

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION – APRIL 9, 2003

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Work Session of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by President Feigenson.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Gallow.

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 April 4, 2003.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mrs. LaForgia.

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, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Walsh,
Mr. Feigenson

ABSENT: Mrs. Looram, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Norian

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

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

VII. MINUTES

Review of Minutes – March 26, 2003, Budget Hearing/Regular Public Business Meeting

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

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

Mr. Mohre talked about the following issues:

- The school was successfully monitored by the state for its 192-193 grant program, which provides money for non-public schools in Oradell.
- The Citizen's Advisory Committee for School Facilities continues to meet, and another session is scheduled for tomorrow night, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the IMC. Each of the four sub-committees is working on assessing and prioritizing needs within their specific group (Infrastructure, Education, Outdoor Recreational Facilities, and Instructional Media and Technology). Once this is completed, the committees will share their findings and recommendations with the Board of Education.
- Fire drills were held March 24 (2:45 p.m.) and March 25 (2:30 p.m.)
- The latest *Eye on OPS*, with 2003-04 budget information, was mailed out earlier this week to every home in Oradell.
- The Superintendent and Business Administrator gave a budget presentation to the Oradell Rotary Club at a breakfast meeting this morning.

Mr. Feigenson noted that the most recent *School Board Notes* had an article regarding sending petitions to Governor McGreevey. These petitions would encourage the governor to fully fund education, after two years of no increases in state aid to school districts.

Following a discussion, it was decided to place a petition in the main office and to advertise its existence on the Oradell web site. Mrs. LaForgia suggested putting petitions in the public library and municipal hall. Mr. Esposito was asked to call Mrs. Malec, Borough Clerk, regarding placing a petition near the voting sites on election day.

Mr. Feigenson stated that he wants the Board to conduct its own evaluation, as well as that of the Superintendent. New Jersey School Boards will tabulate the results.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH – Mrs. LaForgia, Chairperson

Mrs. LaForgia said that she had submitted revised minutes from the committee meeting of March 20, 2003. Added was a discussion the group had regarding a search for a middle school principal. The next meeting is June 5, 2003. Mrs. LaForgia stated that she wanted the schools to continue the dialogue regarding regionalization.

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS - Mr. Walsh, Chairperson

Mr. Walsh talked about the survey comments from the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Facilities regarding the building's roofs. He also expressed an interest in having a Building & Grounds committee meeting.

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

Mrs. Norian was absent and no report was given.

1. End of Year (2002/2003) Calendar Revisions – It was moved by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following revisions to the 2002/03 School Year Calendar:

Thursday, June 5, 2003	To be a single session day for <u>Kindergarten Students Only</u> (for the purpose of conducting Kindergarten Orientation for incoming kindergarten children and their parents)
Friday, June 20, 2003	Final Day for Students
Monday, June 23, 2003	Single Session Day, 12:30 Dismissal Final Day for Staff

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Approval of School Calendar 2003/2004 – It was moved by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Julis, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the 2003/2004 School Calendar be approved as attached.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

Mr. Spadaccini was absent and no report was given.

E. PERSONNEL - Mr. Julis, Chairperson

The committee is reviewing the progress of staff members towards achieving their goals.

F. POLICY - Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

Mr. Gallow wants to have a meeting after the school spring break. Mr. Feigenson suggested the committee review school policy regarding student tuition for out of district children.

Mr. Mohre told the Board that Mrs. Lobsenz, formerly of NJ School Boards, would review our policy book for a fee of \$7,000.00. Following a discussion on this topic, the Board decided against having this work done.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mrs. Looram, Chairperson

Mrs. Looram was absent and no report was given.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Walsh asked about the PTA donation for screens. Mr. Feigenson stated that he has responded to a letter from the PTA and is awaiting a reply from the group.

The Board discussed the proposed technology budget for the 2003-04 school year and Mr. Mohre provided details of the money allocated for technology.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gallow thanked the staff for Family Science Night and complimented Ms. Pitingolo and Mr. Ordini for their efforts.

The Board made an exception to Work Session policy and allowed questions from the audience. Discussion ensued regarding Kindergarten enrollment, the policy manual and technology. Mrs. Musano presented flowers to Mrs. LaForgia, whose last meeting as a Board Member is April 30, 2003.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

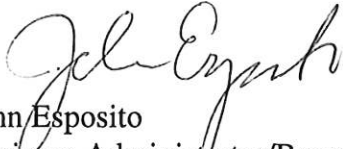
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Julis, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



John Esposito
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

