

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION – JUNE 9, 2004

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Work Session of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Vice-President Norian.

II. FLAG SALUTE

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

III. SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

The Sunshine Law Statement was read by 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, The Record and all persons requesting such notice on June 4, 2004.

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. Halligan, Mr. Kramer, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mrs. Norian

ABSENT: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Feigenson

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

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No members of the public were present.

VII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, May 26, 2004, and the Closed Session following that meeting.

There were no comments from Board Members on these Minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Dr. Westlake, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, April 21, 2004, and the Closed Session following that meeting.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by roll call vote with one abstention (Mr. Halligan).

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Dr. Westlake, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, April 21, 2004.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by roll call vote with one abstention (Mr. Halligan).

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Dr. Westlake, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Public Business/Reorganization Meeting of Wednesday, May 5, 2004.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by roll call vote with one abstention (Mr. Halligan).

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

Mr. Mohre talked about the following issues:

- Referendum Update – He, along with Mr. Koch, architect, and Mr. Esposito, School Business Administrator, made a presentation to the PTA at its June 7th meeting. The Citizens Advisory Committee for School Facilities and OPS Key Communicators will meet on June 10th at 7:30 in

the media center. At that session, information will be shared and the group will begin planning a grass roots effort to disseminate information and garner support for this critical project.

- Assistant Principal Search – He and Mr. Ryan have reviewed 62 resumes and will be meeting with candidates next week as part of the initial interview process. Both of them will be formalizing the committee early next week, meeting with the members, and establishing a June time-line for committee interviews.

Discussion ensued among Board members regarding their role in the final selection of a candidate. Possibilities included the full Board interviewing the finalists, or the Board meeting, but not interviewing, the finalist. General consensus of the Board was that they should rely on the Administration and search committee to select a candidate, and then meet that person informally.

- Spring Concert – Mr. Mohre congratulated students in grades 4 – 6 for their outstanding musical performances last Thursday evening. Under the direction of Ms. Tice the children performed a variety of instrumental pieces and did so with skill and confidence.
- Special Education Monitoring – Oradell and several other districts in Region V will undergo SE monitoring in the 2004/05 school year. The process will be spearheaded by the Department of Education (DOE). The Superintendent stated that the DOE recommends an independent consultant for \$5,000 to facilitate this process. The DOE will provide \$5,000 to Oradell for this purpose.
- Sixth Grade Graduation – Is planned for Friday, June 18, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. He asked that anyone planning to attend let him know ahead of time.

It was noted that Mr. Feigenson was absent due to a death in the family, so Mrs. Norian, Vice-President, conducted the meeting.

Mrs. Norian called for a consent agenda. Motion IX. D. 3 was pulled for discussion.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH – Dr. Westlake, Chairperson

No report was given.

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS – Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

No report was given.

Mr. O'Connor stated that Little League wanted the Board to select the bleachers it wanted for the ball field. He will get us a copy of the catalogue.

C. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

Mrs. Norian will schedule a meeting. Mr. Mohre noted that the Gifted & Talented curriculum has been revised and the Math guide is almost complete.

D. FINANCE – Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

1. Acknowledgement of FY'05 Funding Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-B) Funds – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Director of Special Services, that the Board acknowledge its allocations of the following FY'05 funding awards:

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| IDEA - Basic | \$145,992.00 |
| IDEA - Preschool | \$ 13,675.00 |

Furthermore, the Board hereby authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to complete and sign all pertinent documentation for receipt of the aforementioned funding allocations and submit the same to the State Department of Education, Bergen County Office.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Acceptance of FY'04 No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) Funds – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Director of Special Services, that the Board approve the receipt of the following FY'04 funding awards:

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| Title II – Part A | \$25,656.00 |
| Title IV | \$ 3,905.00 |
| Title V | \$ 7,100.00 |

Furthermore, the Board hereby authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to complete and sign all pertinent documentation for receipt of the aforementioned funding allocations and submit the same to the State Department of Education, Bergen County Office.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Schaefer Explorations School Program 2004 Petty Cash Account – It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Kramer, that the Board of Education establish a petty cash account for the Schaefer Explorations Summer Program in accord with Board Policy #3451, in the amount of \$500.00. Furthermore, this account is for the use of miscellaneous purchases not to exceed the sum of \$50.00 per purchase.

Prior to the Board voting, Mr. Esposito explained the petty cash procedures.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Schaefer Explorations Summer Program 2004 Stipends – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board of Education approve the following staff and stipends as noted, in relation to the Schaefer Explorations Summer Program:

| <u>Employee</u> | <u># of Courses</u> | <u>Total Stipend</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Joan Arfsten | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Amy Beutel | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Toni Boccanfuso | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Joanne Certo, Asst. Director | 3 (\$3,120.00) + | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Laura Conroy | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Scott Duthie | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Sheri Giacomini | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Elinor Goeller | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Roberta Jacobs | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Kim Lezette | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Lesley Maklin | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Diane Malwitz | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Sharon McGill | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Terry McGill | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Carol Orthmann, Nurse | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Lisa Pitingolo | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Melissa Pizza | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Jamie Sisti | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Gail Tobey | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Nancy Treby | 3 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Ericka Wright | 3 | <u>\$ 1,950.00</u> |
| | | \$44,070.00 |

Note: Per course teacher stipend \$650.00

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Contract Agreement for Specialized Legal Services – 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 the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized legal services in connection with the authorizations and the issuance of School District obligations by The Board of Education of the Borough of Oradell in the County of Bergen (the “Board”), a body corporate of the State of New Jersey, including the review of such procedures and the rendering of approving legal opinions acceptable to the financial community; and

WHEREAS, such special legal services can be provided only by a recognized Bond Counsel firm, and the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey is so recognized by the financial community; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for this purpose;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AS FOLLOWS:

1. The law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey is hereby retained to provide specialized legal services necessary in connection with the authorization and the issuance of obligations by the Board in accordance with its proposal dated October 27, 2003 (the “Proposal”).
2. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute a Bond Services Contract (the “Contract”), reflecting the terms of the Proposal.
3. The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding and as a “Professional Service” in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. A copy of this resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Secretary of the Board. The publication required pursuant to Section 5(a)(1) of the School Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:-1 et seq. is hereby authorized.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. O'Connor, Chairperson

Prior to voting on the following motions, the committee discussed a meeting date and time. It was decided that a meeting will be held June 30th at 7:30 a.m. if Mr. Gallow can attend at that time.

1. Appointment of Special Education Teacher – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of Nancy Kelly as special education teacher, at MA/Step 8, effective September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, at the annual salary of \$43,000.00, as set forth on the Oradell Education Association's 2004/05 Teacher's Salary Guide, to be paid in 20 equal semi-monthly installments.

Note: Ms. Kelly will serve as lead teacher of the Park Academy (location: Harrington Park, NJ), a special education program created and coordinated by Region V and administered by the Oradell Public School District. Salary and benefits associated with this position are paid for with tuition moneys collected by the Oradell Business Office from the students' home districts. Such expenses are not part of and in no way impact the Oradell Public School's 2004-2005 budget.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Appointment of Special Education Teacher Assistant – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of Laura Joles as a special education teacher assistant, effective September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, at the annual salary of \$20,608.00, to be paid in 20 equal semi-monthly installments.

Note: Ms. Joles will serve as a teacher assistant with the Park Academy (location: Harrington Park, NJ), a special education program created and coordinated by Region V and administered by the Oradell Public School District. Salary and benefits associated with this position are paid for with tuition moneys collected by the Oradell Business Office from the students' home districts. Such expenses are not part of and in no way impact the Oradell Public School's 2004-2005 budget.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Appointment of Special Education Teacher Assistant – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of Lisa Marie

Sgambati as special education teacher assistant, effective September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, at the annual salary of \$16,744.00, to be paid in 20 equal semi-monthly installments.

Note: Ms. Sgambati will serve as a teacher assistant with the Park Academy (location: Harrington Park, NJ), a special education program created and coordinated by Region V and administered by the Oradell Public School District. Salary and benefits associated with this position are paid for with tuition moneys collected by the Oradell Business Office from the students' home districts. Such expenses are not part of and in no way impact the Oradell Public School's 2004-2005 budget.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Appointment of Special Education Teacher Assistant – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of Suzanne Cariddi as a special education teacher assistant, effective September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, at the annual salary of \$26,300.00*, to be paid in 20 equal semi-monthly installments.

*The River Vale Board of Education pays a portion of this salary.

Note: Ms. Cariddi will serve as a teacher assistant with the Park Academy (Location: Harrington Park, NJ), a special education program created and coordinated by Region V and administered by the Oradell Public School District. Salary and benefits associated with this position are paid for with tuition moneys collected by the Oradell Business Office from the students' home districts. Such expenses are not part of and in no way impact the Oradell Public School's 2004-2005 budget.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

F. POLICY – Mr. Kramer, Chairperson

No report was given.

1. Approval of Policy – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board approve the following policy for second reading:

#3518 - Integrated Pest Management Plan

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mr. Halligan, Chairperson

No report was given.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Walsh asked for a booklet from the summer school program. There was discussion about which children are eligible for the Basic Skills classes offered each year. Mr. Mohre noted that teachers evaluate and determine which children are in need of these lessons.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. O'Connor asked about the outside grounds, and Mr. Esposito explained how he was handling this work. Mr. O'Connor asked if the handrails outside the school would be painted.

Mr. Walsh handed out and made a motion on a resolution pertaining to the PTA's efforts to change the State formula for tax apportionment between Oradell and River Edge. Mr. Kramer seconded the motion. However, after the full Board discussed the issue, Mr. Walsh withdrew the motion so that it could be discussed at the next meeting.

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 9:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,


John Esposito
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

