

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION – APRIL 5, 2006**

**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 President 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.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Halligan, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Nancy Ciavaglia

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, Mrs. Barbara Barbagallo, Secretary to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Carla Martin, Site Manager, Turner Construction, and six members of the public.

**VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

There were no comments from the public.

## VII. MINUTES

### REVIEW OF MINUTES

There are no minutes ready for review.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is hereby moved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Work Session Meeting of Wednesday, March 1, 2006 and the Special Session Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of March 10, 2006.

### ROLL CALL

**Ayes:** Mr. Kramer, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake,  
Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Mr. Gallow, Mr. Halligan, Mr. O'Connor

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

Ms. Carla Martin, (Turner K-12 Construction), provided the Board with a status report regarding the school construction/renovation project. The board members asked questions of Ms Martin and she addressed their concerns regarding the following: placement of wood railroad ties in walkways, clarifying the 63 day delay with the building project, equipment/building supplies deliveries during the arrival to school of students.

**Budget Awareness:** The PTA is once again promoting voter participation in the upcoming School Budget Election. Planned activities include: Vote signs and banners, flyers, phone chain, PTA Budget Presentation (April 11, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.) and refrigerator magnets! We expect to receive our budget newsletter from the printer either this Friday or following Monday. The publication will then be sent to the community. We encourage participation of all!

**Our Business Administrator,** Nancy Ciavaglia, had emergency eye surgery recently and is recuperating at home.

**Asthma Friendly School Award:** OPS received an Asthma Friendly School Award this morning as presented by The Pediatric Adult Asthma Coalition of NJ and the American Lung Association. Kudos to OPS! Mr. Spadaccini asked if the presentation of the award could be done at a time where the public could participate as he felt this award was positive PR for OPS and more people should be aware of this distinction.

**Tall Tales and Heroes** is the title of this year's spring musical production. There will be evening presentations on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are available.

**Art Show** – Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Board self-evaluations are due into the board office as soon as possible.

President Feigenson thanked the custodial staff for keeping the schools so clean as to receive the Asthma Friendly School Award.

President Feigenson and Mr. Mohre both acknowledged and congratulated Mrs. Jackie Frangis, Assistant Principal, for receiving the Golden Lamp award as the best Vice Principal in the State of NJ.

President Feigenson thanked the Finance Committee and Ms. Nancy Ciavaglia for keeping the budget at 3.06% as well as under the state cap. It is quite an achievement.

## IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS - Mr. O' Connor, Chairperson  
Mr. Spadaccini asked about the date for the spring meeting with the Mayor and Council to review the construction project.

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

1. Approval of Accounting Software- It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Kramer, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves the purchase of the financial accounting system software from Systems 3000 for the 2005/2006 school year as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Fund Accounting Module	\$8,000.00
Remote Req. (10 User Block License)	\$2,500.00
Payroll Module	\$8,000.00
Direct Deposit Module	\$1,500.00
Personnel Module	<u>\$8,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>

### ROLL CALL

**Ayes:** Mr. Kramer, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Mr. Gallow, Mr. Halligan, Mr. O'Connor

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

1. Approval of Long Term Leave Replacement Custodian- It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mrs. Norian, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint John McManus as a Long Term Leave Replacement Custodian effective April 5, 2006 to June 30, 2006 at Step 10, 12 month, of the Custodial Salary Guide at a salary of \$37,656.00 (to be prorated).

## **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Mr. Kramer, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake,  
Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Mr. Gallow, Mr. Halligan, Mr. O'Connor

2. Retroactive Approval of Technology Work- It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board retroactively approve Brian Lynch for technology work at the rate of \$15.00/hr, from 1/13/06-6/30/06, not to exceed sixty (60) hours.

## **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Mr. Kramer, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake,  
Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Mr. Gallow, Mr. Halligan, Mr. O'Connor

### **E. POLICY – Mr. Kramer, Chairperson**

Mr. Kramer spoke about the Nutrition Policy. Mr. Mohre further explained the complexity of the policy. A committee may be formed of teachers, parents and community members for input into this policy. Mr. Walsh apologized for missing the meeting. Mr. Walsh asked for a copy of the policy. Board discussion followed.

### **G. PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mr. Halligan, Chairperson**

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

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

President Feigenson asked about the roof project and if there were any news on the NJABO award for the district's 2005 audit.

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Walsh spoke about the invitation of school board candidates to the Senior Center and that Mr. Kramer could address the Seniors on April 18, 2006. Mr. Kramer noted that he was not notified at the same time as the other candidates and was not invited until the day of the event.

Mr. Spadaccini commented on the positive camaraderie with all of the crossing guards regarding the moving of traffic on Prospect Ave.

## **XII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**

There was no closed session.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Kramer, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Barbagallo, Secretary to the BA/BS  
on behalf of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary

