

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

REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING

**MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2000**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:07 p.m. by President Lessersohn.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Julis.

III. SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

The Sunshine Law Statement was read by Mrs. Lessersohn.

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 October 13, 2000.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Shinevar.

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. Feigenson, Mr. Julis, Mrs. LaForgia, Mrs. Looram, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Spadaccini (arrived at 8:15 p.m.), Mrs. Shinevar, Mrs. Lessersohn

ABSENT: Mr. Walsh (Board Representative at the Strategic Planning

Meeting taking place in the IMC, simultaneously with Board Meeting)

Also present were Mrs. Karen Lake, Superintendent, Mr. John Esposito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. William Scott Ryan, Principal, Dr. John DiGiovachino, Director of Special Services and 15 members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No comments were made at this time.

VII. MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2000, THE SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2000, THE PUBLIC WORK SESSION OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2000, THE REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2000, THE SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2000, AND THE SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2000.

It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Public Business Meeting of Thursday, October 5, 2000, the Special Public Business Meeting of Monday, September 18, 2000, the Public Work Session of Wednesday, September 6, 2000, the Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, August 30, 2000, the Special Public Meeting of Monday, August 28, 2000, and the Special Public Meeting of Wednesday, August 23, 2000.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Mrs. Lake commented that a Strategic Planning Committee Meeting (Community Committee) was taking place in the IMC simultaneously with the Board meeting. Mr. Walsh was in attendance representing the Board at that meeting. In addition, Mrs. Lake praised Lesley Maklin and Linda Gonzalez for all their hard work in connection with Strategic Planning.

Mrs. Lake gave an overview of the QAAR and discussed building level objectives, ESPA scores and Facility Planning.

The Bi-Borough Meeting was changed to November 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The Public Relations Committee has a meeting scheduled for November 15, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Lessersohn thanked those helping with the District's Strategic Planning and noted that Stephanie Landau had worked hard in moving the process forward.

IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

A. FINANCE – Mrs. Shinevar, Chairperson

1. Monthly Certifications – It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end, September, 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 2000/2001 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 Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the invoices for the period of September 21, 2000 through October 18, 2000 be approved as follows:

Fund 11 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$403,028.88
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$ 5,704.32
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue</i>)	\$ 7,557.38
Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	\$.00
Fund 55 (<i>Milk</i>)	\$.00
Fund 50 (<i>Summer School</i>)	\$ <u>229.48</u>
TOTAL	\$416,520.06

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Transfer of Funds			
Meeting Of October 18, 2000			
From Account (Credit)	To Account (Debit)	Credit	Debit
11-000-262-300-00-0613	11-000-262-420-00-0615	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
11-000-290-610-00-0100	11-000-290-890-00-0100	\$119.79	\$119.79
11-000-230-339-00-0107	11-230-100-101-00-0220	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
11-000-230-339-00-0107	11-230-100-101-00-0815	\$1,270.00	\$1,270.00
20-251-200-320-00-0410	20-251-400-731-00-0410	\$2,273.00	\$2,273.00
11-120-100-101-00-0227	11-000-100-562-00-0801	\$11,869.20	\$11,869.20
11-120-100-101-00-0227	11-000-100-566-00-0801	\$10,272.00	\$10,272.00
	Total	\$29,303.99	\$29,303.99
* Transaction Date For Above Transfers 9/30/00			

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Adoption of Resolution Opposing A-2231 (Asselta, Gibson) and S-1126 (Ciesla) – It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Julis, that the Oradell Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

LIMITING SUBCONTRACTING OF SERVICES BY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, A-2231 (Asselta, Gibson), bars subcontracting during the life of an existing labor agreement in local school districts and institutions of higher education. It would also require a school board to give 90 days notice to the union and the Public Employees Relations Commission before it could seek bids from subcontractors for services related to efficient district operations; and

WHEREAS, local school boards are under increasing pressure to find the most cost-efficient way to deliver services without diminishing educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the bills would place severe obstacles in the way of each local school board's ability to privatize food, transportation, custodial and other services related to the efficient operations of the local district; and

WHEREAS, the clear result of A-2231 and S-1126 will be to provide statutory job security since the local school board would need to obtain the union's agreement before subcontracting could be implemented, effectively giving the union the right to veto any local board decision; and

WHEREAS, the Oradell Board of Education believes that A-2231 and S-1126 would place further cumbersome regulations on the attempts of the local boards to deliver cost-effective and operationally efficient local education programs within the

local districts' three per cent budget cap; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Oradell Board of Education urges the state legislature to oppose A-2231 and S-1126, and directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor, all legislators representing the 38th district and to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL – Mr. Feigenson, Chairperson

1. Approval of Substitutes – It was moved by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mrs. LaForgia, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following persons as substitute teachers for the 2000/01 school year, at a per diem rate of \$70.00:

Noelle Albanese
Kristine Schmitt

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Shinevar distributed minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting and provided an overview of discussion from that session. She noted that the next meeting will be in late November or early December, to coincide with the budget process.

Mrs. Lessersohn stated that the Board would discuss the Action Item List at the next meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. PERSONNEL – Mr. Feigenson, Chairperson

1. APPROVAL OF NURSE SUBSTITUTE – It was moved by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve Sue Petersen as a nurse substitute for the 2000/01 school year, at a per diem rate of \$70.00.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. FINANCE – Mrs. Shinevar, Chairperson

1. NJ NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT – It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mrs. LaForgia, that the Board of Education approve the NJ Non-Public School Technology Initiative Program Agreement with St. Joseph School for the 2000/2001 school year and furthermore authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute an agreement necessary for administering the aforementioned program.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Barbagallo raised the issue of the number of children in each kindergarten class. She asked about the possibility of adding a section to first grade next year.

Mrs. Carney inquired about having a defibrillator in the building at all times. She noted that Valley Hospital may have one it may wish to donate.

Mrs. Pizzuto raised a concern about the size of kindergarten classes. Mrs. Schuster also addressed this issue and asked about hiring an aide for the classroom.

Mrs. Boyle asked if there is a policy regarding class size for kindergarten. Mrs. Lessersohn noted that the school tries to keep K-3 class sizes smaller than 4-6 grade levels.

Mrs. Lake responded to parent questioning regarding kindergarten class size noting that the District was looking into hiring two part-time teachers to assist with the kindergarten classes.

Mr. Park asked about having children with special needs in kindergarten classrooms. Mrs. Lake responded that the District adheres to the law and provides for the least restrictive environment for all children and asked that parents with concerns should see her on an individual basis.

Mrs. Winters inquired about the fifth grade curriculum and time changes. Mrs. Cioffi inquired about the schedule as well. Mrs. Lake responded that she would look into this issue.

Mrs. Pederson complimented the Board on addressing and resolving many issues but, was concerned about the number of workbooks and textbooks in the classroom.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

There was no Closed Session.

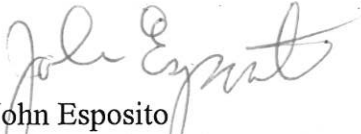
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



John Esposito
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

