

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

**REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 25, 2005**

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 Mrs. Norian.

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 May 20, 2005.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mr. Gallow.

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, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson

ABSENT: Dr. Westlake

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Nancy M. Ciavaglia,

Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Dr. John DiGiovachino, Director of Special Services, one OPS teacher and two 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, April 20, 2005 Minutes (With changes made as requested by Mr. Walsh.)

Public Business/Reorganization Meeting of Wednesday, May 4, 2005

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, April 20, 2005.

ROLL CALL

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

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Public Meeting of Wednesday, April 20, 2005 (7:00 PM) Closed Session.

ROLL CALL

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

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2005 Public Work Session Meeting. This Resolution was tabled from the last meeting held May 4, 2005.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Dr. John DiGiovachino, Director of Special Services, presented the Special Education Assessment for the District and thanked the Steering Committee

members. He explained the year long process that was undertaken to obtain the completed document.

The Superintendent commended the First Grade Team for its design and delivery of Dino Day, an annual event that immerses the children in a day of thematic learning on the topic of dinosaurs. He also recognized fifth grade students, Emily Weimer, Emily Wilts, Stephanie Zaccaria and Sam Becourtney. The students were honored at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for their second place statewide finish in the New Jersey Stock Market Game attaining portfolio equity totaling \$102,452.81. Mrs. McGill (fifth grade teacher), and Mr. Duthie (fifth grade teacher and program coordinator) were acknowledged as well.

Mr. Mohre shared that OPS is proud to have been selected by NASA to participate in this year's Signatures in Space Program. Over 800 students and staff signatures were collected. The signatures will be scanned onto a CD and be placed on board an upcoming Space Shuttle flight. Mr. Mohre invited Board Members to participate by signing the necessary document.

It was reported by Mr. Mohre that the District has received three quotes for the installation of a new phone communication system associated with the District's building and renovation project. The administration has reviewed the quotes and has asked the firm of Promedia to draft a contract for its review and ultimate approval by the Board at the first June meeting. Promedia's quote was the lowest of the three based on the specifications provided by the District.

Mr. Mohre reported that the Town Hall has informed the District that it has agreed to include OPS in the Borough's summer paving project bid. The bidding period will be held during the month of June with the understanding that the project will be completed by September 1st.

The Superintendent stated that OPS has completed its year-long self-assessment related to the Department of Education's *Special Education Monitoring*. Representatives from the school community (parents and teachers) worked closely with Dr. DiGiovachino, Toni Gotthilf (Region V Special Education Director) and Lorraine Schlarman (Consultant) to assess program effectiveness in eighty-four areas. Mr. Mohre introduced Dr. DiGiovachino who presented the results of the self-assessment to the Board.

The Board President called for a consent agenda with the exception of IX.C.1., C.4., D.3. and D.4.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH – Dr. Westlake, Interim Chairperson

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS – Mr. Gallow, Interim Chairperson

1. Retroactive Revision and Addition of Long-Range Facility Plan – It was moved by Mr. Gallow, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board retroactively revise the Long Range Facility Plan and add to it the Project Roof Replacements for Oradell Public School, Phase I and Phase II.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

C. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Norian, Interim Chairperson

1. Approval of Special Education Self Assessment Document for the School Year 2004/2005 – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Director of Special Services, that the Board approve the Special Education Self Assessment Document for the 2004/2005 school year which summarizes the District's year long project of identifying areas of strength, promising practices and areas that need improvement.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote, except for Mr. Spadaccini who had excused himself from the meeting prior to the vote.

2. Calendar Revision for 2004/2005 School Year – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following revision to the 2004/2005 School Year Calendar:

Thursday, June 2, 2005

To be a single session day for
Kindergarten Students Only
(for the purpose of conducting
Kindergarten Orientation for
incoming Kindergarten children
and their parents)

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Approval of Schaefer Explorations 2005 Summer Program – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the delivery of the 2005 Schaefer Explorations Summer Program (in session from June 21 – July 15, 2005).

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Renewal of Membership in Bollinger Student Accident Insurance for the 2005/06 School Year – It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Kramer, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Oradell Board of Education approve the renewal of membership in Bollinger Insurance Student Accident Insurance coverage for the 2005/06 school year, which is a voluntary plan entirely paid for by parents, with three options of 24-hour coverage, dental coverage and life insurance.

Mr. Walsh asked about “Round the Clock” coverage and Ms. Ciavaglia stated the Board will be paying for school-time and the parents will be paying for non-school time coverage.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

D. FINANCE – Mr. Spadaccini, Interim Chairperson

1. Monthly Certifications – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Financial Reports of the Board secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end, April, 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. Walsh, that the invoices for the period of April 21, 2005 through May 25, 2005, be approved as follows:

Fund 11 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$682,126.58
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Funds</i>)	\$ 18,583.34
Fund 30 (<i>Capital Projects Funds</i>)	\$163,762.94
Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	\$.00
Fund 50 (<i>Summer School</i>)	\$ 648.00
Fund 51 (<i>Region V</i>)	\$ 23,180.56
Fund 55 (<i>Milk</i>)	\$ 435.47
TOTAL	\$888,736.89

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Transfer of Funds and Monthly Transfer Report for the Month End, April 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.

Mr. Walsh asked if any of the transfers were for roof expenditures or for transfer of surplus to use for roof expenditures and Ms. Ciavaglia stated no.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Professional Energy Services Contract – It was moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Kramer, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approve a contract with Energy For America, Inc. covering professional engineering services for the Facilities Management Program to control energy systems in the Oradell Public School by a remotely programmed and monitored building automation system at an annual fee of \$12,972.00 (an increase of 3.3% from the current year.)

Mr. Walsh questioned what the savings for the year was and whether their fee included their bidding services. Mr. Mohre stated EFA latest figures report \$46,116.00 in savings for the last twelve months and Ms. Ciavaglia stated the bidding services were included in their total price.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Approval of Payment to Parents of Student #44 for Retroactive Special Services – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the payment of \$13,392.50 to the parents of Student #44 for special services provided to said student from January 22, 2005 through May 1, 2005, as follows:

- ABA Therapy given by Lindsey Buerkle at \$30./hr. (7 hrs./wk.)
In addition, one (1) hour per week for supervision/clinic.
- ABA Therapy given by Heather Peer at \$30./hr. (6 hrs./wk.)
In addition, one (1) hour per week for supervision/clinic.
- ABA Therapy given by Karen Lindgren at \$30./hr. (4 hrs./wk.)
In addition, one (1) hour per week for supervision/clinic.
- ABA Therapy given by Kelly Zimmerman at \$30./hr. (4 hrs./wk.)
In addition, one (1) hour per week for supervision/clinic.
- ABA Therapy given by Nina Gunchenko at \$30./hr. (4 hrs./wk.)
In addition, one (1) hour per week for supervision/clinic.
- Supervision provided by the Alpine Learning Group, Inc., at \$115./hr. (3 hrs./wk.) (Start date of April 1, 2005 through May 1, 2005)

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

6. 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 the following retroactive special services commencing May 2, 2005 through April 19, 2006:

- ABA Therapy given by Lindsey Buerkle at \$30./hr. (7 hrs./wk.)
In addition, one (1) hour per week for supervision/clinic.
- ABA Therapy given by Heather Peer at \$30./hr. (6 hrs./wk.)
In addition, one (1) hour per week for supervision/clinic.
- ABA Therapy given by Karen Lindgren at \$30./hr. (4 hrs./wk.)
In addition, one (1) hour per week for supervision/clinic.
- ABA Therapy given by Kelly Zimmerman at \$30./hr. (4 hrs./wk.)
In addition, one (1) hour per week for supervision/clinic.
- ABA Therapy given by Nina Gunchenko at \$30./hr. (4 hrs./wk.)
In addition, one (1) hour per week for supervision/clinic.
- Supervision provided by the Alpine Learning Group, Inc., at \$115./hr. (3 hrs./wk.)

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

7. Retroactive Approval of Architectural Design – 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 retroactively approve the architectural design services of Seyffer & Koch Architectural Group for Oradell Public School's State Project Roof Replacements, Phase I and Phase II.

Mr. Walsh made several comments on the replacement of the roofs, including his understanding that there are warranties on some of the roofs under discussion, his opinion that former OPS architect, Larry Parisi, should be consulted and asked to inspect the current problems, and his opinion that the Board and Administration mismanaged OPS roof problems.

ROLL CALL

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

8. Retroactive Approval of Application – 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 retroactively approve the application for Oradell Public School's State Project Roof Replacements (Phase I and Phase II) that was filed with the New Jersey Department of Education, funding through 60% local share and 40% Section 15 Grant from the School Construction Corporation.

Mr. Walsh made several comments on the replacement of the roofs, including his understanding that there are warranties on some of the roofs under discussion, his opinion that former OPS architect, Larry Parisi, should be consulted and asked to inspect the current problems, and his opinion that the Board and Administration mismanaged OPS roof problems.

ROLL CALL

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

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. O'Connor , Interim Chairperson

1. Approval of Student Teacher – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following individual as a student teacher for the 2005/06 school year:
 - Kimberly Smith, a student at William Paterson University, to perform her Student teaching assignment with Mrs. Roberta Kenyon, commencing September 7, 2005, through December 15, 2005

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. 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:

Linda H. D'Ambrosio
Leslie Lochwing

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Approval of Tech Support/Maintenance Help – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve Brian Lynch and Chris Watkins to provide technology maintenance services, effective May 26, 2005 through June 30, 2005, at a rate of \$15.00/hr., not to exceed one hundred (100) total hours.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Teacher List for 2005/2006 School Year – It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to issue employment/salary contracts as set forth on the attached Teaching Staff 2005 – 2006 List.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Appointment of Speech-Language Specialist for the 2005/06 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 Jessica Sheuer as Speech-Language Specialist at MA/Step 3, effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, at the annual salary

of \$38,500.00 as set forth on the Oradell Education Association's 2005/06 Teacher's Salary Guide, to be paid in 20 equal semi-monthly installments.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

F. POLICY – Mr. Kramer, Interim Chairperson

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mr. Halligan, Interim Chairperson

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

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Feigenson asked about the possibility of a retiring OPS teacher taking her old classroom desk. A letter had been written to the Board with this request.

Mr. Walsh inquired about the status of the bleachers. He was told that they are on order and approximately 3-4 weeks from delivery.

Mr. Walsh asked about the possibility of having a "teen center" in the school. Mr. Feigenson responded that the school does not have the storage space for game tables.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Walsh entered a Motion to contact former architect, Larry Parisi, to inspect the roof that he was involved in constructing in the 1990's so that we could get his input on the problem. There was no second.

Mr. O'Connor reported that the bus driver who drove our students on the field trip to Museum Village needs to be reported as an unsafe driver. Ms. Ciavaglia stated she would look into it and write a letter to the bus company.

Mr. Spadaccini reported that the River Dell Regional Board of Education gave a presentation and awards to OPS teachers and commented that the Oradell Board and Mr. Mohre were not informed.

Mr. Mohre explained to Mr. Walsh the reason for the expressive appeal he made earlier in the meeting regarding the need for the OPS roof replacement projects. Mr. Mohre assured Mr. Walsh that his sentiments were not triggered by Mr. Walsh's opinions but compelled by a strong desire to do what is best for the

children of Oradell.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

There was no Closed Session.


XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Ciavaglia
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

