

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION – NOVEMBER 6, 2002

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Work Session of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:02 p.m by President Feigenson.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Walsh.

III. SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

The Sunshine Law Statement was read by Mr. Feigenson.

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, The Record and all persons requesting such notice on November 1, 2002.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Loram.

The Oradell Public School District, a safe and nurturing learning community dedicated to the ongoing pursuit of educational excellence, inspires life-long learning in its children through comprehensive, innovative curriculum and instruction designed to maximize student potential, develop responsible citizens, and promote respect for the uniqueness of all individuals.

Adopted by the Oradell Board of Education June 26, 2002

V. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Julis, Mrs. LaForgia, Mrs. Loram, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Norian (arrived at 8:35 p.m.), Mr. Feigenson

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, Mr. John Esposito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and three members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

VII. MINUTES

Review of Minutes – October 9, 2002 Public Work Session Meeting

The Board briefly discussed the minutes and the Board Secretary will make the one change suggested.

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

The Superintendent talked about the following issues:

- The grant from the NJ Partnership in the amount of \$4,000.00 for Character Education. Dr. DiGiovachino will coordinate the use of the funds.
- America Education Week is approaching and we have parent visitation on November 18th – all are invited.
- Mr. Charles Koch, the architect working on the District's LRFP, may present the plan at the next meeting and explain its implications. Capital projects in the plan will be eligible for funding from the state.
- Mr. Mohre visited Sharpe Reservation for a day and talked about the learning and positive environment the fifth graders were experiencing on the trip. Mr. Spadaccini thanked the parents and teachers who organized and conducted the field trip.
- The Newsletter is being put together and a draft may be available in two weeks.
- Mr. Mohre and Mr. Esposito provided an update on issues and costs associated with the potential distribution of the PTA donations. The Superintendent stated that he had obtained prices on 11 of the 13 items on the list of potential gifts.

Mrs. LaForgia commented the cost of the 11 items already exceeded the total amount of the expected donation. She also stated that buying window screens would not be the best use of the funds, as there have been no reports of students leaning out windows; and bees and insects would still come in the school through open doors. Much discussion then ensued about the list of potential PTA donations.

Mr. Feigenson inquired if any Board Members planned on attending the Fall Dinner Meeting. The response was no.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH – Mrs. LaForgia, Chairperson

Mrs. LaForgia stated that the next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2003.

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18th at 6:45 p.m., preceding the Borough's Town Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

C. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

1. Adoption of English as a Second Language Curriculum Guide – It was moved by Mr. Julis, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve and adopt the English as a Second Language Curriculum Guide.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Loram complimented Mr. Mohre on the development of the ESL Curriculum Guide and Mr. Feigenson called it an outstanding document.

D. FINANCE – Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week of December 2, 2002.

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Julis, Chairperson

1. Retroactive Approval of Home Instructor – It was moved by Mr. Julis, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve Kimberly Lezette as a home instructor, retroactively to Wednesday, October 9, 2002, at a rate of \$30.00 per hour for the 2002/03 school year.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Approval of Substitute Teacher – It was moved by Mr. Julis, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve Kathleen Reindel as a substitute teacher for the 2002/03 school year, at a per diem rate of \$75.00 which increases to \$80.00 per day after the 10th day of service during the 2002/03 school year.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

F. POLICY – Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

1. Adoption of Policies – It was moved by Mr. Gallow, seconded by Mrs. LaForgia, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board adopt the following policies (second reading):

#1600 - Relations between other Entities and the District
#4113 - Assignment: Transfer
#6153 - Field Trips

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by roll call vote with one abstention (Mr. Spadaccini).

Discussion ensued regarding the Field Trip Policy. The Board will continue to fund the Sharpe Reservation trip and include its cost in the budget.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Loram, Chairperson

Mrs. Loram scheduled the next meeting for Wednesday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Loram asked if the Public Relations Committee could review the Newsletter before its publication.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed changing the Reorganization Meeting of 2003 from May 7 to April 30; and the Public Work Session of May 7 to May 14; and the Regular Business Meeting of May 21 to May 28.

Discussion took place concerning the school board election of 2003 – there will be four (4) vacant seats to fill.

Mr. Feigenson questioned whether or not the present security system will need to be updated each year.

The Board talked about the LRFP and the potential for a referendum.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.


XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,


John Esposito
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

