

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649**

REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING

**MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2000**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:03 p.m. by Mrs. Chambers.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mrs. Lessersohn.

III. SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

The Sunshine Law Statement was read by Mrs. Chambers.

All requirements of the Open Public Business Meetings Law have been met for this meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of Oradell. Notice of this meeting was filed with the Borough Clerk, posted in Borough Hall and the Oradell Free Public Library, faxed to the Town News and all persons requesting such notice on April 14, 2000.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Chambers.

The Mission of the Oradell School District is to develop in each student strong self-esteem, ethical values, respect and an appreciation of diversity and passion for learning to enable every student to perform at his/her maximum potential through a flexible and inclusive educational system.

To accomplish this, the Board, in active collaboration with parents, staff and administration, and in partnership with the total community, will provide a comprehensive and academically challenging educational program that responds to the unique and changing needs of students and society.

Adopted by the Oradell Board of Education December 20, 1993

V. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Goepel, Mrs. Lessersohn, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. LaForgia

ABSENT: Mr. Julis, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Shinevar

Also present were Mrs. Karen Lake, Superintendent, and 6 members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No comments were made.

VII. MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000, THE REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2000, THE PUBLIC WORK SESSION OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2000, THE BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2000 AND THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORK SESSION OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2000.

It was moved by Mrs. LaForgia, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Public Business Meeting of Tuesday, February 22, 2000, the Regular Public Business Meeting of Monday, February 28, 2000, the Public Work Session of Wednesday, March 15, 2000, the Budget Hearing/Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, March 29, 2000 and the Minutes of the Public Work Session of Wednesday, April 5, 2000.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mrs. Chambers thanked the members of the community for their support of the budget. Additional acknowledgment was extended to Mrs. LaForgia, Mr. Feigenson and Mrs. Looram on their election to the Oradell Board of Education.

Mrs. Chambers also commended our music department staff for their musical performance of Thursday and Friday, April 13 and 14.

Mrs. Chambers also indicated that the Negotiations Committee had also signed a letter of agreement with the Administrators' Association and would be delivering a copy of the agreement on Thursday, April 20, 2000. Also, it was noted that following our meeting there would be an important executive session in which our attorney would be present.

Mrs. Chambers also reminded the Board of the Borough's Memorial Day and Fourth of July invitations to participate in the Borough's parades.

In conclusion, Mrs. Chambers commended the superintendent for her efforts in presenting the budget to our various constituent groups.

Mrs. Lake reiterated Mrs. Chambers acknowledgments and also indicated her intent to write to the "Record" and "Town News" and thank the people for passing the budget. Additional kudos were extended to Ms. DiCorcia for her assistance relative to the district's participation in "Celebrate Excellence in Our Public Schools" exposition at the Bergen Mall.

Additional congratulatory remarks were extended to the new officers of the Oradell Education Association.

Presentation of Plaques: Mrs. LaForgia presented a plaque to both Susan Chambers and Steven Goepel in acknowledgment of their years of dedicated service to the Oradell Board of Education.

IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

A. FINANCE – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson

1. Monthly Certifications – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end, March, 2000, be accepted as attached and, furthermore, that the Board certify in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10 (e) that no major account or fund in the 1999/2000 Budget has been over-expended in violation of 6:20-2A.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Payment of Invoices – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the invoices for the period of March 30, 2000 through April 19, 2000, be approved as follows:

Fund 11 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$308,477.52
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	7,580.95
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue</i>)	5,091.77
Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	.00
Fund 55 (<i>Milk</i>)	436.64

Fund 50 (Summer School)

TOTAL .00
\$321,586.88

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Transfer of Funds – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board approve the following transfer of funds as noted:

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From Account (Credit)	To Account (Debit)	Credit	Debit
11-000-222-600-01-0213	11-000-230-339-00-0110	\$350.00	\$350.00
11-000-222-600-01-0213	11-000-230-339-00-0226	571.00	571.00
11-000-240-103-00-0105	11-000-230-610-00-0112	892.00	892.00
11-000-262-420-00-0607	11-000-262-340-00-0203	450.00	450.00
11-000-270-514-00-0502	11-000-270-512-00-0501	291.00	291.00
11-000-290-339-00-0100	11-000-290-610-00-0100	164.78	164.78
11-000-290-339-00-0100	11-120-100-101-00-0220	45.00	45.00
11-000-260-420-00-0607	11-000-261-420-00-0607	500.00	500.00
11-000-290-100-00-0100	12-000-290-732-00-0000	2,571.00	2,571.00
	Total	\$5,834.78	\$5,834.78
* Transaction Date For Above Transfers 3/31/00			

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Acceptance of Donation – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the acceptance of a donation from the Oradell PTA consisting of a new, fully equipped playground.

Note: Total cost of the new playground equipment is \$55,000.00

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

C. POLICY – Mr. Julis, Chairperson

1. Approval of Policies – It was moved by Mr. Goepel, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following policies for first reading:

- #2010 - "Concepts and Roles in Administration; Goals and Objectives"
- #2121 - "Line of Responsibility"
- #2131 - "Evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools"
- #2210 - "Administrative Leeway in Absence of Board Policy"
- #2240 - "Research, Evaluation and Planning"
- #2255 - "District Self-Evaluation, Action Planning and Monitoring for Certification"

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Lessersohn suggested that we consider one 2 hour session (Open Forum) as a "Jump Start" to Strategic Planning. Mrs. Lake will call Mrs. Lobsenz to see if May 25, 2000 will be a possible date.

Mr. Walsh and Mrs. LaForgia requested the Schaefer Exploration course offerings.

Mr. Walsh also reiterated the Board's need for a definition of "Old Business" and suggested that the Board Secretary keep current an action list.

Mr. Walsh also requested a status report on the PTA sponsored "meals" program presently being offered to students.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

The art show will be held on June 2, 2000.

Library schedule has been determined for student use and also will be opened after school until 3:25 p.m.

Mrs. Kelly indicated that the PTA will continue to plant flowers on school property.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Additional comments involved the third grade "Grandparents Day" Program with suggestions that included changing the name of the program and involving more students in all phases of production. Mrs. Harrer volunteered to assist.

Mrs. Mino questioned the number of lunch aides available for supervision.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Goepel, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session at 9:23 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

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.

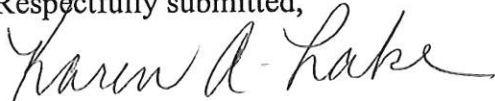
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Goepel, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Lake
Acting Board Secretary

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**CLOSED SESSION OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 19, 2000
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Closed Session of the Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 9:45 p.m. by Mrs. Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Goepel, Mrs. Lessersohn, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. LaForgia

ABSENT: Mr. Julis, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Shinevar

Also present were Mrs. Karen Lake, Superintendent and Mr. Malachi Kenney, Board Attorney

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.

Mrs. Lake submitted the evaluations of Mr. Scott Ryan, Principal, to the Board for review and discussion.

Mr. Kenney, Board Attorney, provided the Board with a status report relative to the existing testing issue presently under discussion between the District and NJEA lawyers who represent one of our teaching staff members. Options were discussed and the Board suggested a direction of possible action to Mr. Kenney. Additionally, it was decided that Mr. Kenney would apprise the Board on May 3, 2000 relative to the status of this subject.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Goepel, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen A. Lake". The signature is written in black ink and extends to the right with a long, thin horizontal stroke.

Karen A. Lake
Acting Board Secretary