

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION - FEBRUARY 9, 2000
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Work Session Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by Mrs. Chambers.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Julis.

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 February 4, 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 (9:00 p.m.), Mr. Julis, Mrs. Shinevar, Mr. Spadaccini,
Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. LaForgia

ABSENT: Mrs. Lessersohn, Mrs. Norian

Also present were Mrs. Karen Lake, Superintendent, Mr. Michael Rinderknecht,

Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Joseph Tomaselli and Hal Unger, representatives from Quality Education, Inc. and 7 members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No comments were made.

VII. MINUTES

Review of Minutes - January 26, 2000, Regular Public Business Meeting, revised Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Public Business Meeting of December 22, 1999 and Minutes of the Special Public Business Meeting of January 24, 2000.

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

Dr. Joseph Tomaselli and Hal Unger from Quality Education made a presentation relative to their program and its applicability to strategic planning.

Mrs. Chambers informed the public that the OEA had ratified the contract and the final step will be the signing of a new contract.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH – Mrs. Shinevar, Chairperson

Mrs. Shinevar apprised the Board of the salient issues discussed at the last Bi-Borough meeting. These included the REDI-grant application for a demographic study, upcoming Tri-district mathematics meeting of February 16th at 1:00 p.m. and a general budget orientation by the three districts. Agenda items for the next meeting include the 3 districts' gifted program and 5 year curriculum plan.

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

Mr. Spadaccini discussed the Energy for America presentation to the combined Buildings & Grounds and Finance Committee members. Specifically, Energy for America is an engineering firm which provides school districts with a plan designed to make school districts more energy efficient via careful monitoring of plant energy needs.

Mr. Spadaccini also indicated that two other firms will be contacted to determine their energy efficiency programs.

C. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

Due to the absence of Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Shinevar discussed the issues presented

at the January 31, 2000 committee meeting. The items included: review of mathematics curriculum, Pairing/Sharing Teleconferencing Grant application, Five Year Curriculum Plan and the District's IDEAS program.

D. FINANCE – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson

Mr. Walsh first commented quite positively on the success attained in combining both the Building and Grounds and Finance Committee meetings. Mr. Walsh then discussed the District's budgetary needs, our never-ending roof situation, the possibility of a second question, and the impact of specific safety issues discussed by the Buildings and Grounds Committee members.

1. New Jersey's Pairing and Sharing Grant Application – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the district approve the submission to the NJ Department of Education the application entitled, "New Jersey's Pairing and Sharing: Instructional Resources via Teleconferencing", in the amount of \$125,000.00.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. LaForgia commended Mrs. Lake on her grant writing abilities.

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Goepel, Chairperson

1. Resignation of Leslie D. Golle (Payroll/Bookkeeper) – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board of Education approve the resignation, with regret, of Leslie D. Golle, payroll/bookkeeper, effective March 24, 2000, at the close of the school day.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. LaForgia commended Ms. Golle's work performance and wished her well.

F. POLICY – Mr. Julis, Chairperson

Mr. Julis indicated that a meeting was scheduled for Friday, February 11, 2000. At that time specific policy issues would be discussed with emphasis on Special Education concerns.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Lessersohn, Chairperson

On behalf of Mrs. Lessersohn who was absent, Mrs. Chambers discussed the suggestion to implement study circles as a precursor to strategic planning. Mrs. Chambers then requested the Board members to give their opinions relative to study circles which was positively received by all. Board members were also asked to submit the names of individuals they considered “key communicators” by February 15, 2000 to the Public Relations Committee.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Lake had requested Mrs. Pederson to come and speak about her concerns relative to comparability of program and services. Mrs. Pederson indicated science articulation in grade 6 was apparent but language arts needs improvement.

Lunch aide supervision was also discussed.

The student discipline handbook was also distributed to Board members.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Lake apprised the Board on the status of our calendar. Of specific concern was the question of whether the Board should close the school in acknowledgment of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Board feedback indicated affirmatively.

Mrs. Shinevar discussed her advanced Boardmanship Conference and passed out a summary of the issues discussed.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. LaForgia, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session at 11:22 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.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 1:25 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael D. Rinderknecht
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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**CLOSED PUBLIC WORK SESSION – FEBRUARY 9, 2000
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Closed Public Work Session Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 11:27 p.m. by Mrs. Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Goepel, Mr. Julis, Mrs. Shinevar, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. LaForgia

ABSENT: Louise Lessersohn, Mrs. Norian

Also present were Mrs. Karen Lake, Superintendent and Mr. Michael Rinderknecht, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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.

Discussion focused on the following topics:

- Budgetary issues and their applicability to personnel, program and student safety needs.
- Reception for ratification of contract between the Oradell Board of Education and the OEA.
- Adherence to contract relative to the use of sick days or waive contract to permit Erin Corcoran to use accumulated sick time to adopt a child. The Board decided that we not permit the use of sick days.

- Review of Business Administrator's contract.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 1:25 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael D. Rinderknecht
Business Administrator/Board Secretary