

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION - APRIL 5, 2000  
MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Work Session 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. Norian.

**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, The Record and all persons requesting such notice on March 30, 2000.

**IV. MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission Statement was read by Mr. Spadaccini.

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, Mr. Julis, Mrs. Lessersohn, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Shinevar, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Chambers

ABSENT: Mrs. LaForgia

Also present was Mrs. Karen Lake, Superintendent.

**VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

There were two members of the public present and no comments were made.

**VII. MINUTES**

Review of Minutes - March 29, 2000, Budget Hearing/Regular Public Business Meeting

Mrs. Chambers suggested that Board Members having questions relative to the minutes are to contact Mrs. Lake.

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

No report.

Note: The presentation of plaques was deferred to the next scheduled Regular Public Business Meeting of the Board, April 19, 2000.

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION**

***A. BI-BOROUGH – Mrs. Shinevar, Chairperson***

Mrs. Shinevar highlighted the topics discussed at the Thursday, March 16, 2000 Bi-Borough Meeting. Of particular note was the discussion relative to curriculum articulation between the three districts. Specific examples of curriculum articulation included the subjects of mathematics and world language. Mrs. Shinevar discussed the 3 district's plans to develop a mathematics assessment instrument to assist with pre-algebra placement in the seventh grade. The assessment would be used as one criteria within a multiple assessment matrix.

Additional discussion focused on the sixth grade parent orientation held on March 28, 2000 at Oradell Public School. Approximately 70 parents attended.

The next Bi-Borough Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2000.

***B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson***

Mr. Spadaccini indicated there was no report due to the fact that many of the capital improvements recommended by the Buildings & Grounds Committee are listed in the District's second question. A Meeting will be scheduled after the April 18, 2000 Board election.

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

Mrs. Norian explained that with the Board election quickly approaching and the

concomitant concern relative to the possibility of new committee membership, it is quite difficult to schedule a meeting. However, as soon as possible the Curriculum Committee must address the issues of "looping, portfolio assessment grades 5 and 6, the IDEAS program and the science curriculum.

Mrs. Lessersohn requested an evaluation of the three marking cycles presently in place.

Mrs. Norian also suggested that we look into student assessment in French. Specifically, should there be a French assessment for second graders listed on the report card.

***D. FINANCE – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson***

Mr. Walsh indicated that no meeting had been held since the presentation of the budget, however, we are in good shape.

The other concern discussed was the mailing of the District's budget brochure. Simply put, it was suggested that the mailing be delivered on the Saturday prior to the election. Additional brochures be placed in the students' backpacks the Thursday prior to the election.

***E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Goepel, Chairperson***

No report.

***F. POLICY – Mr. Julis, Chairperson***

Mrs. Lake apologized to Mr. Julis relative to the fact that she was not able to complete the word processing necessary to disseminate the policies for first reading.

Mr. Julis indicated that the Policy Committee had worked on a series of policies all emanating from the 2000 series. One specific policy involving nondiscrimination/harassment was being further discussed to include additional verbiage relative to harassment.

***G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Lessersohn, Chairperson***

Mrs. Lessersohn indicated that a draft letter was given to the superintendent relative to the District's plans to have two study sessions involving the topic of how we educate Oradell's children in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Both sessions will help facilitate the District's strategic planning efforts.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Shinevar questioned how we plan to involve Mr. Munro's program into the District's program offerings. Mrs. Lake indicated that as a point of entry, a teachers' meeting has been scheduled for Mr. Munro to address the faculty. The feedback received can help facilitate additional program components.

Mr. Walsh then indicated he had an extensive list of old business items. Mrs. Lake indicated that perhaps we should attempt to define what exactly constitutes "Old Business".

It was also suggested by Mrs. Norian that perhaps it would be prudent to reinstitute action plans as opposed to merely reading a list of items labeled as "Old Business".

It was further suggested that the Board research the format of the "action item list" and Mr. Walsh bring his current "Old Business List" to the April 19, 2000 meeting for inclusion on the action list.

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

### ***A. FINANCE – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson***

1. APPROVAL OF RETROACTIVE SALARY 1999-2000 – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board of Education approve the negotiated salary for the 1999-2000 school year for Karen A. Lake, School Superintendent, in the amount of \$108,340.00 retroactive to July 1, 1999.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.**

Grandparents Day – A question was raised relative to the status of Grandparents Day program. Mrs. Lake responded that 3<sup>rd</sup> grade staff was meeting with Ms. Richardi to "brainstorm" potential programs.

Summer Program – Mr. Walsh requested that basic skills be included in the summer program brochure and students taking basic skills could attend free.

Annual NJSBA Legislative Breakfast – Mrs. Shinevar indicated that discussion highlights of the NJSBA Legislative Breakfast included additional federal dollars in support of special education. Other discussion included an amendment to NJ's Facilities Bill which could provide for acknowledgment of additional building/facilities expenses for districts located in more affluent geographic areas of our state (i.e. Bergen County vs. Burlington County).

Mrs. Shinevar also suggested the Board provide a local orientation to the new board members as a precursor to the orientation provided by NJSBA. She also suggested that the Board consider supporting a resolution adding a school board member to the District's Staff Development Council.

**XII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**

There was no Closed Session.

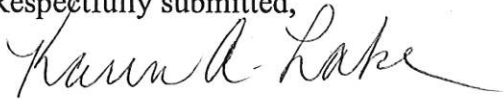
**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.**

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Lake  
Acting Board Secretary

