

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

REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 23, 2001

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by President Shinevar.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Walsh.

III. SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

The Sunshine Law Statement was read by Mrs. Shinevar.

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 May 18, 2001.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Loram.

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 (arrived at 9:38 p.m.), Mrs. LaForgia, Mrs. Landau, Mrs. Loram, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Shinevar

ABSENT: Mr. Spadaccini and Mr. Feigenson

Also present were Mr. Raymond J. Albano, Interim Superintendent, John Esposito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and 25 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/ REORGANIZATION MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2001, THE SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETINGS OF TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2001, WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2001, THE CLOSED EXECUTIVE & SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETINGS OF TUES., MAY 15, 2001.

It was moved by Mrs. Landau, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Public Business/Reorganization Meeting of Wednesday, May 2, 2001 as amended, the Special Public Business Meetings of Tuesday, May 1, 2001, Wednesday, May 9, 2001, the Closed Executive & the Special Public Business Meetings of Tuesday, May 15, 2001.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Mrs. Shinevar presented the Certificates of Election, received from the County Election Office, to the newly elected board members – Steven Julis, Stephanie Landau and John Walsh.

Mr. Albano talked about the Art Show. He thanked and congratulated those who took part in this event. The Superintendent also welcomed back Mrs. Orthmann, school nurse. He then spoke about how well the Sharpe trip was progressing.

Mr. Albano then noted that the District received two "Best Practices" awards. Mrs. Goeller won for her program involving Family Roots Day, while Mrs. Killeen and Mrs. Malwitz were recognized for their I.D.E.A.S. program.

Mr. Albano presented the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award to Elinor Goeller.

Mrs. Goeller spoke briefly and thanked everyone for her recognition. Each Board Member thanked Mrs. Goeller for her years of teaching and for receiving this award.

Mr. Albano introduced Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, the newly appointed Superintendent. Mr. Mohre spoke briefly about his excitement of coming to Oradell and his philosophies regarding children and education.

It was moved by Mrs. LaForgia, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the Board recess at 8:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Board reconvene at 8:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Shinevar, Board President, announced the names of the new committee chairpersons and committee members. They are as follows:

Building & Grounds

James Spadaccini*
Alan Feigenson
Janet Loram
John Walsh

Curriculum

Katherine Norian*
Letitia LaForgia
Stephanie Landau
Janet Loram

Finance

John Walsh*
Steve Julis
James Spadaccini

Personnel

Alan Feigenson*
Steve Julis
Letitia LaForgia
James Spadaccini

Policy/Law

Steve Julis*
Stephanie Landau
Katherine Norian

Public Relations

Janet Loram*
Alan Feigenson
Katherine Norian

Bi-Borough

Stephanie Landau*
John Walsh
Pres./VP. alternates

NJSBA/BCSBA Del.

Letitia LaForgia*
Stephanie Landau, alt.

Joint Advisory

Alan Feigenson
Karen Shinevar

* signifies the Committee Chair

Mr. Albano introduced Mrs. Lynch, who gave a presentation on the school's technology plan. The tech plan is mandated by the state and includes great detail

on the number and type of computers found in the school. Mrs. Lynch provided an overview of how Oradell has infused technology into the curriculum and where the District is headed in the next five years.

The Board asked questions on several issues, including:

- E-mail and a school policy governing its use
- The maintenance portion of the technology plan
- Time-lines for varying goals and objectives
- Up-grading the school's Web site
- Using local high school or college students to help out
- Curriculum development based on the plan

IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH – Mrs. Landau, Chairperson
No report given at this time.

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS – Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

1. Acceptance of Donation – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Landau, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the acceptance of two (2) cellular phones from Mrs. Weisberg, a parent. These phones will be programmed to dial 911 and will be distributed throughout the Oradell Public School.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Use of School Facilities – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Landau, that the Board of Education approve the following request for use of school facilities:
 - a. *Meeting to Present Preservation Plan* – in the Auditorium, Thursday evening, May 24, 2001, from 7:30 - 9:30 PM, the Republican Club of Oradell to hold a town-wide meeting (Water Works Conservancy) to present a preservation plan for the Hackensack Water Company site. All custodial fees to be paid for by the Republican Club of Oradell in addition to the charge for the use of the auditorium, pursuant to Board policy.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Spadaccini talked about several of the projects in progress, including:

- HVAC in the Media Center – The unit has been ordered and should be installed in June.
- Energy Management System – The contractor, Sunlight Electric, had installed some cable and work would be continuing in June.
- Auditorium Safety Railing – Bedlam Brass had installed the railing with tempered glass slats, at a cost of \$13,970.00.
- Security Systems – Mr. Esposito has been collecting information and obtaining quotes from vendors.

The Building & Grounds committee will meet to review these and other outstanding issues later this month.

Mrs. LaForgia asked about plants and landscaping around the school. There was also discussion among Board Members of the potential for window stops and for taking a look at the traffic situation around the building. Mrs. LaForgia asked that resolutions for facility usage requests include the words “as per Board policy”.

C. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

1. Submission of District’s Technology Plan – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Loram, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the submission of the District’s Technology Plan for the 2001/02, 2002/03 and 2003/04 school years to the NJ Department of Education.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Membership in Bergen County Region V – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board continue its membership in the Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education for the school year, 2001/02 and accept, adopt and agree to comply with the Region V Bylaws; designate the Superintendent as its representative to Region V; empower him to cast all votes and take all other actions necessary to represent its interests in Region V and further approve the Joint Transportation Agreements for all students who are transported through Region V.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

After the technology presentation piece was over, Mr. Albano provided an overview and history of Region V. These alliances were established so that districts could coordinate programs and avoid duplication of effort.

D. FINANCE – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson

1. Monthly Certifications – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Looram, that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end of April, 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 Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the invoices for the period of April 26, 2001 through May 23, 2001 be approved as follows:

Fund 11 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$ 634,295.88
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$ 22,504.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue</i>)	\$ 62,590.02
Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	\$ 376,820.42
Fund 55 (<i>Milk</i>)	\$ 429.87
Fund 50 (<i>Summer School</i>)	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$1,096,640.19

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Meeting of May 23, 2001
Transfer of Funds

#	From Account (Credit)	To Account (Debit)	Credit	Debit
1	11-000-230-331-00-0103	11-000-213-100-00-0222	\$1,435.00	\$1,435.00
2	11-000-230-331-00-0103	11-000-213-300-00-0224	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
3	11-000-223-610-00-0214	11-000-217-106-00-0000	\$70.00	\$70.00
4	11-000-230-331-00-0103	11-000-219-104-00-0202	\$1,225.00	\$1,225.00
5	11-000-223-580-00-0221	11-000-223-500-00-0217	\$420.45	\$420.45
6	11-000-223-610-00-0214	11-000-223-500-00-0217	\$165.05	\$165.05
7	11-000-230-330-00-0104	11-000-230-100-00-0104	\$3,619.00	\$3,619.00
8	11-000-230-330-00-0104	11-000-230-610-00-0104	\$739.60	\$739.60
9	11-000-230-330-00-0104	11-000-230-890-00-0113	\$242.62	\$242.62
10	11-000-230-331-00-0103	11-000-240-105-00-0222	\$1,189.00	\$1,189.00
11	11-000-230-331-00-0103	11-000-262-100-00-0614	\$2,271.73	\$2,271.73
12	11-000-261-420-00-0607	11-000-262-420-00-0607	\$5,046.75	\$5,046.75
13	11-215-100-106-00-0818	11-000-262-620-00-0601	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
14	11-190-100-610-00-0208	11-000-262-620-00-0601	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
15	11-190-100-640-00-0212	11-000-262-620-00-0601	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
16	11-120-100-101-00-0227	11-000-262-620-00-0601	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00
17	11-000-213-580-00-0221	11-000-262-800-00-0819	\$50.00	\$50.00
18	11-000-213-890-00-0302	11-000-262-800-00-0819	\$15.00	\$15.00
19	11-000-290-100-00-0100	11-000-270-512-00-0501	\$591.00	\$591.00
20	11-000-290-100-00-0100	11-000-290-610-00-0100	\$814.02	\$814.02
21	11-000-290-100-00-0100	11-000-290-890-00-0100	\$223.92	\$223.92
22	11-000-216-320-00-0000	11-000-291-270-00-0000	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
23	11-000-240-600-00-0236	11-000-291-270-00-0000	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
24	11-000-262-300-00-0613	11-000-291-270-00-0000	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
25	11-000-262-610-00-0606	11-000-291-270-00-0000	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
26	11-000-290-100-00-0100	11-000-291-270-00-0000	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
27	11-000-291-280-00-0216	11-000-291-270-00-0000	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
28	11-130-100-101-00-0228	11-000-291-270-00-0000	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
29	11-190-100-440-00-0000	11-000-291-270-00-0000	\$1,343.00	\$1,343.00
30	11-190-100-610-00-0212	11-000-291-270-00-0000	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
31	11-120-100-101-00-1703	11-110-100-101-00-0229	\$1,147.50	\$1,147.50
32	11-190-100-610-00-0212	11-204-100-106-00-0818	\$2,433.53	\$2,433.53
33	11-120-100-101-00-1703	11-213-100-101-00-0222	\$595.00	\$595.00
34	11-120-100-101-00-1703	11-401-100-100-00-0200	\$835.00	\$835.00
Total			\$91,172.17	\$91,172.17

* Transaction Date For Above Transfers 4/30/01

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Special Education/Tuition Contracts 2001/02 School Year – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the Board approve, in accord with Chapter 46, Title 18A, NJ Statutes, tuition to be paid for the students listed below to attend the schools indicated, for the period commencing September, 2001 through June 2002, at the tuition costs indicated:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
KL #7	Institute for Educational Achievement	\$47,700.00 (\$265.00 per diem)
CN #8	Forum School	\$29,401.00 (\$163.34 per diem)
TP #9	Roberge School-River Vale	\$14,749.00*
DP #10	EPIC	\$43,020.00
DS #12	Ridgefield Public Schools	\$22,917.00*
ME #18	Valley Program-Harrington Park	\$34,600.00*
DM #22	Community School	\$25,301.00
DH #23	Chancellor Academy	\$30,060.00 (\$167.00 per diem)
MS #24	Forum School	\$29,401.00 (\$163.34 per diem)
KK #25	Windsor Learning Center	\$35,885.00
KK #26	Windsor Learning Center	\$35,885.00
DS #27	Community School	\$25,301.00

*These tuition rates shown are for the 2000/01 school year. The 2001/02 tuition rates have not yet been established.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Special Education/Extended School Year Tuition Contracts 2001/02 School Year – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the Board approve, in accord with Chapter 46, Title 18A, NJ Statutes, tuition to be paid for the students listed below to attend the schools indicated, for the periods set forth, at the tuition costs indicated:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
KL #7	Institute for Educational Achievement	\$7,420.00
CN #8	Forum School	\$2,777.00
DP #10	EPIC	\$6,931.00
DS #12	Ridgefield	(included in 2001/02 tuition)
ME #18	Valley Program-Harrington Park	\$3,272.00
DH #23	Chancellor Academy II	\$3,173.00
MS #24	Forum School	\$2,777.00

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

6. Education/Tuition Contract 2000/01 School Year – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Norian, 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 May 1, 2001 through June, 2001, at the tuition cost indicated:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
MS #24	Forum School	\$5,668.20

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

7. Acceptance of FY'01 Funding Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-B) Funds – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Norian, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Director of Special Services, that the Board approve the receipt of the following FY'01 funding awards:

IDEA - Basic	\$83,008
IDEA - Preschool	\$13,393

Furthermore, the Board authorized the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary to complete and sign all pertinent documentation for receipt of the aforementioned funding allocations and submit the same to the State Department of Education, Bergen County Office.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

8. Renewal of OT/PT Contracts with Rickard Rehabilitation Services, Inc. – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Norian, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Director of Special Services, that the Board approve the renewal of contracts with Rickard Rehabilitation Services, Inc., for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy covering the 2001/02 school year.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Feigenson, Chairperson

1. Appointment of Part-time Special Education Instructional Aide – It was moved by Mr. Julis, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the retroactive appointment of Judith Powers as a part-time special education instructional aide, effective May 7, 2001 through June 30, 2001, at the annual salary of \$6,468.00 (pro-rated) as set forth on the Oradell Education Association's 2000/01 Instructional Aide's Salary Guide, to be paid in semi-monthly installments.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Ratification of Superintendent's Contractual Agreement – It was moved by Mr. Julis, seconded by Mrs. Looram, that the Board of Education approve and ratify the contractual agreement with Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, effective July 15, 2001 through June 30, 2005.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Approval of Job Description – It was moved by Mr. Julis, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the job description for the Director of Special Services/Curriculum and Staff Development.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

F. POLICY – Mr. Julis, Chairperson

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Looram, Chairperson

X. OLD BUSINESS

It was noted that the Memorial Day parade was scheduled for 8:45 a.m.

Mrs. Looram commented on the excellent job done on the auditorium railing.

Mrs. Shinevar thanked the community for all its support, especially the approval of second question funding. The school has been able to make significant facility

improvements over the past year with this money.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Irving thanked the Board and Mr. Albano for continuing Operation Shadow this year. She also inquired about the sixth grade trips for the rest of this year.

Mr. Albano noted that the program was indeed a success and the school will continue to work to improve it for next year.

Mrs. Kelly welcomed Mr. Mohre and congratulated Mrs. Goeller on her award. She also asked about the future use of E-mail in the school, the planting around the building and Operation Shadow.

Mrs. Irving suggested to the Board that trips could be more tied to the curriculum. Mrs. Landau noted that the Strategic Planning process was addressing the relevance of future trips to the curriculum. Mrs. LaForgia agreed that an assessment of field trips would be helpful.

Mrs. Shinevar presented Mr. Julis with his certificate as he was late in arriving to the meeting.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Julis, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session at 10:42 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. Norian, seconded by Mrs. LaForgia, that the first portion of the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 11:40 p.m. and the Board reconvene in public session.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Feigenson, Chairperson

1. Voluntary Unpaid Leave of Absence – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. LaForgia, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve a voluntary unpaid leave of absence for Lori Edwards for the 2001/02 school year.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

XV. SECOND ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Landau, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,


John Esposito
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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

**CLOSED SESSION OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 23, 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 10:50 p.m. by President Shinevar.

II. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Mr. Spadaccini and Mr. Feigenson

Also present were Mr. Raymond Albano, Interim Superintendent, Mr. John Esposito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent Elect.

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.

The Board discussed various options for hiring substitute teachers. Mr. Albano provided an overview of some of the issues raised at the Joint Advisory Committee meeting. These included a lack of parking, questions about air quality and the superintendent search process.

The Board also discussed personnel issues regarding current staff members.

III. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. LaForgia, that this portion of the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 11:40 p.m. and the Board reconvene in public.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

IV. CALL TO ORDER

The 2nd portion of the Closed Session of the Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 11:40 by President Shinevar.

V. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Mr. Spadaccini and Mr. Feigenson

Also present were Mr. Raymond Albano, Interim Superintendent, Mr. John Esposito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent Elect.

WHEREAS, a matter to be considered by the Board of Education deals with personnel, negotiations and/or possible litigation, and

WHEREAS, a 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. Mohre was asked to leave this portion of the closed session inasmuch as the Board reviewed the contract of the incoming superintendent.

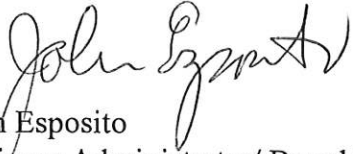
VI. SECOND ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Landau, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



John Esposito
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

