

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION - SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Work Session of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Feigenson.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. O'Connor.

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 August 30, 2002.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mr. Julis.

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

ABSENT: Mrs. LaForgia, Mr. Spadaccini

Also present was Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no members of the public present at this time.

VII. MINUTES

There were no minutes available for review.

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

Mr. Mohre commented that OPS had a smooth opening of the 2002/03 school year – classrooms were bright and inviting. The staff and administration were commended for all their “pre-opening” day efforts which resulted in a successful start to the new school year.

OPS welcomed a total of 704 (representing 499 families) students this morning. There were several families that announced that they had moved and six kindergarten-age students who will not be attending OPS this school year.

Mr. Mohre stated that he is still awaiting word from Dr. Grip re: October 9th presentation. He will inform the Board as soon as he hears from Dr. Grip.

The Superintendent shared positive news with the Public on the topic of test scores. The ESPA was administered to 4th grade students last May. There were two batteries of tests: LA and Math. In LA, 96.4% of the general student population scored at or above the proficient level. In Math, 91.6% of the general student population scored at or above the proficient level. With approximately 40% scoring at the advanced proficient level. A presentation of the scores will be made to the public in October.

Mr. Feigenson offered positive comments as to the successful opening of the school year. He commended all staff members on their hard work preparing for the opening.

The president appointed Mr. Justin O'Connor to the curriculum committee and as the Board of Education's NJSBA/BCASBA delegate.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH - Mrs. LaForgia, Chairperson

No report was given in the absence of Mrs. LaForgia.

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS - Mr. Walsh, Chairperson

Mr. Walsh presented a list of PTA gifts based on the Board's understanding that the PTA has reached out to the Board president for additional needs the school may have. The Board requested that Mr. Esposito secure pricing for the items on the list.

The next Building & Grounds committee meeting is scheduled for September 18 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Mohre asked for clarification regarding the meeting with the Mayor and Council and police department. Mr. Walsh stated that the purpose was to discuss further measures to "ease the flow of traffic".

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

Mrs. Norian stated that the next curriculum committee meeting is scheduled for September 20, at 8:45 a.m.

D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

No report was given in the absence of Mr. Spadaccini.

E. PERSONNEL - Mr. Julis, Chairperson

1. Approval of Substitute Teachers for the 2002/03 School Year – It was moved by Mr. Julis, seconded by Mrs. Loram, 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.

Mr. Julis expressed an interest in overseeing all personnel items outlined on the Board of Education calendar in a timely fashion. He asked if the Board thought that any items were not handled in a timely manner last year. The Board members responded that all were addressed in such fashion.

F. POLICY - Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

Mr. Gallow reported that he and Mr. Mohre would be meeting on September 18 at 7:30 a.m. for the purpose of a policy committee debriefing.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Loram, Chairperson

Mrs. Loram reported that the public relations committee met on August 27. At the meeting she shared plans re: Newsletter, the web site and explained the desire of Mr. Mohre and Mrs. Lynch to have a student focus site that would offer resources to teachers and students that would support curriculum delivery.

Mrs. Looram stated that additional Board information would be posted as well and asked for input from Board members regarding such items as emergency school closing, Board agenda, Board minutes, Board meeting dates etc.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Feigenson reviewed the action item list, specifically the air quality item.

Mr. Mohre explained that Mr. Esposito had addressed the staff as part of the orientation day meeting and that he would be drafting a memo to the staff with the findings outlined in the report. Additionally, Mr. Esposito will forward copies of the report to the teachers who serve on the Joint Advisory Committee. Mr. Mohre reiterated that the findings in the report indicate no dangers and/or health risks concerning air quality and in all respects was acceptable.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Looram inquired about the school events calendar. Mr. Mohre will check with Mr. Ryan regarding the calendar's distribution.

Mrs. Norian shared with the Board that River Dell Regional High School will be hosting a town meeting on Wednesday, September 25 to share details regarding its planned \$25 million referendum. Based on the significance of this event, the Board decided to tentatively change its meeting date to Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

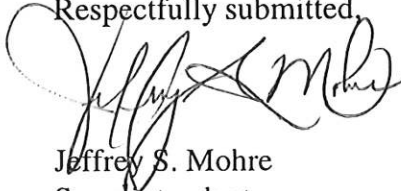
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Looram, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey S. Mohre
Superintendent