

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

BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING

**MINUTES
MARCH 29, 2000**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Hearing/Regular Public Business 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 Mrs. LaForgia.

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 March 20, 2000.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mr. Julis.

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, Mrs. LaForgia

Also present were Mrs. Karen Lake, Superintendent, Mr. John Esposito, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Dr. John DiGiovachino, Director of Special Services, Mr. Scott Ryan, Principal and approximately twenty (20) members of the public.

“Bullying Program”

Prior to the district budget presentation, Mrs. Sally Ng gave a presentation relative to the district’s participation in “Project Understanding”, a program designed to enhance our students’ awareness of the ongoing need to respect the worth and dignity of all people. The program is under the aegis of Mr. John Munro, teacher at River Dell Regional School District.

The members of the Board also expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Ng and the other PTA representatives who assisted in coordinating program activities here at OPS.

VI. 2000-2001 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mrs. Lake presented a detailed description of the proposed budget, provided all in attendance with handouts relative to anticipated revenues and expenditures for the 2000-01 school year, discussed the budget questions and provided an additional handout that related to the exact verbiage of the district’s two budget questions (base budget and second question). Community members were then given an opportunity to ask questions pertaining to the proposed budget for the 2000-01 school year. Information was also provided relative to the actions that could be taken by the Mayor and Council if either the base budget or second question was defeated.

1. It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. LaForgia, that the Oradell Board of Education adopt the following budget for the 2000/2001 school year:

General Current Expense	\$5,955,710.00
Debt Service	\$ 781,101.00
State/Federal Aid	<u>\$ 222,457.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6,959,268.00

Spending Growth Limitation Adjustment (Enrollment) \$117,654.00

Tax Levy – General Fund	\$5,463,089.00
Tax Levy – Debt Service	<u>\$ 764,168.00</u>
	\$6,227,257.00

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator be authorized to place the following questions on the ballot for the April 18, 2000 election:

RESOLVED, That there should be raised for General Funds \$5,463,089.00 for the ensuing school year 2000/2001;

RESOLVED, That there be raised an additional \$200,000.00 for general funds in the same school year (2000/2001). These funds will be utilized for roof replacement (gymnasium and 5th/6th grade wing), safety modifications to gym and auditorium balconies, contract for energy management/efficiency, air conditioning of library and other uses. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Note: Budget detail on file in the Office of the Board Secretary.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

VII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no questions by the public at this time.

VIII. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Public Business Meeting of Monday, February 28, 2000 and the Public Work Session of Wednesday, March 15, 2000 were tabled for the next Board meeting scheduled for April 5, 2000.

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

Mrs. Lake indicated she would not be making additional remarks due to the length of the budget presentation.

X. 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, February, 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 February 29, 2000 through March 29, 2000, be approved as follows:

Fund 11 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$538,400.17
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	2,180.40
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue</i>)	25,155.57
Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	.00
Fund 55 (<i>Milk</i>)	347.57
Fund 50 (<i>Summer School</i>)	.00
TOTAL	\$566,083.71

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:

**Transfer of Funds
Meeting Of March 29, 2000**

From Account (Credit)	To Account (Debit)	Credit	Debit
11-000-213-100-00-0302	11-000-213-300-00-0224	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
11-000-222-105-00-0206	11-000-222-100-00-0222	70.00	70.00
11-000-230-339-00-0107	11-000-230-331-00-0103	182.00	182.00
11-401-100-100-00-0200	11-000-230-339-00-0110	1,697.00	1,697.00
11-000-240-800-00-0235	11-000-240-600-00-0236	300.00	300.00
11-000-262-420-00-0607	11-000-262-300-00-0613	745.00	745.00
11-000-290-100-00-0100	11-000-262-340-00-0203	2,000.00	2,000.00
11-000-262-620-00-0601	11-000-262-340-00-0203	2,264.00	2,264.00
11-000-290-890-00-0111	11-000-290-610-00-0100	1,294.14	1,294.14

11-000-291-280-00-0216	11-000-262-100-00-0614	4,000.00	4,000.00
11-190-100-610-00-0212	11-000-262-100-00-0614	3,670.00	3,670.00
11-190-100-106-00-0000	11-120-100-101-00-0220	575.00	575.00
11-401-100-100-00-0200	11-230-100-610-00-0815	373.94	373.94
11-000-223-110-00-0214	11-000-100-569-00-1129	1,137.92	1,137.92
11-000-100-562-00-0801	11-000-100-569-00-1129	3,062.08	3,062.08
11-000-213-100-00-0302	11-000-216-320-00-0000	1,184.10	1,184.10
11-000-223-110-00-0214	11-000-216-320-00-0000	2,635.20	2,635.20
11-000-230-610-00-0112	11-000-216-320-00-0000	892.00	892.00
11-000-262-610-00-0606	11-000-216-320-00-0000	1,396.00	1,396.00
11-000-230-339-00-0226	11-000-216-320-00-0000	723.00	723.00
11-000-270-514-00-0502	11-000-216-320-00-0000	1,479.70	1,479.70
Total		\$31,431.08	\$31,431.08

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL – Mr. Goepel, Chairperson

1. Approval of Substitute – It was moved by Mr. Goepel, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following individual as substitute teacher for the 1999/00 school year, at a per diem rate of \$70.00:

Ruth Nelson

The Board further authorizes emergent hiring of any employee falling into said category, upon completion of criminal history check.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Revision to Leave of Absence/Maternity Leave – It was moved by Mr. Goepel, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the leave of absence granted to Erin Corcoran by Motion dated February 28, 2000 be amended to read as follows:

It was moved by Mr. Goepel, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board approve a leave of absence for Erin Corcoran to commence March 13, 2000 and continue through the remainder of the 1999/2000 school year. Furthermore, it is recommended that Mrs. Corcoran be permitted to use twenty (20) accumulated sick days followed by an unpaid leave of absence in accord with the Family Leave Act

provisions.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by roll call vote with one abstention (Mrs. Lessersohn) and one no (Mr. Julis).

It was further noted by President Chambers and Mrs. LaForgia that the consideration by the Board to grant Mrs. Corcoran the use of her twenty (20) accumulated sick days is not to be considered binding on the Board in future cases as each request for use of leave days must be considered on a case by case basis.

C. POLICY – Mr. Julis, Chairperson

1. Approval of Policy – It was moved by Mr. Julis, seconded by Mrs. LaForgia, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following policy for second reading:

Policy #6171.4 – “Education of Students with Disabilities”

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Walsh discussed issues relative to transportation and our spring musicals.

Mrs. Norian also informed the Board that she would be responsible for presenting our newly adopted curriculums to the town library.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. FINANCE – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson

1. PAYROLL/BOOKKEEPER TRANSITION POSITION – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. LaForgia, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that Leslie Golle, former payroll/bookkeeper, be approved to assist in the transition and training in the Business Office of the new payroll/bookkeeper at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for a total of forty (40) hours.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL – Mr. Goepel, Chairperson

1. APPOINTMENT OF PAYROLL/BOOKKEEPER – It was moved by Mr. Goepel, seconded by Mrs. Norian, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of Carolyn Riecken as payroll/bookkeeper, effective on or about Monday, April 24, 2000, through June 30, 2000, at the annual salary of \$31,000.00 prorated, and that the Board further authorize emergent hiring of this employee, if necessary.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by roll call vote with one abstention (Mr. Julis).

XIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Questions from the public included issues relating to disability and the use of accumulated sick time, 3rd grade class trip and the use of three buses for transportation and concerns relative to paint on clothing due to art projects.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Shinevar, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session at 10:55 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.

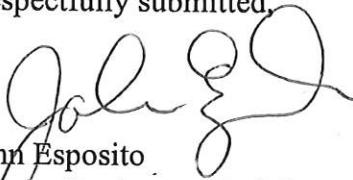
XV. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Shinevar, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



John Esposito
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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**CLOSED SESSION OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 29, 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 11:00 p.m. by Mrs. Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Mrs. Karen Lake, Superintendent, Mr. John Esposito, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary 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. Chambers introduced discussion by informing the Board that there would be a special meeting on April 12, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room for the purpose of discussing the following: Board Self Evaluation, selection of officers for the Board, Superintendent's Evaluation and General Boardsmanship issues. The meeting was subsequently turned over to Mr. Malachi Kenney, Board Attorney, who discussed the Board's concern relative to alleged statistical anomalies in the 1998-1999 third grade test results. Mr. Kenney indicated he had received the testing analysis from our statistical expert. Specific statistics were shared with the Board and an appropriate plan of action would be suggested.

Furthermore, Mr. Kenney indicated he would be contacting the NJEA representative to discuss the testing issue.

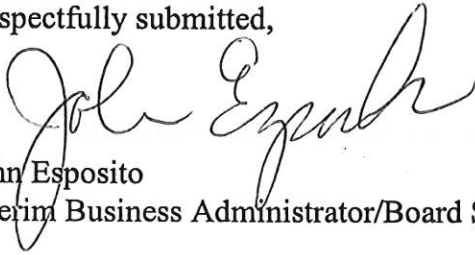
III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Shinevar, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Esposito".

John Esposito
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary