

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

**REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2005**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:01 p.m. by President Feigenson.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Dr. Westlake.

III. SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

The Sunshine Law Statement was read by Mr. Kramer.

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 February 1, 2005.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Gallow, Mr. O'Connor

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Nancy M. Ciavaglia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mrs. Jacqueline Frangis, Assistant Principal, Dr. John DiGiovachino, Director of Special Services, Mrs. Tracey

Killeen, Talented and Gifted Teacher and five (5) 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

Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, January 26, 2005.

There were no comments from Board Members on these Minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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, December 22, 2004.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Work Session Meeting of Wednesday, January 12, 2005 and the Closed Session Minutes following that meeting.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Mr. Mohre introduced Dr. John DiGiovachino, Director of Special Services and Mrs. Tracey Killeen, Talented and Gifted Teacher, who presented an overview of the District's newly revised talented and gifted program (TAG).

Mr. Walsh asked questions on teaching skills and Mrs. Norian inquired about independent projects.

Referendum Update:

- Mr. Mohre shared that the District has begun its second round of design meetings. Charlie Koch (Principal Architect) and the OPS administration are meeting with select faculty members to design the new and renovated instructional spaces.

- It was also reported that, as part of the design process, staff members and administration visited new school facilities in northern Bergen County on February 2nd and 3rd.
- Mr. Mohre reminded the Board of the next meeting of the *Building Design Committee* scheduled for Thursday, February 17, at 4:30 p.m.

Read Across America:

- Mr. Mohre reported that, as part of the District's literacy goal, the staff and students will be celebrating Read Across America Week during the week of February 28 – March 3. Various activities have been planned including a school-wide Drop Everything and Read time (D.E.A.R.), which will occur daily from 11:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Update on District Goals:

- Mr. Mohre shared with the Board that updates as to the progress made on District goals would be contained in the next Board packet.

Standardized Testing Program:

- Mr. Mohre stated that the administration is recommending the adoption of the TerraNova assessment program and that the matter would be discussed further during the evening's Curriculum Report.

NJ ASK March 2004:

- The Superintendent discussed the May 2004 Grade 3 and 4 NJ ASK test scores. He stated that 95.3% of regular education students scored either proficient or advanced proficient in both Math and LA/Lit. He stated that The Record reports the percentages for the entire student population, which includes SE, ESL and Out-of-District SE students.

Regarding Third Grade, 93.4% attained Proficient/Advanced Proficient in LA/Lit. while 90.7% attained Proficient/Advanced Proficient in Mathematics.

He concluded by stating that the District recognizes the need to continue to improve by building programming and providing professional development to the faculty (i.e. NJ ASK Training, Literacy Workshops, Curriculum Revisions, New Materials, Book Studies for Teachers, District Goals, etc.). He noted that all of these activities are an integral part of the current school year.

Mr. Feigenson commented on the cleanliness of the building and complimented Head Custodian, Bill Braun, and his crew.

The Board President called for a consent Agenda.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson

There have been several meetings held at which discussion took place concerning S1701, the speaker/program for the Tri-District 6th grade Parent and Student Night, and the 2005/2006 school calendar.

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS - Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

A traffic meeting was held with the Oradell Police Chief and representatives of the Borough present wherein discussion took place regarding prior accomplishments – traffic light timing changes, increased police presence, and crossing guard training. New discussion was of staggered student drop-off times and the prohibition of cutouts in curbs and lawns.

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

The prospect of a new standardized assessment program was discussed. It is the recommendation of the administration that the District adopt the Terra Nova: Math and Literacy Tests in Grades 2, 5 and 6; the Cognitive Ability Testing in Grades 2 and 4.

D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

A meeting was held on February 16 to discuss the 2005/06 budget. State aid funding to be announced between March 1 and March 3.

1. Payment of Invoices – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the invoices for the period of January 27, 2005 through February 16, 2005, be approved as follows:

Fund 11 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$639,242.86
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Funds</i>)	\$ 11,398.82
Fund 30 (<i>Capital Projects Funds</i>)	\$ 48,281.00
Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	\$.00
Fund 50 (<i>Summer School</i>)	\$.00
Fund 51 (<i>Region V</i>)	\$ 24,686.46
Fund 55 (<i>Milk</i>)	\$ 568.11
TOTAL	\$724,177.25

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Retroactive Approval of Receiving Student for Park Academy Special

Education, in administering the Park Academy Special Education Program for Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education, retroactively approve the following student and tuition for the 2004/05 school year (commencing January 3, 2005 through June 30, 2005) as follows:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Sending District</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
P #9-04	Tenaflly	\$17,142.44

Note: The Park Academy Special Education Program is a special education program created and coordinated by Region V and administered by the Oradell Public School District. Salary and benefits associated with this program 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 2004/05 budget.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Retroactive Approval of Special Services – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve an agreement with Programs for Little Learners, L.L.C. to provide the following Applied Behavior Programming Services to Oradell student #39, commencing January 2005 through June 30, 2005 (following the OPS school calendar):

Supervision & Coordination	6 hrs./month	\$100/hour
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ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Annual School Election – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the following Election and Budget Timetable be approved as follows:

2005 ELECTION AND BUDGET TIMETABLE **ORADELL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Release of State Aid Notices	March 1 – March 3, 2005
Deadline for Filing Nominating Petitions	Mon., Feb. 28, 2005 – 4:00 PM
Adoption of Tentative 2005/06 Budget	Wed., March 2, 2005 – 8:00PM (Business Meeting)

Submission of Tentative 2005/06 Budget to County Superintendent	Tues., March 8, 2005 – 10:00 AM
Last Day to File Objections to Candidates' Petitions	Fri., March 4, 2005
Last Day for Candidates to Withdraw/Amend Defective Petitions	Mon., March 7, 2005
Drawing for Position on Ballot (Bd. Conf. Rm.) Petitions	Wed., March 9, 2005 – 4:00 PM
Deliver Advertised Budget to Newspaper	Thurs., March 10 – Thurs., March 17, 2005
Certify Results to County Clerk (last day)	Thurs., March 10, 2005 – 10:00 AM
Advertise Public Hearing on Budget	Fri., March 18 – Sun., March 27, 2005
Last Day Persons may Register to Vote for Election (29 days preceding school election)	Mon., March 21, 2005
Public Budget Hearing & Adoption of Proposed 2005/06 School Budget	Wed., March 30, 2005
Proposition Election Copies to County Clerk	Fri., April 1, 2005
Advertise Election in Newspaper (one time)	Week of April 19 – April 16, 2005
Last Day to Apply in Person to County Clerk's Office for Civilian Absentee Ballots	Mon., April 18, 2005 2:00PM – 9:00PM
ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION	Tues., April 19, 2005 2:00PM – 9:00 PM
ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING	Wed., April 27, 2005 – 8:00 PM (Regular Business Meeting)

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. O'Connor, Chairperson

1. Retroactive Approval of Student Teacher – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board retroactively approve the following individual as a student teacher:

- Leslie E. Loehwing, a student at St. Thomas Aquinas College, to perform her student teaching assignment with Mrs. Julie Helmis, commencing

January 17, 2005 – March 11, 2005; and Mrs. Rona
Wosk, March 13, 2005 through May 6, 2005

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Approval of Substitute Teacher(s) for the 2004/05 School Year – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of the following individual(s) as teacher substitute(s) 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:

Josephine A. Gibbons
Victoria La Mendola
Laura Passaretti

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

F. POLICY – Mr. Kramer, Chairperson

Revisions will be made to three existing policies – Health, Accidents, Child Study Team.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mr. Halligan, Chairperson

Mr. Halligan noted that invitations were mailed out for the Citizens advisory Committee banquet to be held on March 23, 2005.

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate

Mr. Walsh advised the Board of the phone-in campaign to take place on February 17, 2005. He asked all present to call 1-609-292-6000 and state “No to S1701”.

X. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Chris Lubben, a parent, made the following comments:

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Mr. Chris Lubben, a parent, made the following comments:

1. Use the Borough lot across from the school for parking.
2. A staggered start would best be accomplished by assigning start times by voting districts
3. Custodians did a fine snow removal job and suggested asking the Borough to remove snow instead of pushing it against the curbs
4. Student of the Week reward of eating lunch with the principal is not the best reward for a third grader who may not want to have lunch with the principal.
5. Alternating years of French and Spanish is not optimum
6. Focusing gym class on games like basketball would be better use of gym time

Ms. Lucy Hsueh, a parent, asked if OPS will have a summer program. Mr. Mohre responded affirmatively.

Ms. Stephanie Landau, a parent, informed the Board that invitations will be sent out to all members for a PTO talent show to take place on March 10th and 11th. She also inquired about crossing guard training.

Mr. Lubben asked if it would be possible to send out a survey to parents on what courses students would like offered for the Summer Exploration Program.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Ciavaglia
Business Administrator/Board Secretary