

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

REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING

**MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2001**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:04 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 February 23, 2001.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Norian.

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, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Shinevar, Mrs. Lessersohn

Also present were Mr. Raymond J. Albano, Interim Superintendent, and Mr. John Esposito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and thirty-seven 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, JANUARY 24, 2001, THE SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2001, THE PUBLIC WORK SESSION OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2001, AND THE SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2001.

It was moved by Mrs. Lessersohn, seconded by Mrs. Shinevar, that the Minutes of the Special Public Business Meeting of Tuesday, February 13, 2001 be voted on separately.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, January 24, 2001, the Special Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, February 1, 2001, and the Public Work Session of Wednesday, February 7, 2001.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mrs. LaForgia that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Public Business Meeting of Tuesday, February 13, 2001.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by roll call vote with two abstentions (Mrs. LaForgia and Mrs. Lessersohn).

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

A. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mr. Albano introduced Mr. Rubin Camins from the Oradell Lions Club. Mr. Camins presented awards to five children for their artwork in the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. The winners were: Grace Kim, Joseph Laganella, Allison Liccardo, Marc LoForte and Katie McChesney.

Mr. Albano noted that 75 children had registered for the 2001/2002 school year kindergarten class. He also stated that the annual Report Card containing detailed information on the District was now available.

Mrs. Lessersohn asked that committees needing to set up meetings with Mr. Albano kindly do so at the earliest possible date.

It was noted that the Board Meeting scheduled for March 14 had been moved to March 21. Additionally, the Board will meet March 7 at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Janet Lobsenz, senior field service representative from New Jersey School Boards Association, who is helping the District in its superintendent search.

IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

A. FINANCE – Mrs. Shinevar, Chairperson

- 1. Monthly Certifications – It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end, January, 2001, 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. Feigenson, that the invoices for the period of January 25, 2001 through February 28, 2001 be approved as follows:

Fund 11 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$840,819.38
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$ 850.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue</i>)	\$ 35,269.98
Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	\$.00
Fund 55 (<i>Milk</i>)	\$ 567.53

Fund 50 (Summer School)

\$.00
TOTAL \$877,506.89

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

**Meeting of February 28, 2001
Transfer of Funds**

From Account (Credit)	To Account (Debit)	Credit	Debit
11-000-100-566-00-0801	11-000-213-100-00-0222	\$455.00	\$455.00
11-000-100-566-00-0801	11-000-213-300-00-0224	\$2,683.00	\$2,683.00
11-000-100-566-00-0801	11-000-217-106-00-0000	\$3,234.00	\$3,234.00
11-000-100-566-00-0801	11-000-219-580-00-0202	\$3.70	\$3.70
11-000-100-566-00-0801	11-000-230-610-00-0104	\$1,691.32	\$1,691.32
11-000-100-566-00-0801	11-000-230-890-00-0112	\$2,537.66	\$2,537.66
11-000-100-566-00-0801	11-000-230-890-00-0113	\$4,174.10	\$4,174.10
11-000-230-100-00-0104	11-000-230-330-00-0104	\$56,000.00	\$56,000.00
11-000-230-331-00-0103	11-000-262-100-00-0614	\$3,449.15	\$3,449.15
11-000-230-331-00-0103	11-000-270-519-00-0000	\$3,270.00	\$3,270.00
11-000-230-331-00-0103	11-000-290-890-00-0111	\$39.00	\$39.00
11-000-230-331-00-0103	11-190-100-320-00-0223	\$150.00	\$150.00
11-000-230-331-00-0103	11-213-100-101-00-0222	\$525.00	\$525.00
12-000-400-450-00-0000	12-000-400-390-00-1706	\$1,118.00	\$1,118.00
	Total	\$79,329.93	\$79,329.93

*** Transaction Date For Above Transfers 1/31/01**

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Albano reviewed the tentative budget for the 2001/2002 school year. He noted that the final budget would be approved at the March 28 meeting. The Superintendent identified key provisions of the document, including the addition of a first grade class without having to add new staff.

Mr. Albano stated that there were funds in the tentative budget for a nurse's aide, who would be available at critical times of the day. He also noted that Dr.

DiGiovachino's position has been broadened to include his coordinating curriculum development for the District. The proposed budget also includes continued support for supplies, texts and related teaching materials.

The Superintendent pointed out that even with these enhancements, the tentative budget was below the 3% cap on spending that all districts in New Jersey must adhere to.

4. Tentative Budget for the 2001/2002 School Year – It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Oradell Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oradell Board of Education adopt the following tentative budget for the 2001/2002 school year and authorize that it be submitted by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to the Bergen County Superintendent:

General Current Expense	\$6,340,383.00
Debt Service	\$ 783,203.00
State/Federal Aid	<u>\$ 222,058.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,345,644.00
Tax Levy General Fund	\$5,797,510.00
Tax Levy-Debt Service	<u>\$ 783,203.00</u>
Tax Levy-Grand Total	\$6,580,713.00

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Approval of NJ Legislature to Allow Some Flexibility for the Implementation of Summer 2001 Capital Projects – It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Oradell Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act (EFCFA) was signed into law on July 18, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the EFCFA provides considerable funding opportunities for all school districts to support capital construction; and

WHEREAS, the EFCFA further provides for substantial review by the Department of education for all capital projects regardless of the funding source; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of this review will prevent local school districts from proceeding with locally funded capital projects scheduled for the summer of 2001; and

WHEREAS, all local school budgets must be submitted to the County Offices of Education by March 5, 2001;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oradell Board of Education urges the New Jersey Legislature to provide for a phase-in of the oversight procedures to coincide with the local budget process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New Jersey Legislature allow locally funded capital projects supported through the annual election on April 17, 2001 to proceed for the 2001 - 2001 school year.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL – Mr. Feigenson, Chairperson

1. Resignation of Special Education Instructional Aide – It was moved by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept the resignation of Ruth McCaffrey as special education instructional aide, effective at the close of the school day, Wednesday, February 28, 2001.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Resignation of Assistant Director of Schaefer “Explorations” Summer School Program – It was moved by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept the resignation of Helene Albrecht as Assistant Director of the Schaefer “Explorations” Summer School Program, effective March 1, 2001.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Amendment to Part-time Speech Correctionist’s Position – It was moved by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board increase the percentage of work time of Connie

Centrella, speech correctionist, from .6 to 1.0, effective March 1, 2001. (Mrs. Centrella's original appointment took place on August 2, 2000.)

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Appointment of Full-time Instructional Aide/Special Education – It was moved by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Nancy C. Martin as full-time instructional aide/special education for the 2000/01 school year, effective Thursday, March 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001, at the annual salary of \$12,936.00 (pro-rated) as set forth on the Oradell Education Association's 2000/01 Instructional Aide's Salary Guide.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

C. BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

1. Use of School Facilities – It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. LaForgia, that the Board of Education approve the following request for use of school facilities:
 - a. *Tekeyan Cultural Association Program* – Commencing on Saturday, May 5, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and on Sunday, May 6, 2001 at 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium for a theatrical presentation. All custodial fees to be paid for by the Tekeyan Cultural Association in addition to the charge for the use of the auditorium.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. LaForgia inquired about a resolution that addresses the inequity in spending growth allowed by public schools versus the Bergen County Special Services. Oradell and other district's budgets are limited to 3% increases year-to-year; BCSS has no such limit, and can raise its tuition rates more than 3% annually. Mr. Esposito will determine if Oradell has passed a resolution addressing this situation in the past year.

Mr. Walsh asked if the District could also send a letter of support to the River

Dell Regional High School.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. FINANCE – Mrs. Shinevar, Chairperson

1. SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION CONTRACT 2000/01 SCHOOL YEAR
It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board approve, in accord with Chapter 46, Title 18A, NJ Statutes, tuition to be paid for the student listed below to attend the school indicated, for the period commencing February 28, 2001 through June 2001, at the pro-rated tuition cost indicated:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Cost</u>
#23	Chancellor Academy II Lincoln Pk., NJ	\$30,000.00 (annual)

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was reported that the next Bi-Borough meeting is delayed until the new Superintendents are in place in each district.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Irving addressed the parent-organized trip to NYC in May, 2001. Mrs. Weisbuch also talked about this planned trip and distributed documents to each board member.

Mrs. Kelly asked about the status of Operation Shadow. Mr. Albano stated that he was working with staff on how to best replace that program. Mrs. Winters asked about the reasons for not continuing Operation Shadow. The Superintendent noted that in his discussions with people in the district he identified several issues of concern that were raised and had yet to be addressed.

Mrs. Bergelt thanked the Board for planning an additional first grade section in the 2001/02 budget.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session at 9:27 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.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



John Esposito
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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**CLOSED SESSION OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2001
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 9:45 p.m. by President Lessersohn.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Mr. Raymond Albano, Interim Superintendent, and Mr. John Esposito, 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.

Mr. Albano reviewed the responses from six teachers currently on leaves of absence. There was also discussion regarding the evaluation and retention of non-tenured staff.

The Board asked about the possibility for using "permanent" substitutes. Mr. Albano noted this was feasible, but suggested studying past history to determine whether it made economic sense to pursue this option.

Mr. Feigenson asked about the possibility of installing a buzzer security system in the school. Mr. Esposito will investigate.

The Board and Mr. Albano then reviewed some issues raised at the last Joint Advisory Committee meeting. There was discussion regarding the Teacher

Recognition Program and how the selection process would be handled.

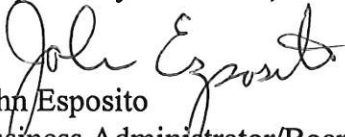
III. ADJOURNMENT

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ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,


John Esposito
Business Administrator/Board Secretary