

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

**REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2004**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:07 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 October 22, 2004.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mr. Halligan.

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

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, John Esposito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. William Scott Ryan, Principal, Dr. John DiGiovachino, Director of Special Services, three OPS teachers and three members of the community.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no comments at this time.

VII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MINUTES

There were no Minutes ready for review at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, September 29, 2004.

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, September 29, 2004.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by roll call vote with two abstentions (Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian).

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

Mr. Mohre talked about the QAAR and that it is mandated to discuss it in a public session. He went through a detailed PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the Board and public. Topics included:

- Pupil Performance Objectives
- Professional Development Activities
- School Facilities
- Mandated Programs
- Parent and Community Involvement
- Local Language Arts CRT, NJ ASK 3 & 4, Iowa Test of Basic Skills
- Violence and Vandalism: The Superintendent asked that the following be reflected in these Minutes:

The following serves as an official transcript of a public hearing that was conducted as part of the Oradell Board of Education's October 27, 2004 meeting whereby information was shared with the Board and public related to the number of incidences of violence and vandalism during the 2003-2004 school year. The following was reported by Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, and recorded in the Board Minutes by Mr. John F. Esposito, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary:

The State of New Jersey requires that public school districts report all acts of violence and vandalism that occurred in the school district during the previous school year. Such information must be shared at a public hearing in October of each year. I am pleased to report that Oradell Public School will continue to implement character education programming that compliments the child-rearing efforts of our students' parents. We are all to be commended for promoting a responsible student citizenry here in Oradell.

Following the presentation, discussion ensued on the following issues: comparing Oradell scores to other districts, exploring the use of other standardized tests, exclusion of Special Education children from the general test scores, and the use of the CRT for Grade Two.

Mr. Mohre then distributed and talked about a summary of a Pre-construction meeting held October 10, 2004.

Board President, Mr. Feigenson, thanked Mr. Walsh for attending a Dollars & Sense meeting as Oradell's representative. Discussion ensued regarding the possible repeal of S1701. Mr. Mohre will contact NJ School Board's Association to request a presentation to all three districts at one time.

Mr. Feigenson called for a consent Agenda and the following resolutions were pulled for further discussion: IX.D.5, D.6 and C.1.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

- A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson
No report was given.
- B. BUILDING & GROUNDS - Mr. Gallow, Chairperson
No report was given.
- 1. Comprehensive Maintenance Plan 2005/2006 – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Dr. Westlake, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approve the District's list of required maintenance activities as reasonable to keep the school open and safe and maintain the validity of existing warranties; and furthermore, authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to submit the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan to the State for approval as part of the QAAR.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Use of School Facilities – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Dr. Westlake, that the Board of Education approve the following request for use of school facilities:
 - a. *Tri-Community Spelling Bee* – To be held in the OPS Auditorium on Sunday, January 23, 2005, from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM. Snow date to be the following Sunday, January 30, 2005, same time. This event is sponsored by the Junior Woman’s Club of River Edge.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Norian, Chairperson
No report was given.

1. Approval of Trip to Sharpe Reservation – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. O’Connor, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve a trip for all fifth graders to the Sharpe Reservation, Camp Hidden Valley, Fishkill, NY from Monday, November 1, 2004 to Wednesday, November 3, 2004.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Submission of Quality Assurance Annual Report (QAAR) SY 2003/2004 – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Dr. Westlake, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept and approve the submission of the District’s QAAR for the 2003/2004 school year to the New Jersey Department of Education, Bergen County Office.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson
No report was given.

Mr. Feigenson and the Board thanked the Referendum Committee’s gift.

1. Monthly Certifications – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Dr. Westlake, that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end, September, 2004, be accepted as attached and, furthermore, that the Board certify that in accordance with

N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(e) that no major account or fund in the 2004/05 Budget has been over-expended in violation of 6:20-2A.10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Payment of Invoices – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Dr. Westlake, that the invoices for the period of September 30, 2004 through October 27, 2004, be approved as follows:

Fund 11 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$673,317.30
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Funds</i>)	\$ 83,442.87
Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	\$.00
Fund 50 (<i>Summer School</i>)	\$ 790.79
Fund 51 (<i>Region V</i>)	\$ 24,640.03
Fund 55 (<i>Milk</i>)	\$.00
TOTAL	\$782,190.99

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Transfer of Funds – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Dr. Westlake, that the Board approve the following transfer of funds as noted:

**Meeting of October 27, 2004
Transfer of Funds***

#	From Account (Credit)	To Account (Debit)	Credit	Debit
1	11-000-100-566-00-0801	11-000-216-320-00-0000	\$37,400.60	\$37,400.60
2	12-000-261-420-00-0607	11-000-291-270-00-0000	\$35,694.00	\$35,694.00
3	11-000-251-100-00-0100	11-000-262-100-00-0612	\$10,055.89	\$10,055.89
4	11-000-100-562-00-0801	11-000-240-600-00-0236	\$3,934.00	\$3,934.00
5	11-000-100-562-00-0801	11-000-230-895-00-0112	\$3,531.00	\$3,531.00
6	11-000-213-100-00-0222	11-000-100-562-00-0801	\$711.80	\$711.80
7	11-000-100-562-00-0801	11-000-223-610-00-0214	\$542.28	\$542.28
8	11-000-100-562-00-0801	11-000-219-890-00-0202	\$134.60	\$134.60
9	11-000-100-562-00-0801	11-000-262-800-00-0607	\$115.00	\$115.00
10	11-000-100-562-00-0801	11-000-240-800-00-0235	\$100.00	\$100.00
11	11-000-262-320-00-0620	20-294-261-730-00-0107	\$89.76	\$89.76
12	11-000-100-562-00-0801	11-000-213-600-00-0223	\$61.92	\$61.92
		Total	\$92,370.85	\$92,370.85

* Transaction Date For Above Transfers September 30, 2004

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Resolution Binding the Oradell Board of Education to Purchase Electric Generation Services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services ("ACES") Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Dr. Westlake, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Oradell Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2009, hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public school Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service for no more

than two years at a time in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall not exceed two-years;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance of a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the District to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), provided that no single contract shall have a term exceeding two years, and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf

of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 *et seq.*) shall be valid until May, 2009 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any agreements entered into prior to such rescission.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Acceptance of Donation – It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Kramer, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept a donation of \$1,633.70 from the OPS Referendum Citizen's Action Committee.

Prior to voting on this motion, the Board thanked the Referendum Committee for its gift.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

6. Resolution Requesting Appeal of Senate Bill 1701 by the Oradell Board of Education – It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Kramer, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary; that the Board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, S-1701 (Ch. 73, P.L. 2004), signed into law on July 1, 2004, substantially impacts sound school district financial practices, undermines voter approval of local school budgets, and will diminish communities' discretion over the financial operations of their schools; and

WHEREAS, S-1701 requires school districts to retroactively reduce unreserved balance (surplus) in 2004-05 and in 2005-06, resulting in a temporary minimal tax decrease and will result in substantial property tax increases in 2006-07; and

WHEREAS, S-1701 utilizes the rationale of municipal budget restrictions on transfers of funds by Boards of Education which is erroneous because school

district budgets are submitted to the State for approval 3 ½ months *before* budget implementation, while municipal budgets are finalized three months *after* the budget has been implemented; and

WHEREAS, S-1701 will require fiscally responsible school districts to obtain the commissioner of education's approval before transferring funds between advertised budgetary line items, including funding mandated programs, thus impeding their ability to make prudent decisions and optimal use of funds, by moving a simple Board of Education budgeting decision which has already been approved by the voters from the community into State bureaucratic channels; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has required sound long-range planning to maintain facilities, yet, S-1701 will require school districts to decrease their capital reserve accounts, forcing them to defer necessary maintenance and repairs, to cut education programs, or to borrow funds; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Oradell Public School District Board of Education urges the State Legislature to repeal Ch. 73, P.L. 2004 (S-1701) immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to send a copy of this resolution to all legislators and all Bergen County School Districts.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. O'Connor, Chairperson

No report was given. Mr. O'Connor will be scheduling a meeting.

1. Approval of Office Substitute for the 2004/05 School Year – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Dr. Westlake, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of Janeth Kingslow as an office substitute for the 2004/05 school year, at an hourly wage of \$10.88.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Approval of Substitute Teachers for the 2004/05 School Year – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Dr. Westlake, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of the following individuals as teacher substitutes for the 2004/05 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 2004/05 school year:

Lori Aramian
Patrice Edelstein
Erin Ehlers
Heather K. Grutta

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

F. POLICY – Mr. Kramer, Chairperson
No report was given. Mr. Kramer will arrange a meeting.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mr. Halligan, Chairperson
No report was given.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. O'Connor will provide Mr. Esposito with a bleacher catalogue next week.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Spadaccini asked about professional days coming up on Election Day for River Edge and River Dell. The Board discussed various options for Oradell, such as having an off-duty or auxiliary police officer monitor access to the school.

Mr. Feigenson asked about repairing auditorium chairs and checking the roof for leaks.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The issue arose regarding making sure the school doors are locked by 8:45 a.m. each day.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Kramer, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session at 9:35 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.

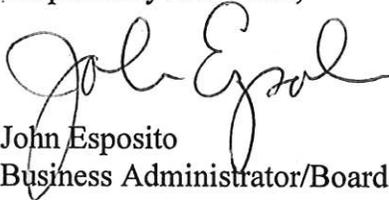
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Kramer, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 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 REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2004**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Closed Session of the Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 9:40 p.m. by President Feigenson.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Halligan, Mr. Kramer, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Spadaccini Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Feigenson.

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.

Mr. Mohre discussed a non-tenured teacher's request for a twelve week maternity leave. While she is not eligible, she is in a position that is difficult to fill. The Board talked about the best way to handle this situation. It was agreed that Mr. Mohre will talk to our attorney for a potential draft agreement, and also run another ad seeking applicants for the job.

The Superintendent and Board then talked about the possibility of offering a separation agreement to staff. Mr. Mohre will explore this with the Board Attorney, Mr. Kenney.

III. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Kramer, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,


John Esposito
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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SPECIAL CLOSED EXECUTIVE MEETING -- NOVEMBER 10, 2004

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Closed Executive Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Spadaccini.

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 November 8, 2004.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mr. Gallow.

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V. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Halligan, Mr. Kramer, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson

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

VI. 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

The Board reviewed the recommended appointment of prospective Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mrs. Nancy Ciavaglia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minutes of this meeting be sealed until the matter is resolved.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Gallow, that the Special Closed Executive Meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



John Esposito
Business Administrator/Board Secretary