# ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649

## REGULAR BUSINESS SESSION MEETING JANUARY 25, 2006

# **MINUTES**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:04 PM 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 <u>Town News</u>, <u>The Record</u> 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. Halligan, Mr. Kramer, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake Mrs. Norian, Mr. Feigenson

ABSENT: Mr. Gallow arrived @ 8:09 p.m., Mr. O'Connor

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Nancy M Ciavaglia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Dr. John DiGiovacchino, Director of Special Education, Ms. Carla Martin, Site Manager, Turner Construction, Mr. Mal Kenney, Board Attorney, four OPS Teachers, and approximately 20 parents and students.

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

There were no comments from the public.

#### VII. MINUTES

#### REVIEW OF MINUTES

Work Session Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of Wednesday, January 11, 2006.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Public Business Session Meeting of Wednesday, December 14, 2005 and the Closed Session Meeting of December 14, 2005.

#### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Feigenson, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None Abstain: Halligan

Absent: Gallow, O'Connor

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

Peace Poster Contest: Mr. Mohre welcomed Mr. Rubin Camins of the Oradell Lions Club. Mr. Camins made a special presentation to four outstanding young artists whose artistic creations earned special honors in this year Peace Poster Contest. Mr. Mohre and President Feigenson congratulated the students for their hard work and efforts. Mr. Camins also reported that on Palm Sunday at Bergen Catholic High School, the Lions Club will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast and all are invited to attend.

Construction Update: Mr. Mohre introduced Ms. Carla Martin, OPS' On-Site Project Manager from the construction management firm of Turner K-12 Education, Inc. Ms. Martin provided the Board with a status report. President Feigenson thanked Ms. Martin for her report.

**OPS Winter Concert**: Mr. Mohre commended and thanked OPS' band and choral students along with their teachers Mr. Butcher and Ms. Richardi for their outstanding musical concert on the evening of January 19<sup>th</sup>. He also acknowledged the parent volunteers who assisted with the production and OPS' faculty hand-bell choir.

The Board President called for a consent agenda with the following exceptions: IX. B1, C1, D8.

#### IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson

The three districts will be submitting \$45,000 as part of the districts' budget for the Joint Curriculum Director.

## B. BUILDING & GROUNDS - Mr. O' Connor, Chairperson

1. Submission of Long Range Facility Plan for Year 2005-It is hereby moved by Mr. Gallow, seconded by Mr. Mr. Kramer, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, every New Jersey school district must submit a Long Range Facility Plan to the Commission of Education every five years, specifically every year ending in "0" or "5", and

WHERAS, regulations require that every board of education must approve the submission of this plan,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oradell Board of Education does hereby authorize the School Business Administrator to submit the Long Range Facility Plan for the Oradell Public School District to the Commissioner of Education, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Administrator, in accordance with regulation, shall provide an advisory copy of this plan to the local planning board.

Mr. Walsh questioned if the plan was submitted and if the district was provided a copy of the plan.

#### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None Absent: O'Connor

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Norian, Chairperson The next Curriculum Committee Meeting is scheduled for 2/2/06 at 12:00 noon. Mrs. Norian asked if there will be a stipend or extra compensation for the workshop to in IX C1.

 Approval of Professional Development Workshop- It is hereby moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Kramer, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the delivery of the following in-service workshop:

Title: Faculty Book Study Group

Craft Lessons, by Ralph Fletcher and Joan Portalupi

Dates: February – April 2006

Facilitators: Jackie Frangis

#### **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None
Absent: O'Connor

D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

The Finance Committee met this evening and will report at the next board meeting.

1. Monthly Certifications – It is hereby moved that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end, November 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 2005/2006 Budget has been overexpended 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**

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None
Absent: O'Connor

2. Transfer of Funds and Monthly Transfer Report for the Month End, November 2005— It is hereby moved that the Board retroactively approves the transfer of funds as follows:

Transfer of Funds\*

#	From Account (Credit)	To Account (Debit)	Amount
1	11-240-100-610-00-0815	11-204-100-610-00-0815	500.00
2	11-230-100-610-00-0815	11-204-100-610-00-0815	325.00
3	11-230-100-610-00-0815	11-000-216-320-00-0000	450.00
4	11-150-100-100-00-1127	11-130-100-101-00-0220	20.00
5	11-000100-562-00-0801	11-240-100-610-00-0815	450.00
6	20-251-200-330-00-0930	20-251-100-610-00-0930	4464.00
7	20 201 200 000 00	20-506-200-500-00-0930	2,230.00
8		20-510-200-590-00-0930	3,040.00
9		30-000-400-390-00-3006	294000.00
10		30-000-400-890-00-4007	46.50
		Total	\$305,525.50

\* Transaction Date For Above Transfers November 30, 2005

#### **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None Absent: O'Connor

3. Monthly Certifications – It is hereby 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, December 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 2005/2006 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**

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None Absent: O'Connor

4. Payment of Invoices – It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the invoices for the period of 12/22/05 through 1/25/06 be approved as follows:

Fund 11 (General Current Expense)	\$717,801.02
Fund 12 (Capital Outlay)	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 (Special Revenue Funds)	\$ 49,289.37
Fund 30 (Capital Projects Funds)	\$ 23,164.30
Fund 40 (Debt Service Fund)	\$ 0.00
Fund 65 (Region V-Park Academy)	\$ 23,499.25
TOTAL	\$813,499.25

#### **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None
Absent: O'Connor

5. Transfer of Funds and Monthly Transfer Report for the Month End, December 2005– It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board retroactively approves the transfer of funds as follows:.

Transfer of Funds\*

#	From Account (Credit)	To Account (Debit)	Amount
1	11-000-100-562-00-0801	11-000-216-320-00-0000	7,197.00
2	11-215-100-610-00-0815	11-230-100-610-00-0815	94.37
3	11210 100 010 010	30-000-400-390-00-3001	25,925.35
4		30-000-400-390-00-3002	39,277.69

7	30-000-400-890-00-3007	24.30
6	30-000-400-390-00-4052	16750
5	30-000-400-390-00-4002	4369.67

Total

\$93,638.38

#### **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None Absent: O'Connor

6. Renewal of Membership- It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board renew membership in the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group (NESBIG) from July 1, 2006-June 30, 2008, and furthermore, authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the application for membership and the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and other documents relative to the membership in the Group.

#### ROLL CALL

Ayes:

Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None Absent: O'Connor

- 7. Approval of Special Services It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Director of Special Services, that the Board approve the following Special Services, covering the 2005/06 school year, for the students set forth below:
  - OT Services for Student #47, provided by the Cerebral Palsy Center, in the amount of \$3,558.00 (\$82.00 per hour, 1 hr. session per week, retroactive to 9/13/05))
  - Program Coordination for Student #42,( provided by Andrea Gonzalez, in the amount of \$2,100.00, previously provided by Gianna Prentrelli.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None Absent: O'Connor

8. Agreement for On-Site Construction Observation and Testing Services-Referendum Project- It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Kramer, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize the Business

<sup>\*</sup> Transaction Date For Above Transfers December 31, 2005

Administrator/Board Secretary to enter into an agreement with SOR Testing Laboratories Inc, Cedar Grove, NJ, to provide on-site quality construction observation and testing services during the building project construction at the rates set forth in the agreement, and which are on file in the Business Office.

Mr. Gallow asked if Seyffer & Koch were capable of providing this service, and were there specific costs.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None Absent: O'Connor

## E. PERSONNEL - Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

1. Substitute Teacher(s) for the 2005/06 School Year – It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following individual(s) as substitute teacher(s) for the 2005/06 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 2005/06 school year.

## Stephen Lenart

#### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None Absent: O'Connor

- 2. Approval of Student Teacher It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following individual as a student teacher for the 2005/2006 school year:
  - Sheryl Canino, a student at Ramapo College, to perform her student teacher assignment with Mrs. Diane Malwitz, Kindergarten, commencing on January 30, 2006-May 12, 2006.

#### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None
Absent: O'Connor

3. Approval of Student Teacher – It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the

Superintendent, that the Board approve the following individual as a student teacher for the 2005/2006 school year:

Mrs. Lori Winters, a student at Ramapo College, to perform her student teacher assignment with Ms. Kim Lezette, kindergarten class, commencing on January 30, 2006-May 12, 2006. (Note that kindergarten designation is incorrect and will be rectified with a Feb. 8, 2006 resolution).

## ROLL CALL

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None
Absent: O'Connor

4. Approval of Student Teacher – It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following individual as a student teacher for the 2005/2006 school year:

Amanda Ax, a student at Caldwell College, to perform her student teacher assignment with Mrs. Masiello's first grade class, commencing on January 23, 2006 – May 12, 2006.

#### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None
Absent: O'Connor

5. Approval of Movement on Teachers' Salary Guide – It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve movement on guide for the 2005/2006 school year for the following staff member:

Employee	From  BA, Step 1 \$36,627.00	<u>To</u>	Effective 12/15/05
Shannon Morris Park Academy		BA+15, Step 1 \$37,000.00	

Note: Ms. Morris serves as a teacher 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 are paid for with tuition moneys collected by the Oradell Business Office from the students' home districts. Such expenses are not a part of and in no way impact the Oradell Public School's budget.

## **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None Absent: O'Connor

6. Approval of Longevity—It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board retroactively approves the longevity amount for the following individual effective September 1, 2005- June 30, 2006 as per the Agreement between the Oradell Board of Education and the Oradell Education Association.

Employee Elyse Stewart Longevity Amount \$1,000.00

#### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None
Absent: O'Connor

7. Approval of Clerical Substitutes for the 2005/06 School Year – It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of the following individual(s) as Clerical Substitutes for the 2005/06 school year at an hourly wage of \$10.88 during the 2005/06 school year:

Patricia Smith Jane DeSimone

#### **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Nays: None
Absent: O'Connor

F. POLICY – Mr. Kramer, Chairperson
 A meeting of the Policy Committee is scheduled for 2/8/06 at 7:15 p.m.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mr. Halligan, Chairperson

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate Mr. Walsh requested to attend the BCSBA workshop on 1/31/06.

## X. OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed the playground dismantling.

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the following:

- School Calendar for 06/07
- Joint Advisory Committee needs to convene for the school year.
- Mr. Butcher's very poised and outstanding performance at the OPS Winter Concert, and Ms. Richardi's very professional and enjoyable production.

#### XII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Christine Robertson, Stephanie Landau, Karen Shinvar commented on President Feigenson's letter to the community.

Michael Gardner, Christine Robertson, Richard Culler commented on different aspects of the petition that was circulated at OPS recently.

Tammy Fernandez questioned/commented on the school violence policy and School Violence Awareness Week.

Karen Shinevar commented on rebuilding community trust.

Amy Skroce asked for clarification on an agenda item.

Christine Robertson commented on the new traffic pattern at OPS.

Patty Irwin commented on the accident sustained by the crossing guard.

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

It is hereby moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session at 9:30 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Ayes:

Feigenson, Halligan, Kramer, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake

Navs:

None

Absent: O'Connor

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.

## XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board adjourn the Closed Session at 10:16 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Ciavaglia, CPA

Business Administrator/Board Secretary