

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

**CLOSED PUBLIC WORK SESSION – APRIL 7, 2004  
7:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Closed Public Work Session Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Feigenson.

**II. FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mr. Julis.

**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 April 2, 2002.

**IV. MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission Statement was read by Dr. Westlake.

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, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Feigenson,  
ABSENT: Mrs. Norian

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, Mr. William Scott Ryan, Principal and Mr. Malachi Kenney, Board Attorney.

## **VI. CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session at 7:35 pm.

### **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.

The Board discussed a member of the teaching staff. Mr. Kenney provided legal counsel on this issue.

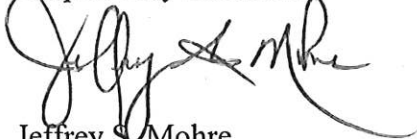
## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Closed Session of the Public Work Session Meeting be adjourned at 8:06 pm.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey S. Mohre  
School Superintendent

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**PUBLIC WORK SESSION – APRIL 7, 2004**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Work Session Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by President Feigenson.

**II. FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mr. Julis.

**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 2, 2004.

**IV. MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission Statement was read by Mr. Walsh.

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**V. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Julis, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake,  
Mr. Feigenson

ABSENT: Mrs. Norian, Mr. Kramer, Mr. O'Connor

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent and one member of the public.

## VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

One comment was heard regarding the posting of the agenda on the OPS web site.

## VII. MINUTES

### REVIEW OF MINUTES

There were no minutes at this time.

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

Mr. Mohre reported on the following information items:

- **Calendar:** The 2004-2005 school calendar has been sent to all faculty members and parents.
- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Expo:** Mr. Mohre thanked the many parents and students who attended last Thursday evening's K-3 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Exposition. He shared that the event provided insight into OPS' educational program, the abilities of the students, and the critical role contemporary technologies play in the delivery of curricula. He commended the teachers on the outstanding job they did in designing and delivering informative presentations and in showcasing the work and talents of the students. A second Learning Expo is planned for Thursday evening, April 15<sup>th</sup> and will feature highlights from the fourth through sixth grade classrooms.
- **Know and Go Program:** Child Safety Awareness Night is planned for Thursday evening, May 6, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The event, co-sponsored by the Oradell Public School District and the Oradell Parent Teacher Association, will feature renowned personal safety expert Tom Patire who will share vital information with parents as to how best to keep families safe in a less than certain world.
- **Senior Technology Workshop Series:** Mr. Mohre reported that the technology workshop series for Oradell senior citizens was completed earlier in the week and that it was an absolutely extraordinary experience. He shared that everyone involved in the experience – student volunteers, over 25 seniors, Mrs. Killeen and Mrs. Lynch the workshop leaders – raved about the learning, fun, and excitement that filled the technology lab during the three Tuesday afternoon sessions. He stated that the event was one example of the many special learning activities taking place in the district.

- **Technology Plan:** Mr. Mohre referenced the Board's receipt of OPS' 2004-2007 Technology Plan – a requirement of the DOE to ensure that districts have a vision and a plan of action for achieving the technology literacy goals inherent in the NJCCCS. He noted that he would like to discuss the plan under the curriculum portion of the agenda.

Mr. Feigenson, Board President, shared the following:

- He referenced the upcoming budget presentation to the PTA and expressed a desire for the presentation to precede the PTA's regular meeting.

Mr. Feigenson called for any committee reports

## **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION**

### ***A. BI-BOROUGH – Dr. Westlake, Chairperson***

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

### ***C. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson***

- Mr. Mohre reviewed the 2004-2007 Technology Plan. Following discussion a motion was made:

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the 2004-2007 Technology Plan.

## **ROLL CALL**

**Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

Mr. Julis, Mr. Spadaccini and Mr. Feigenson commended Mrs. Lynch and the administration for their work in drafting a comprehensive plan.

### ***D. FINANCE – Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson***

No report was given.

### ***E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Julis, Chairperson***

No report was given.

***F. POLICY – Mr. Gallow, Chairperson***

No report was given.

***G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson***

No report was given.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

- Dr. Westlake inquired whether this was Mr. Julis' final meeting. Mr. Mohre shared that Mr. Julis' final meeting would be May 5, 2004.
- Mr. Spadaccini asked about the Head Custodian position. Mr. Mohre shared that Mr. Braun would formally be recommended for the position at the Board's April 21, 2004 meeting.
- Mr. Julis commented on a recent Bergen Record article regarding property taxes and rising costs.
- Mr. Westlake added that in the state of Florida, education aid is being distributed based on the cost of living of the individual counties. He shared that New Jersey lawmakers have not moved in that direction, and cited the cost of living differences between New Jersey's southern and northern counties.
- Mr. Feigenson shared an information item highlighted in the NJSBA Newsletter regarding e-mail policy.
- Mr. Mohre shared that the State is about to release a grant opportunity to public schools for mathematics instruction. He will investigate further.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Public Work Session meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey S. Mohre  
School Superintendent

