

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

**SPECIAL PUBLIC WORK SESSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2003**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Public Work Session Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by Vice-president Norian.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Gallow.

III. SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

The Sunshine Law Statement was read Mrs. Norian.

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 October 31, 2003.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mr. Walsh.

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, Mr. Kramer, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson (8:50 p.m.)

ABSENT: Dr. Westlake

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, Mr. John Esposito,

Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. William Scott Ryan, Principal, Mr. Charles Koch, Architect, his assistant, and approximately twelve members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

Mr. Mohre introduced Mr. Charles Koch, architect, and talked about the reasons for tonight's meeting. He spoke about what he hoped would take place and provided some background on the reason the committee was created and what has ensued to get to this point. He identified the four core areas in which sub-committees were created.

Mr. Koch pointed out that the committee defined the needs, not the Superintendent or himself. He also discussed areas of new construction and that the plan is to try and renovate, rather than perform new construction. The state contributes more dollars for renovations, (up to 40%) than new construction dollars (up to 20%).

Other items discussed were as follows:

- Create a Pre-K/K wing in one area
- Consolidate centralized instruction area
- Infrastructure components – roof, elevator, lights, etc.
- Teacher-only are in basement, with more room
- Old gym made into 2-story IMC with many upgrades
- Music/Art rooms grouped in E-wing
- Child Study Team consolidated to one area in E-wing
- New instrumental/art room, and a “flex-space” for both art/music
- MPR addition to accommodate large group functions

Some questions/issues raised by the Board were;

- Size of the new 2nd floor of the gym that is to be added to the IMC
- Basement re-alignment and renovation
- Composition of contingency costs/soft costs/unexpected costs – asbestos, poor soil, pipes, etc.
- Grouping of grade levels
- Safety plans for infrastructure work
- Affect on courtyard parking of the new gym location
- The need for Gym equipment storage areas
- “Flex room” for music/art may not work for both classes (a brief discussion ensued regarding the music and art programs)
- Time frame for the rest of the process

- Numbered placement of classrooms

The Board President suggested a presentation, such as this, be given to the public and it was agreed upon that a publicized meeting be scheduled for next Thursday, November 20, 2003, at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

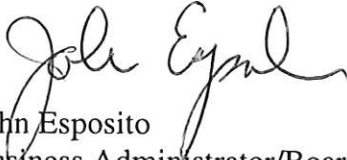
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Kramer, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



John Esposito
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

