 August 28, 2020 in the amount of **\$78,386.22**.

D2. Check Register for **September 9, 2020** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the September 9, 2020 Check Register in the amount of **\$178,634.80** check numbers **021432 - 021484**.

- 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 **July 31, 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 **July 31, 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 **July 31, 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. **Approval of an Agreement for Non-Public Nursing Services for SY 2020-21** – It is hereby moved that the Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to enter into an agreement with the **Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission** to provide non-public nursing services to St. Joseph's students for SY 2020-2021, at an **annual rate not to exceed the District's entitlement for Non-Public Nursing aid**.
- D7. **Approval of continuation contract for Hospital Instruction Services with Bergen County Special Services School District for SY 2020-21**– It is hereby moved that the Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to enter into an agreement with Bergen County Special Services to provide Hospital Instruction to students who are confined during school hours for medical and/or rehabilitative care in New Bridge Medical center, Paramus, NJ for the SY 2020-21 at a rate of **\$65.00 per hour**.

- D8. **REVISED 08/19/2020** - Approval of an agreement for Non-Public School Aid Entitlement for St. Joseph School as follows for SY 2020-2021:

Entitlement Category	Amount
Nursing	\$5,432.00
Security	TBD
Technology	TBD
Textbooks	\$3,421.00

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

*Mr. Walsh reported that there will be a virtual legislative meeting on Saturday.*

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

*Mr. Derian requested to amend item D2 from the Personnel Report to remove his name as he will not be attending the NJSBA 2020 Virtual Workshop.*

*Mrs. Levy asked if Family Math and Science will be virtual this year. Mrs. Longo responded it would be virtual.*

*Mrs. Walker thanked the teaching staff for their efforts and commented on how great it was to see all the staff around the building on Tuesday.*

*Mrs. Norian stated this year is the perfect opportunity for members to take advantage of the NJSBA 2020 Virtual Workshop to get the training they might not be able to normally get.*

*A motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0 the Board approved F1 & F2.*

- F1. It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board accepts and approves the Personnel Committee Report dated **September 9, 2020**.
- F2. Approval of the Evaluation Practice Instruments for Administrative Staff Members and Teaching Staff Members for SY 2020-2021 - it is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Evaluation Practice Instruments for use during SY 2020-2021:

- Teaching Staff Members: Stronge Evaluation System
- Content Supervisors: District Created Evaluation
- Supervisor of Special Education & Student Services: District Created Evaluation
- Principal and Assistant Principals: Stronge Evaluation system

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

*Mrs. Shapiro asked Mrs. Longo as a reminder to post policies on the district website after the first reading.*

*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:

	<b>Policy #</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	1250	Visitors
2	3510	Operation and Maintenance of Plant
3	3541.33	Transportation Safety
4	5141.2	Illness
5	5141.3	Health Examinations and Immunizations

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

*Mr. Griffin congratulated the administration on the clear, effective and concise communication with the parents.*

**XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

*Mr. James Del Greco thanked the Board and Administration for their hard work and would like the Board to consider keeping the hybrid Board of Education Meetings open.*

*Mrs. Pooja Bhatia-Nigam asked for more details about the ionization technology that was discussed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Derian gave some information on the implementation process and provided additional background on the technology and where the technology is currently being used. Mr. Derian also noted that our classroom univents are new but the district would like to do everything possible. Mrs.*

*Longo commented that the district would like to have this technology in before the heating season begins.*

### **XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

*Mr. Walsh asked what a typical day of school at OPS is like. Ms. Bozios provided an explanation.*

*Mrs. Shapiro expressed her appreciation and thanks for the district opening up to offer the hybrid model, which is the testament to everyone involved and working together, the district's favorable rankings in recent publications and Ms. Bozios and the administrative team. Mrs. Shapiro also encouraged parents to always communicate their concerns.*

*Mrs. Levy thanked the administration and teachers. Mrs. Levy also commented on the PTA breakfast and spoke about the PTA's plan and goals for the year.*

*Mrs. Levy then stated that she would like to continue to offer a Zoom option for future Board meetings and offered a motion to continue a hybrid option for future Board meetings as long as we are offering our students a hybrid option for school. Mr. Griffin seconded (no vote was taken) and further reinforced his decision for voting for a hybrid option for future board meetings. Mrs. Nichols stated she would feel more comfortable voting on the hybrid model on a marking period by marking period basis. The Board engaged in a discussion offering a hybrid option for future Board meetings and how long this option should be available to the public.*

*At this time, a motion was made by Mrs. Levy and seconded by Mr. Griffin, and carried a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board approved offering the hybrid option of in-person and virtual meetings through the regular November 11 Board of Education meeting.*

*Mr. Castro expressed his appreciation and thanked all parties involved with the start of the school year.*

*Mr. Norian also thanked everyone involved in this year's opening and in particular for making coming back to school fun and not intimidating.*

*Mr. Griffin appreciated all the small touches and attention to details.*



*Mr. Derian and Mrs. Walker expressed their appreciation for the administration's efforts.*

*Mrs. Nichols commended the teachers for putting the students first and wished them all a safe and healthy year.*

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion by Mrs. Norian and seconded by Mr. Derian, and carried a roll call vote of 9-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*John M. Marmora  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary*