

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

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING – OCTOBER 15, 2003

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Public Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 7:40 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 and all persons requesting such notice on October 9, 2003.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mr. Kramer.

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. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh,
Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson

ABSENT: Mr. O'Connor, Dr. Westlake

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, and Mr. John Esposito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No members of the public were present.

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

The Board moved immediately into Closed Session to discuss negotiations with the administrative bargaining unit.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session at 7:42 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.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mrs. Norian that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 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 SESSION SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING – OCTOBER 15, 2003

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Closed Session of the Special Public Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 7:43 p.m. by President Feigenson.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Julis, Mr. Kramer, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh,
Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson

ABSENT: Mr. O'Connor, Dr. Westlake

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. 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 discussed the progress of negotiations with the Administration bargaining unit.

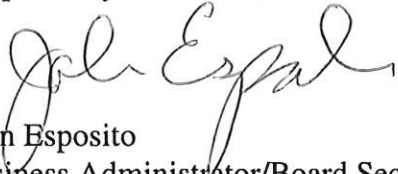
III. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Esposito".

John Esposito
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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PUBLIC WORK SESSION – OCTOBER 15, 2003

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.

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IV. MISSION STATEMENT

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ABSENT: Mr. O'Connor, Dr. Westlake

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

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

VII. MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Gallow, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Public Meeting of August 7, 2003.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Gallow, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Public Business Meeting in place of the Public Work Session of September 10, 2003.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Review of Minutes – Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, September 24, 2003, and the Closed Session following that meeting.

Mr. Walsh requested that a change be made in the Minutes set forth above for review under **X. OLD BUSINESS 2.** to reflect that Mr. Walsh was the Board member who made the inquiry that Mr. Mohre answered.

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

The Superintendent commented on the following issues:

- OPS had a very successful professional development day this past Monday. Ms. Carol O'Connor worked with the teaching staff on differentiated instruction. The administration is working on providing teachers with organized planning time to develop lessons and activities based on the differentiating instruction philosophy.
- OPS conducted Fire Safety week, and Mr. Mohre thanked the Oradell Fire Department for all its help.
- The test for New Jersey third and fourth graders, known as the NJASK, assesses student learning in math and language arts. To date, the only test feedback is for fourth graders. 97.5% of Oradell fourth graders attained proficient or advanced proficient level in the area of LA/Literacy, and 95.1% achieved proficient or advanced proficient level in the area of math.

Additional information will be presented with the QAAR at the October 29 Board meeting.

The Board president, Mr. Feigenson, talked about the following issues:

- Congratulations to River Dell for a successful referendum passage.
- Everyone is invited to a retirement party for Janet Brodersen, the long-time Business Administrator in River Edge on Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30 PM in the Roosevelt School MPR.
- He attended the last town council meeting, at which that body amended an ordinance to include ten parking spaces for teachers behind the municipal building. Mr. Feigenson thanked the mayor and council for helping out the school district.
- He'd like to schedule a meeting with the town public safety committee to discuss traffic and other safety issues around the school. Mr. Mohre will write a letter to the Mayor and Council to request a meeting.
- Noted that Board members should remain impartial in the upcoming town elections in terms of posting candidate signs on their lawns, so it would not appear as if one person was speaking for the entire Board of Education.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

MOTION It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board approve a block vote of all resolutions. Mr. Kramer then moved to revise his motion, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board exclude from the block vote Resolution F.1.

ROLL CALL

Both Motions carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A. BI-BOROUGH – Dr. Westlake, Chairperson

Dr. Westlake was absent, and Mrs. Norian made comments on the recent meeting. A meeting summary will be available at the next Board meeting.

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS – Mr. O'Connor, Chairperson

Mr. O'Connor was absent, and the meeting scheduled prior to this Board meeting had been canceled.

C. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

Mrs. Norian asked that the Five Year Curriculum plan be reviewed and shared

with members of the Board.

D. FINANCE – Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

There was no report.

1. It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following resolution for the purpose of Increasing Bid Threshold and Appointing Qualified Purchasing Agent:

Whereas, the recent changes to the Public School Contracts Law gave Boards of Education the ability to increase their bid threshold up to \$25,000; and

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3a, permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

Whereas, John F. Esposito possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

Whereas, the Oradell Board of Education desires to increase the bid threshold as provided in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3a; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the governing body of the Oradell Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey, hereby increases its bid threshold to \$25,000; and be it further

Resolved, that the governing body hereby appoints John F. Esposito as the Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2b, with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Board of Education; and be it further

Resolved, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2 the Board of Education Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of John F. Esposito's certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Approval of Contract with Occupational Therapy Provider – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve a contract with the Children’s Therapy Center for one (1) occupational therapy session, per week, from September 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, at a rate of \$51 per session, for special education student #28.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Julis, Chairperson

Mr. Julis noted that a meeting is set for after this Board session.

1. Approval of Substitute Teacher(s) for the 2003/04 School Year – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following individual(s) as substitute teacher(s) for the 2003/04 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 2003/04 school year:

Helen Athanas
Cindy Rendel
Brendan Hodnett
Surekha Sud

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Approval of Medical Leave of Absence – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approve a medical Leave of Absence for Head Custodian Jim Roser, of approximately three months, retroactive to September 24, 2003; and furthermore, approve his use of sick, vacation and personal days during his absence.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

F. POLICY – Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

Mr. Mohre commented on the policy regarding use of an automatic external defibrillator.

1. Approval of Policy – It was moved by Mr. Gallow, seconded by Mr. Kramer, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following policy for first reading:

#5141.22 – Automatic External Defibrillator

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson

Mr. Walsh stated that a meeting was held earlier this evening, at which the Key Communicator list was reviewed in an effort to update it. The next meeting is November 19, at 7:00 PM.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Esposito was asked to schedule the gym floor refinishing. He also provided a brief update on the window screen project. Discussion ensued regarding building and grounds issues, such as a bike rack on school property. Mr. Esposito will also check Board policy on bidding for goods and services.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Spadaccini thanked the custodial staff for their hard work and organization.

It was noted that new desks and chairs for sixth grade had arrived and had been placed in the classrooms.

Mr. Esposito provided a brief overview of an early retirement law passed by the state this summer. He recommended that the Board not pursue it, as research and discussion had indicated that the long-term costs of the program would exceed any short-term benefits.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Kramer, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



John Esposito
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

