

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION – OCTOBER 9, 2002

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Work Session of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:03 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 October 4, 2002.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mr. O'Connor.

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. Julis, Mrs. Loram, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson

ABSENT: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. LaForgia

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, Mr. John Esposito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. William Scott Ryan, Principal, four teachers and twenty-eight members of the community.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

For tonight only, the Board held off on this section of the agenda to allow for Dr. Grip to make his presentation on Oradell's enrollment projection.

Prior to discussing the Minutes, the Board recognized Mrs. Dayle Webber, who thanked them for granting her a leave of absence.

VII. MINUTES

Review of Minutes – September 25, 2002 Regular Public Business Meeting
Review of Minutes – September 25, 2002 Closed Executive Meeting

No discussion and/or comments made regarding the above minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Closed Executive Meeting of Thursday, August 29, 2002.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Public Business Meeting of Thursday, August 29, 2002.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote with one abstention (Mr. O'Connor).

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Work Session Meeting of Wednesday, September 4, 2002.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

The Superintendent noted that he and the Board had invited the community to see a presentation on the District's demographic study. He then introduced Dr. Richard Grip of Statistical Forecasting.

Dr. Grip talked about the projected increase in enrollment in Oradell, and what methods he used to reach his conclusions. He then answered questions from the Board regarding his estimates. Dr. Grip noted that forecasting is an inexact science, and that a 1% error is typical in such studies.

The Board then opened the meeting up to the public. There was a great deal of discussion about the enrollment figures. Topics included the best way to count children in town, annual growth rates, interest rates' effect on housing turnover, and the direct impact of increased enrollment on the number of class sections now in place.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH – Mrs. LaForgia, Chairperson

Mrs. LaForgia attended a meeting held October 3rd in River Edge and in her absence at tonight's meeting Mrs. Norian gave an update using the minutes provided to her by Mrs. LaForgia, as follows:

- Mission and purpose of Bi-Boro
- River Dell referendum
- Curriculum Articulation – World Language and Social Studies
- Sixth Grade Parent Night
- Master Calendar of Events

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2003.

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson

1. Emergency Purchase of Fire Alarm Panel – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, authorize the Business Administrator to contract with Institutional Service Systems for the emergency installation of an upgraded Fire Alarm panel. Furthermore, due to the emergency situation, the Board permits the work to be done immediately without the Business Administrator/Board Secretary seeking multiple quotes for the installation of the panel.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Application for Alternative to Toilet Room Facilities for Pre-Kindergarten Class – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approve an *Application for an Alternative to Toilet Room Facilities for the Pre-kindergarten Class* in Room 131; and furthermore, authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to submit all associated paperwork to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Application for Substandard Instructional Space – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approve an *Application for Substandard Instructional Space* for the auditorium stage for the 2002/2003 school year; and furthermore, authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to submit all associated paperwork to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

C. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

D. FINANCE – Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Julis, Chairperson

1. Approval of Substitute Teachers for the 2002/03 School Year – It was moved by Mr. Julis, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2002/03 school year, at a per diem rate of \$75.00 per day which increases to \$80.00 per day after the 10th day of service during the 2002/03 school year:

Lauren Brehm
Dawn Letizia

Krystin Eiseman
Nicole Vernola

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

F. POLICY – Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

Mr. Gallow stated that a meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Loram, Chairperson

Mrs. Loram talked about the increase in coverage of OPS activities in the *Town News*.

X. OLD BUSINESS

The Action Item List was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Walsh is to create a proposed agenda for a potential meeting with the Borough regarding traffic issues. He also raised the issue of PTA donations.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session at 9:33 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.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Julis, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 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 PUBLIC WORK SESSION – OCTOBER 9, 2002
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Closed Public Work Session of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 9:40 p.m. by President Feigenson.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Julis, Mrs. Looram, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson

ABSENT: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. LaForgia

Also present was Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, 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.

The Board talked about and reviewed the Personal Goals for Mr. Ryan, Dr. DiGiovachino and Mr. Mohre. The Superintendent was to make several changes to each goal, specifically about the number of meetings to be held throughout the year to fulfill each goal.

Mr. Feigenson then provided the Board with an update on the status of Negotiations with the OEA.


III. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Julis, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Esposito". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

John Esposito
Business Administrator/Board Secretary