

ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649

SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING – APRIL 11, 2001

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Lessersohn.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mrs. Shinevar.

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 March 5, 2001.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Lessersohn.

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. Julis, Mrs. LaForgia, Mrs. Looram, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Shinevar, Mrs. Lessersohn
ABSENT: Mr. Feigenson

Also present was Mr. Raymond Albano, Interim Superintendent

VI. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Shinevar, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session to discuss personnel issues at 6:50 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.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Julis, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Albano
Acting Board Secretary

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ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649**

**CLOSED SESSION SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 11, 2001
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Closed Session of the Special Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 6:52 p.m. by President Lessersohn.

II. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Mr. Feigenson

Also present was Mr. Raymond Albano, Interim Superintendent.

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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.

The Board conducted an interview with a superintendent candidate.

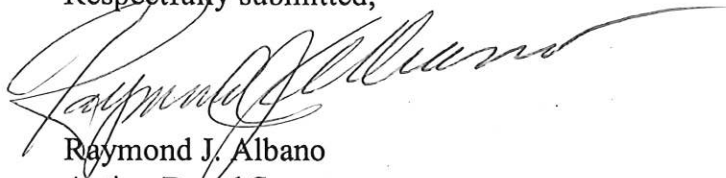
III. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Julis, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Raymond J. Albano
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**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
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REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING

**MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2001**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Lessersohn.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mrs. Lessersohn.

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 April 3, 2001.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Shinevar.

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V. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Mr. Feigenson

Also present were Mr. Raymond J. Albano, Interim Superintendent, and 8 members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no comments made at this time from the public.

VII. MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2001, THE SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETINGS OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2001, TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2001 and THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2001 AND THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORK SESSION OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2001.

It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. LaForgia, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, March 28, 2001, the Special Public Business Meetings of Wednesday, April 4, 2001, Tuesday, March 27, 2001 and Thursday, March 22, 2001 and the Minutes of the Public Work Session of Wednesday, March 21, 2001.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

The Superintendent gave an update on Strategic Planning. He advised that the Internal Assessment Committee met today and will meet again next week to complete the task.

The Superintendent also reported that Operation Shadow is ready for next week. He commended Ms. Schaum and other classroom teachers who worked together to effect this program and referenced written information supplied to the Board.

Mr. Albano acknowledged that he sent Ms. Schaum notification of her Best Practice Proposal – I.D.E.A.S. – being considered as one of the finalists for award.

The Superintendent announced that the French Foreign Exchange Student (from River Dell Regional H.S.) visited Oradell's students classes on Monday. (4/9/01)

To date, the number of Kindergartners registered for September, 2001 is 80.

Mrs. Lessersohn advised that the Board is continually engaged in interviews with Superintendent candidates.

IX. COMMITTEE ACTION/REPORTS

A. FINANCE – Mrs. Shinevar, Chairperson

1. Payment of Invoices – It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills/invoices from March 29, 2001 through April 25, 2001, with retroactive approval at the May 2, 2001 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Transfer of Funds – It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to complete transfer of funds from March 29, 2001 through April 25, 2001 with retroactive approval at the May 2, 2001 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Julis and Mrs. Shinevar questioned the meaning of “retroactive”. Mr. Albano explained.

B. PERSONNEL – Mrs. Norian, Acting Chairperson

1. Additional Day of Employment of School Psychologist and/or School Social Worker – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the authorization, at the discretion of the Interim Superintendent, of an additional day per week of employment of the School Psychologist and/or the School Social Worker, effective immediately and continuing to the end of the 2000/2001 school year.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Walsh questioned if both people would be used on the same day. Mr.

Albano explained it is possible (1/2 day each).

2. Governor's Teacher Recognition Award – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Looram, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the award of the 2000/2001 school year Governor's Teacher Recognition Award Program to Elinor Goeller.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Albano reported on the successful format which involved parent, administrative and teacher representatives. Mrs. Norian commended Mrs. Goeller, Mr. Albano and the process.

- C. BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

Mr. Spadaccini reported that to date two bids were received covering security systems and the committee is awaiting others. The committee will meet to review all bids. He also gave a report on the pigeon situation and will follow up on the possible liability of the roofer.

- D. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

1. End of Year (2000/01) Calendar Revisions – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Looram, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following revisions to the end of the 2000/01 school year calendar:

Tuesday, June 19	single session day
Wednesday, June 20	single session day
Thursday, June 21	single session day
Thursday, June 21	Last day students/ promotion ceremony
Friday, June 22	Last day teachers

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Norian thanked the Superintendent, as well as Ms. Schaum, for getting Operation Shadow organized. Board Members suggested follow up publicity on Operation Shadow after its completion.

A curriculum committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future regarding "Looping".

E. BI-BOROUGH – Mrs. LaForgia, Chairperson

Mr. Albano reported on items discussed at the April 5, 2001 meeting and then informed Board Members of a Grade 6 Parent's Meeting scheduled for May 8, 2001.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Walsh raised the issue of traffic around the school, particularly on Church Street; and suggested the Board solicit the Mayor and Council to close off Church Street and/or establish it as a one-way during school traffic hours. Board Members discussed the issue and appropriate time to effect change. Mr. Albano will write a letter to the Mayor and Council to schedule a meeting between municipal representatives, the police chief, and the Building and Grounds Committee of the Board.

Mr. Albano reported that the Borough Clerk had contacted the board office regarding a meeting with Mayor and Council representatives on the 2001/2002 school budget. A meeting may not be possible due to conflicts, but the Borough Clerk advised that the Mayor and Council are comfortable with Oradell's school budget.

Mrs. LaForgia referenced a letter from the Borough regarding the Memorial Day Parade and Fourth of July celebrations and encouraged the Board to participate.

Mr. Albano reported that a letter is being formulated to be sent to all parents regarding: violence/threats/bullying.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Shinevar read a prepared statement regarding her interest in being elected president of the reorganized Board. Board Members reported that they did not expect to have formal statements.

President Lessersohn reminded all of the prior notice given to Board Members regarding their expression to the Board of any interest in being president.

Mrs. Norian verbally expressed her interest in being elected president.

Mrs. LaForgia reminded everyone to vote on April 17.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A parent questioned the amount of time the school psychologist and social worker are presently working. The Superintendent responded.

Mrs. Landau suggested that the Board contact Mrs. Keating, Chairperson (Strategic Planning) for safety regarding the traffic situation. Mr. Albano advised that the information is retrievable from the Strategic Planning reports.

Mrs. Neville questioned the Board's investigation into security systems. Mr. Albano responded that expectations are for a safe/secure building and environment.

Mrs. Sadlon suggested that metal detectors and video cameras might be appropriate since school incidents throughout the country were a result of students within the building (with weapons).

A parent questioned the practice of utilizing teacher substitutes for extended time periods (days in assignment – escalation of stipend). The Superintendent reported on the need to replace the substitute in Kindergarten assignment with a part-time Kindergarten teacher/aide.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Shinevar, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session at 9:50 p.m.

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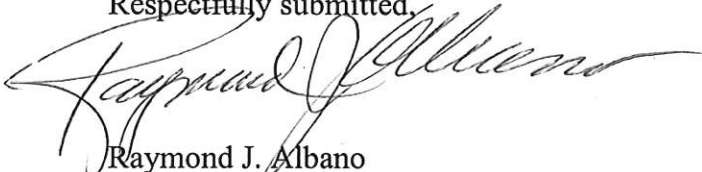
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Mr. Albano discussed a personnel matter regarding a Kindergarten substitute teacher.

The Board then deliberated on superintendent candidates and agreed to conduct further second round interviews on April 17th.

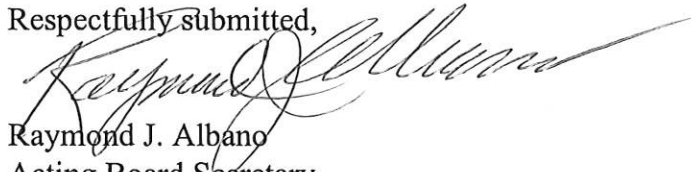
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