

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

**BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING  
MARCH 30, 2005**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Budget Hearing/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 led by Mr. Halligan.

**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 March 18, 2005.

**IV. MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission Statement was read by Mr. Spadaccini.

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. O'Connor, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson

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

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Nancy M. Ciavaglia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, approximately twenty members of the

community, one OPS teacher and a reporter from the Town News.

**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, March 2, 2005  
Special Public Meeting of Wednesday, March 2, 2005 (7:30 p.m.) Closed  
Minutes only

There were no comments from Board Members on these Minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Halligan, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Public Business Meeting of Wednesday, February 16, 2005.

**ROLL CALL**

**Motion carried with one abstention (Mr. O'Connor).**

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

This evening's Superintendent's Report featured a presentation of the 2005/2006 budget given by the Superintendent and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary. A question and answer period from the audience and Board followed.

1. It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the following motion be voted on:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oradell Board of Education approve/adopt a 2005/2006 school district budget for submission to the voters as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$8,577,607	\$7,326,968
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 349,634	\$ 0
Debt Service Fund	\$1,358,519	\$1,358,518

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to apply for the following statutory spending growth limitation adjustment(s) to the 2005/2006 school budget:

Spec. Ed. Over \$40,000	\$ 9,752
Capital Outlay	\$140,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to apply for a capital outlay statutory spending growth limitation adjustment to the 2005/2006 school budget to replace roof on school building amounting to \$140,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to apply to utilize unused spending authority from the prior budget year to increase budget year spending authority in the 2005/2006 school budget for \$345,638 because the percentage increase on health insurance, salaries, and other current expenditures exceeds the CPI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oradell Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to place the following question on the ballot for the April 19, 2005, election:

That there should be raised for General Funds \$7,326,968.00 for the ensuing School Year (2005-2006).

*Note: Budget detail on file in the Office of the Board Secretary.*

## **ROLL CALL**

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

Mr. Mohre provided the Board with an update regarding Special Education Monitoring.

Mr. Feigenson reported about the Borough's Memorial Day activities and Mr. Walsh volunteered to attend the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Borough of Oradell concerning these activities.

Mr. Feigenson called for a consent Agenda with the following exceptions: VIII. 1, IX.D.6 and IX.H.2.

## **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. Use of School Facilities – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board of Education approve the following request for use of school facilities:
  - a. Oradell Arts & Business Coalition's *SpringFEST '05* – To be held Friday evening, April 15 and Saturday, April 16, 2005, using the multi-purpose room, gymnasium and auditorium. All associated custodial overtime costs above and beyond \$250.00 to be paid for by the Oradell Arts & Business Coalition, Inc.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

1. Spring Recess 2004/05 School Year Calendar Revisions– It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following revision to the 2004/05 School Year Spring Recess Calendar:

Spring Recess      Monday, April 25, 2005 through  
Friday, April 29, 2005  
(School Closed)

**ROLL CALL**

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

2. Approval of 2005/2006 School Calendar – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the 2005/2006 School Calendar be approved as attached.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

1. Monthly Certifications – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Financial Reports of the Board secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end, February, 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 Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the invoices for the period of February 17, 2005 through March 24, 2005, be approved as follows:

Fund 11 ( <i>General Current Expense</i> )	\$673,078.42
Fund 12 ( <i>Capital Outlay</i> )	\$ .00
Fund 20 ( <i>Special Revenue Funds</i> )	\$ 25,748.04
Fund 30 ( <i>Capital Projects Funds</i> )	\$ 32,517.85
Fund 40 ( <i>Debt Service Fund</i> )	\$ .00
Fund 50 ( <i>Summer School</i> )	\$ .00
Fund 51 ( <i>Region V</i> )	\$ 22,039.65
Fund 55 ( <i>Milk</i> )	<u>\$ 393.60</u>
TOTAL	\$753,777.56

**ROLL CALL**

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

3. Transfer of Funds – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board approve the following transfer of funds as noted:

Meeting of March 30, 2005

Transfer of Funds\*

#	From Account (Credit)	To Account (Debit)	Amount
1	11-110-100-101-00-0207	11-000-100-566-00-0801	\$4,009.95
2	11-110-100-101-00-0207	11-000-217-106-00-0000	6,531.26
3	11-000-219-104-00-0202	11-000-219-104-00-0222	420.00
4	11-000-219-104-00-0202	11-000-219-580-00-0202	179.20
5	11-000-230-590-00-0807	11-000-230-590-00-0808	155.00
6	11-000-230-590-00-0807	11-000-230-890-00-0104	78.00
7	11-000-240-103-00-0105	11-000-240-105-00-0222	2,188.96

8	11-000-240-103-00-0105	11-000-240-580-00-0221	63.25
9	11-000-240-103-00-0105	11-000-240-800-00-0235	49.00
10	11-000-251-340-00-0100	11-000-251-610-00-0100	382.21
11	11-000-251-340-00-0100	11-000-251-890-00-0100	775.99
12	11-000-262-420-00-0606	11-000-262-420-00-0607	561.19
13	11-110-100-101-00-0207	11-110-100-101-00-0229	2,002.50
14	11-110-100-101-00-0207	11-120-100-101-00-0220	80.00
15	11-110-100-101-00-0207	11-190-100-106-00-0222	552.50
16	11-110-100-101-00-0207	11-190-100-610-00-0204	107.72
17	11-110-100-101-00-0207	11-190-100-610-00-0209	233.69
18	11-110-100-101-00-0207	11-213-100-101-00-0222	830.00
19	11-110-100-101-00-0207	11-215-100-106-00-0222	515.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$19,715.42</b>

\* Transaction Date For Above Transfers February 28, 2005

### ROLL CALL

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

- Amended Retroactive Approval of Receiving Student for Park Academy Special Education Program – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Oradell Board of Education, in administering the Park Academy Special Education Program for Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education, amend the retroactive approval of the following student, as it pertains to tuition amount, as follows:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Sending District</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
P #11-04 (February 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005)	Closter	\$12,986.75

**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.**

5. Amended Retroactive Approval of Receiving Student for Park Academy Special Education Program – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Oradell Board of Education, in administering the Park Academy Special Education Program for Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education, amend the retroactive approval of the following student, as it pertains to sending district, as follows:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Sending District</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
P #6-04 (January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005)	Ridgefield Park	\$17,142.42

**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.**

6. Retroactive Approval of Special Services – It was moved by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board retroactively approve eight hours/weekly ABA Therapy given by Monica Kallini, for Student #43 at \$40.00/hour and two hours/weekly of Program Coordination/Supervision at \$75.00/hour, commencing March 14, 2005, through June 20, 2005.

**ROLL CALL**

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

7. Acceptance of PTA Mini Grant Funds – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the acceptance of mini grant funds from the Parent Teacher's Association, in the amounts listed:

▪ ESL	\$150.00
▪ IMC	\$500.00

**ROLL CALL**

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



8. Approval of Contract Regarding Long Range Facility Planning – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approve the contract between Seyffer & Koch Architectural Group and the Oradell Board of Education for services related to the preparation and submission of the Long Range Facilities Plan due to the New Jersey Department of Education in October, 2005, with costs estimated at \$5,000.00 plus reimbursable expenses.

**ROLL CALL**

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

9. Approval of Addendum to Construction Management Consulting Agreement – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approve the Addendum to the Construction Management Consulting Agreement between the Oradell Board of Education and Turner Construction Company. This Addendum is to provide additional pre-construction services, with fee to be paid at the rate of \$2,950.00 per month for the period of July 1, 2005 through the end of the Pre-construction Phase of the Building Referendum Project or until such services are no longer deemed necessary.

**ROLL CALL**

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

10. Acceptance of FY'05 Funding Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-PART B COMBINED) Funds – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, 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'05 funding awards:

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.**

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. O'Connor, Chairperson

No report was given.

1. Approval of Substitute Teacher(s) for the 2004/05 School Year – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of service during the 2004/05 school year:

Victor Arencibia

**ROLL CALL**

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

2. Extension of Child Rearing Leave – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education grant Joanne Certo an extension of her unpaid child rearing leave of absence for the 2005/06 school year.

**ROLL CALL**

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

3. Retroactive Acceptance of Resignation – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of special education consultant, Diane Carbone. Said resignation became effective March 4, 2005.

Note: Ms. Carbone served as a consultant with the Park Academy, a special education program created and coordinated by Region V and administered by the Oradell Public School District. Salary and any 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. Resignation of Speech Language Therapist – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Staci Guthartz, speech language therapist, effective April 4, 2005.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

5. Retroactive Approval of Special Services – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board retroactively approve the appointment of Judith Swanson, as a consultant, at \$65.00/hour, two hours/weekly, commencing the week of March 7, 2005 through June 21, 2005 (14 weeks in total).

Note: Ms. Swanson will serve as a consultant with the Park Academy, a special education program created and coordinated by Region V and administered by the Oradell Public School District. Salary and any 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.**

6. Retroactive Approval of Appointment of Instructional Aide – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of Heather Grutta, as an instructional aide, retroactive to March 24, 2005 through June 30, 2005, at the annual salary of \$15,551.00 as set forth on the Oradell Education's Association's 2004/05 Instructional Aide's Salary Guide, to be paid in pro-rated semi-monthly installments.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

1. Approval of Policy – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following policies for second reading:

#5141 - Health  
#5141.1 - Accidents  
#6164.4 - Child Study Team

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate  
No report was given.

1. Resolution Supporting a Special Session of the Legislature for Property Tax Reform – It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Oradell Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey’s property taxes are among the highest in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, The current system of property taxation has placed an enormous burden on State residents and taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, The current system is inequitable because it is not based on ability to pay and is applied in a non-uniform manner; and

**WHEREAS**, Remediating the problems associated with high property taxes is a legislative responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, The quickest and most effective way for the Legislature to address the issue is to convene in a special session that is dedicated solely to addressing property tax reform in this State; and

**WHEREAS**, A special session of both Houses of the Legislature could devise and consider ways of implementing property tax reform; and

**WHEREAS**, SCR-20 / ACR-99 and ACR-218 would direct the leaders of each House of the Legislature to convene a special session that would be dedicated solely to addressing property tax reform; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Oradell Board of Education urges Governor Richard Codey and members of the General Assembly and Senate to support passage of SCR-20 / ACR-99, and ACR-218; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Senator Gerald Cardinale, D.D.S., Assemblyman John E. Rooney, Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk, Governor Richard Codey, and to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

**ROLL CALL**

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. O'Connor informed those present that he asked the Little League, the Oradell Kids Foundation (OKF) and the PTA president to help with the cost of the new bleachers. Each bleacher is proposed to cost \$4500 complete. The Board agreed to turn this project over to the Building & Grounds Committee who will arrange a meeting with the identified groups.

Mr. Spadaccini reported that the completed cost for the sewer pipe project is \$9100.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

The OPS Student Government requested permission from the Board to head a project in support of U.S. active duty military members and their families. It will be a fundraiser and all funds collected will be given to the Red Cross for this purpose.

The Board discussed the adjustments, and agreed to the changes, made to the 2004/2005 Board Meeting Calendar.

**XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Lou Betro asked if, when we repaired sidewalks, could we make them wider.

Mr. Ron Pizzuto asked questions concerning the upcoming school construction project including where workers will park and what security plans will be in place.

Mrs. Stephanie Landau asked whether the summer program will be in session despite construction.

Mr. Larry Freirich asked if we could check with the police department as to how they conduct background checks.

**XIII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**

It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Halligan, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session at 10:01 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

**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.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

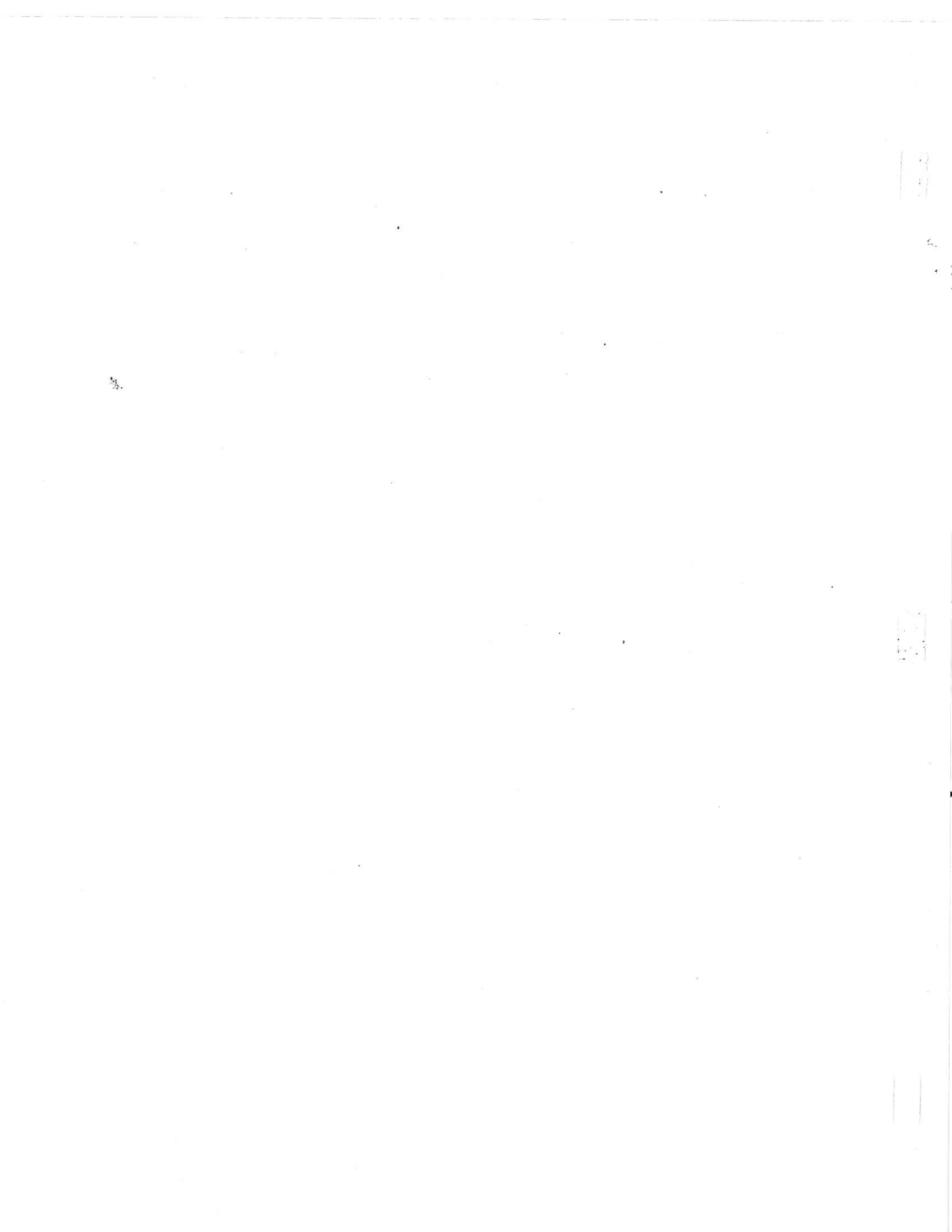
### **ROLL CALL**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Ciavaglia  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



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MEETING  
MARCH 30, 2005**

**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 10:15 p.m. by President Feigenson.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Halligan, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Spadaccini Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson.

**ABSENT:** Mr. Gallow, Mr. Kramer, Dr. Westlake

**Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent and Ms. Nancy M. Ciavaglia, 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 shared a grievance matter with the Board.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

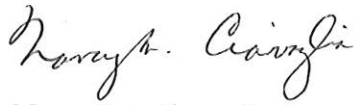
It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Closed Session of the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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



Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Ciavaglia  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary