

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

REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING

**MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2001**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:06 p.m. by President Lessersohn.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Walsh.

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 January 19, 2001.

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 8:25 p.m.), Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Shinevar, Mrs. Lessersohn

Also present were Mr. Raymond J. Albano, Superintendent (Interim), Mr. John Esposito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. William Scott Ryan, Principal, Dr. John DiGiovachino, Director of Special Services and 21 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 REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2000, THE REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2000, THE PUBLIC WORK SESSION OF JANUARY 10, 2001, AND THE SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2001.

A motion by Mrs. Shinevar to approve all of the minutes was rescinded. The Board decided to vote on each set of minutes individually, as not all members were in attendance at each meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Shinevar, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, November 29, 2000 (as amended).

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, December 13, 2000.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by roll call vote with one abstention (Mrs. LaForgia).

It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Public Work Session of January 10, 2001 (as amended).

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by roll call vote with one abstention (Mrs. LaForgia).

It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Special Public Meeting of Wednesday, January 17, 2001.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Mr. Albano noted that each Board Member had several memos in their board packet, including a notice regarding the upcoming B.C.S.B.A. dinner meeting. Any Board Member wishing to make a presentation should return the application to the Business Administrator.

The Superintendent also stated that Mr. Esposito would be attending a meeting the next day to obtain the school state aid amounts. A preliminary indication is that state-wide, aide to schools may slightly increase over the previous year.

A presentation of the results of the October 2000 Iowa Test of Basic Skills administered to grades 3-6 was given by Dr. John DiGiovachino, Director of Special Services.

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, December, 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. Walsh, that the invoices for the period of December 14, 2000 through January 24, 2001 be approved as follows:

Fund 11 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$722,323.05
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$ 2,983.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue</i>)	\$ 59,090.37
Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	\$.00
Fund 55 (<i>Milk</i>)	\$ 790.17
Fund 50 (<i>Summer School</i>)	\$.00
TOTAL	\$785,186.59

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:

Transfer of Funds			
From Account (Credit)	To Account (Debit)	Credit	Debit
11-000-223-800-00-0223	11-000-217-106-00-0000	\$660.75	\$660.75
11-000-230-331-00-0103	11-000-290-890-00-0111	\$833.00	\$833.00
11-000-230-331-00-0103	11-213-100-101-00-0222	\$385.00	\$385.00
11-000-230-580-00-0104	11-000-213-100-00-0222	\$1,190.00	\$1,190.00
11-000-230-580-00-0104	11-000-230-610-00-0112	\$368.36	\$368.36
11-000-230-580-00-0104	11-000-262-800-00-0819	\$75.00	\$75.00
11-000-230-580-00-0104	11-000-291-232-00-0803	\$4.90	\$4.90
11-000-261-420-00-0607	11-000-216-320-00-0000	\$4,631.95	\$4,631.95
11-000-261-420-00-0607	11-000-216-320-00-0000	\$318.50	\$318.50
11-000-290-340-00-0100	11-000-290-339-00-0000	\$100.00	\$100.00
11-150-100-101-00-1127	11-000-262-100-00-0614	\$3,103.67	\$3,103.67
11-150-100-101-00-1127	11-000-290-890-00-0100	\$125.00	\$125.00
12-000-400-450-00-1708	12-000-400-390-00-1702	\$244.48	\$244.48
	Total	\$12,040.61	\$12,040.61
* Transaction Date For Above Transfers 12/31/00			

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Annual School Election – It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the following Election and Budget Timetable be approved as follows:

2001 ELECTION AND BUDGET TIMETABLE
ORADELL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appointment of Election Workers	Responsibility of County Bd. of Elections
Adoption of Tentative 2001/02 Budget	Wed., Feb. 28, 2001, 8:00 PM (Business Meeting)
Advertise Military/Civilian Absentee Voting Machines	Responsibility of County Clerk-Co. Elections Mon., Feb. 26, 2001
Deadline for Filing Nominating Petitions	Mon., Feb. 26, 2001 - 4:00 PM
Submission of Tentative 2001/02 Budget to Co. Supt.	Mon., March 5, 2001 - County Office
Deliver Advertised Budget to Newspaper (Must be 10 days before publication)	Sat., March 17, 2001
Last Day to File Objections to Candidates' Petitions	Fri., March 2, 2001
Last Day for Candidates to Withdraw/Amend Defective Petitions	Mon., March 5, 2001
Drawing for Position on Ballot (Bd. Conference Room)	Wed., March 7, 2001 - 4:00 PM
Certify Results to County Clerk (last day)	Fri., March 9, 2001 - 10:00 AM
Advertise Public Hearing on Budget	Sat., March 24, 2001
Last Day Persons may Register to Vote for Election (29 days preceding school election)	Mon., March 19, 2001
Public Budget Hearing & Adoption of Proposed 2001/02 School Budget	Wed., March 28, 2001 - 8:00 PM (Business Meeting)
Proposition Election Copies to County Clerk	Fri., March 30, 2001
Last Day for Appointment of Challengers	Tues., April 3, 2001
Advertise Election in Newspaper (County Board of Elections)	Mon., February 26, 2001
Mail Sample Ballots (County/Municipal Clerks)	Mon., April 9, 2001
Last Day to Receive Mail Applications in County Clerk's Office for Absentee Ballots	Tues., April 10, 2001
Last Day to Apply in Person to Co. Clerk's Office for Civilian Absentee Ballots	Mon., April 16, 2001
<u>ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION</u>	Tues., April 17, 2001 2:00-9:00 PM
<u>ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING</u>	Wed., May 2, 2001 - 8:00 PM (Special Meeting)

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL – Mr. Feigenson, Chairperson

1. Approval of Stipend – It was moved by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mrs. Norian, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve a stipend in the amount of \$800.00 for Peter Kasturas to develop the sixth grade promotion video for the school years 1999/2000 and 2000/2001, per addendum to Agreement between the Oradell Education Association and the Oradell Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A question regarding the mission statement was raised. Mr. Albano noted that the strategic planning process and mission statement were interrelated.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. FINANCE – Mrs. Shinevar, Chairperson

1. TITLE VI - CLASS SIZE REDUCTION INITIATIVE GRANT – It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Board of Education accept the Title VI - Class Size Reduction Initiative Grant as follows:

Grant No.	Duration	Award Amount
CSR387001	START: September 1, 2000 END: August 31, 2001	\$10,802

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

1. HVAC INSTALLATION IN THE MEDIA CENTER – It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the award for the HVAC installation in the Media Center be

given to the low re-bidder, Pearl River Plumbing, Heating & Electric, Inc., for \$35,380.00.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by roll call vote with one no (Mr. Walsh).

Mrs. LaForgia inquired about the insulation in the ceilings of the school. She was concerned about losing heat through the roof. Mr. Esposito will have staff look at the insulation and, if necessary, have our roof architect assess its condition.

Mrs. Shinevar asked about a possible trip hazard in the balcony seating in the gymnasium. Mr. Esposito will look into this and rectify any potentially hazardous condition.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Schwartz raised a concern regarding the size of kindergarten classes. Mr. Albano noted that next year's budget is being developed, and this issue will be taken into consideration.

Another parent stated that there were 23 students in her child's kindergarten class, and she asked the Board if there were plans to add a section. Mrs. Lessersohn noted that two part-time kindergarten teachers had been added recently in an effort to assist in the classroom.

Mrs. Barbagallo was concerned that due to the size of this year's kindergarten classes, first grade next year may face similar issues. Board Members responded that this situation was being looked at as part of the budget planning process.

Three other community members spoke of their concerns with the number of children in each kindergarten class. It was noted that the Superintendent initiates a plan for addressing these issues and presents it to Board Members for their review and comment.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session at 9:23 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

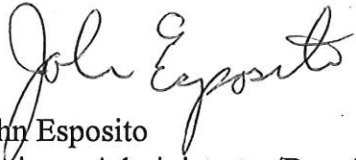
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Shinevar, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 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
JANUARY 24, 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 9:40 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 two issues with the Board. First, he noted that there was a special closed session planned for February 1 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting is being held because an OEA grievance has reached the Board level in the school grievance process. He also stated that the issue may be resolved prior to that meeting and, if so, he would notify Board Members of any change.

The Interim Superintendent also provided an account of a child bringing a pocketknife to school. He noted that Mr. Ryan, the Principal, responded quickly to the situation. The police were called and the child's parents were notified. This chain of events is in keeping with the established school policy for such instances. The school has received two letters from concerned parents regarding this incident and Mr. Ryan will follow-up with letters to each family.

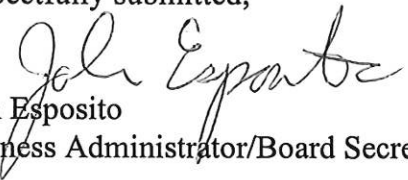
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