

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

**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
CLOSED SESSION ONLY
JUNE 22, 2005 (7:00 PM)**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Public Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Feigenson.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Feigenson.

III. SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

The Sunshine Law Statement was read by Mr. Spadaccini.

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 June 17, 2005.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Halligan, Mr. O'Connor, Dr. Westlake

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, Ms Nancy M. Ciavaglia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Malachi Kenney, Board Attorney and Mr. Charles Koch, Architect.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no members of the public present.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

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

The Board discussed a legal matter.

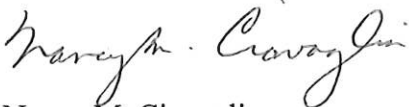
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Closed Session of the Special Public Meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Ciavaglia
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 22, 2005**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Public Business Meeting 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 lead by Mr. Feigenson.

III. SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

The Sunshine Law Statement was read by Mr. Spadaccini.

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 17, 2005.

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. Kramer, Mr. O'Connor (arrived at 8:20 p.m.), Mr. Spadaccini,
Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson

ABSENT: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Halligan, Dr. Westlake

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Nancy M. Ciavaglia,
Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Malachi Kenney, Board Attorney,

Mr. Charles Koch, Architect and approximately twenty-five attendees (consisting of OPS teachers, parents and community members).

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no comments at this time.

VII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Public Work Session Meeting of Wednesday, June 8, 2005

Special Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, May 25, 2005 (with changes made as requested by Mr. Walsh)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Kramer, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, May 25, 2005.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by roll call vote with one no (Mr. Walsh).

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

Mr. Mohre reported the following information regarding the District's building and renovation project:

- OPS has received notification from the Borough Hall regarding the COOPERATIVE paving bid. The school district's share will be \$81,000.00 which will cover the cost of installing a permanent parking lot. The Oradell Borough will serve as the lead agency for the paving project. Since the bidding process was initiated in a cooperative manner the District received a more competitive price. Mr. Mohre expressed the District's thanks to the Borough for including the school's needs in its Summer Paving Bid.
- RAMM Environmental Services conducted asbestos site testing on Saturday, June 18, 2005 as part of pre-construction preparation. Forty-two samples were tested, 6 tested positive for asbestos. All of the 6 were in the floor tiles in four different classrooms. The remainder of the tested items such as wall plasters, ceiling plaster, and window and door caulking tested negative and will not need to be abated. According to RAMM, the District will not need to go out to bid for the abatement because the cost will be under the \$25,000.00 bid threshold. RAMM will provide three quotes on

the removal of the floor tiles. The matter will be discussed further at the Board's June 30th Design Meeting scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Mr. Mohre and Ms. Ciavaglia anticipate that the combined costs of the paving and asbestos abatement projects will come in under budget.

- The District is in receipt of a final school bond debt payment schedule as furnished by the auditing firm, Lerch, Vinci and Higgins. The firm has prepared the final actual cost schedule for the Bonds sold in December 2004. The annual tax assessment on the average assessed home will be \$171.85 a year. This is based on a 2005 assessed valuation of \$837,944,713. Since the estimated annual cost was based on a previous valuation figure, the final average annual assessment is \$14 to \$29 a year higher than the originally estimated range of \$143 to \$158 per year.

President Feigenson commented that the graduation ceremony was superb and complimented the OPS staff for their efforts to make this a memorable event for the graduates and their parents.

The Board President called for a consent agenda with the exception of IX.D.3. which was pulled at this time because 2/3's of the Board Members were not in attendance.

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.
- 1. Approval of Technical Specifications for Asbestos Abatement and Related Work – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the "Technical Specifications for Asbestos Abatement and Related Work at Oradell Elementary School", at a cost of \$2,500.00, prepared by RAMM Environmental Services, Inc., as part of the OPS 2004 Referendum Project.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 2. Retroactive Approval of On-Site Asbestos Bulk Sampling, Laboratory Testing, and Preparation of Final Report by RAMM Environmental Services, Inc. – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board

retroactively approve the on-site asbestos bulk sampling, laboratory testing, and preparation of final report by RAMM Environmental Services, Inc., at a cost \$2,250.00 as part of the OPS 2004 Referendum Project.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

1. Approval/Adoption of English Language Services Three Year Program Plan (2005-2008) – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the adoption and submission of the 2005-2008 English Language Services Three Year Program Plan to the NJ Department of Education, Office of Specialized Populations and the Bergen County Office.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

1. Monthly Certifications – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end, May, 2005, 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 2004/2005 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 Mr. Spadaccini, that the invoices for the period of May 26, 2005 through June 22, 2005, be approved as attached.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Transfer of Funds and Monthly Transfer Report for the Month End, May 2005 – It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Kramer, that the Board approve the transfer of funds and monthly transfer report as attached.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Payment of Summer Bills/Invoices – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills during the summer of 2005 with retroactive approval at the next scheduled Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Submission of CAP Application – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board authorize the District to submit a grant application to the NJ CAP State Office for participation in the New Jersey Child Assault Prevention Program. The total amount of the project is \$5,870.00 of which \$1,961.00 will be the LEA contribution.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

6. Special Education School Year Tuition Contracts 2005/06 School Year – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board approve in accord with Chapter 46, Title 18A, NJ Statutes, tuition to be paid for the students listed below to attend the schools indicated for the full school year 2005/06 (inclusive of the extended school year, unless otherwise noted), at the tuition costs indicated:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
# 8	The Forum School	\$38,334.78
#18	The Forum School	\$38,334.78
#21	The Forum School	\$38,334.78
#23	Chapel Hill Academy	\$45,300.00
#24	The Forum School	\$38,334.78
#28	The Forum School	\$34,849.80**

#30	The Children's Therapy Ctr.	\$ 4,274.43*
#41	Alpine Learning Group, Inc.	\$72,223.20

*Extended year program only.
 **Regular school year program only.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- Approval of the Region V ABA Therapist Services for the 2005/06 School Year – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the Oradell Board of Education's commitment to the services of the Region V ABA Therapist, Hetal Naik, for the 2005/06 school year, for a period of one half day a week. The cost for these services is estimated at \$6,000.00 (10% of her estimated salary of \$60,000.00) and is to be paid to the Tenafly Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- Renewal of OT/PT Contracts with Rickard Rehabilitation Services, Inc. – 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 renewal of contracts with Rickard Rehabilitation Services, Inc., for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy covering the 2005/06 school year with the following fee schedule:

Initial Evaluation	\$270.00
Single Session	\$ 62.00
Session w/2 or more Students	\$ 58.00
Session held at Clinic	\$ 58.00

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- Additional Schaefer Explorations 2005 Summer Program Stipend – It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Kramer, that the Board of Education approve one (1) more class to be taught by Jillian Jengo for an additional stipend of \$650.00, resulting in a total stipend of \$1,950.00 to be paid to Ms. Jengo, instead of \$1,300.00 as listed on the June 8, 2005

Agenda (for two (2) classes).

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

Mr. Mohre reported that Board will be voting on the appointment of Helene Albrecht as an OPS full-time teacher on the June 30, 2005, agenda. Questions were raised by Board on how much was budgeted and how many Kindergarten classes we have planned for. Mr. Mohre also reported that we are working out an agreement with OEA concerning Mrs. Gonzalez and her new teaching assignment.

1. Acceptance of Resignation of Park Academy Special Education Teacher/Teacher Assistant – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept the resignation, with regret, of Suzanne Cariddi, special education teacher/teacher assistant at Park Academy, effective at the end of the school day on June 21, 2005.

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

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Note: Ms. Cariddi served as a teacher/teacher assistant with the Park Academy, a special education program created and coordinated by Region V and administered by the Oradell Public School District. Salary and benefits associated with said position were paid for with tuition moneys collected by the Oradell Business Office from the students' home districts. Such expenses were not a part of and in no way impacted the Oradell Public School's budget.

2. Acceptance of Resignation of Park Academy Special Education Teacher Assistant – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept the resignation, with regret, of Daniel Lu, special education teacher assistant at Park Academy, effective at the end of the school day on June 21, 2005.

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

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Note: Mr. Lu served as a teacher assistant with the Park Academy, a special

education program created and coordinated by Region V and administered by the Oradell Public School District. Salary and benefits associated with said position were paid for with tuition moneys collected by the Oradell Business Office from the students' home districts. Such expenses were not a part of and in no way impacted the Oradell Public School's budget.

F. POLICY – Mr. Kramer, Chairperson
No report was given.

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

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate
Mr. Walsh reported on a resolution on a reinstatement of the Education Mandate Review Study Commission, which he would like to see included on the upcoming agenda of June 30, 2005.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Feigenson questioned when the players will be on the bleachers and how the old bleachers will be disposed of.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

MOTION It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve a study of the roofs currently scheduled for reconstruction by S.O.R. Testing Laboratories, Inc., for an estimated cost of \$2,990.00. The study will encompass the use of infrared camera with video tape and result in a formal report.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Walsh made a statement that the administration is responsible for the problems of the roof and asked whether the Board would end its' plans for construction of new roof if the S.O.R. report says the work does not need to be done? Board Attorney, Mal Kenney, stated that that might be unsafe in light of our architect telling us the roof needs to be replaced and the State of New Jersey has declared the project "emergent". He stated we certainly don't want our roofs to collapse.

Mr. Mohre then gave a report on repairs made to the roofs from 2002 to the present, as evidenced by purchase orders.

Mr. Spadaccini reminded the public that the State will pay for 40% of the cost of replacement.

Mr. Walsh asked if the roof warranties have been utilized and he was told that Hygrade Construction was here and made repairs, but this did not take care of the underlying problem of bad drainage.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board authorize Nancy M. Ciavaglia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to inform the Borough of Oradell that the Board accepts the \$81,000.00 bid price for its part of the overall paving project and agrees to make payment in that amount, should the bid be accepted by the Borough.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Elinor Goeller, OPS teacher, stated that, speaking for herself, she was very uncomfortable and disappointed that the Schaeffer Explorations Program teachers were given unequal amounts of pay.

Mr. Steven Gellis, 477 Prospect Avenue, asked if the S.O.R. study was for the purpose of getting a second opinion on whether we should do the roof project. He was told no by the board attorney.

Architect, Charles Koch, explained the purpose and need for the project.

Mr. Gellis asked how much the flat roof portion of the project would cost and was told approximately \$140,000.00 by Mr. Koch.

Ms. Mary Ann Chase, 384 Chapin Court, asked if Mrs. Albrecht's full-time employment will be put on the next meeting agenda. She also asked whether the testing of the roof was to confirm its need of repair or to record its condition. She further asked if doing the work on "emergent" roof will validate our warranties. She was told yes, but that the work needed to be done.

Mr. Kenney commented that it is unclear whether it is economically feasible to sue for damages on a possibly defective roof and recommends testing and study as an assessment, to satisfy the need to memorialize the problems. He further stated that these cases are difficult to litigate because there are usually many companies involved, it tends to be expensive, and the results are uncertain.

Mrs. Liz Belthoff, 74 Beechwood Road, stated that Mrs. Albrecht is an asset to OPS and hopes she is welcomed with open arms.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

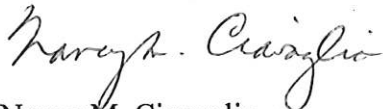
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Ciavaglia
Business Administrator/Board Secretary