

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION – JUNE 14, 2006**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Work Session Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by President Halligan.

**II. FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mr. Walsh.

**III. SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT**

The Sunshine Law Statement was read by President Halligan.

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. Gardner.

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. Gardner, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz,  
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Halligan

ABSENT: Mr. Gallow

Also present : Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent, and Ms. Nancy Ciavaglia,  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Carla Martin,  
Construction Manager, Turner Construction and approximately  
50 members of the public.

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

Serafina Bergelt, Cecelia Sargenti, Carol Garino, Kim Scalanga, Kathy Hughes asked questions about the following : New Inclusive Kindergarten class including the number of students allowed the class, the use of 1:1 Aide, selection process of Special Education students, 2006-2007 school year be considered a trial period, possible continuation of this program into Grade 1 for the 2007-2008 school year, and the possibility/probability of a sixth Kindergarten in 2006-2007.

**VII. MINUTES**

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Special and Closed Session Meetings, May 10, 2006.  
Regular and Closed Session Meeting, May 24, 2006.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. It is hereby moved by Mr. Walsh seconded by Dr. Westlake, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of April 19, 2006.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Ayes:</b>	Halligan, Norian, Spadaccini, Walsh, Westlake
<b>Nays:</b>	None
<b>Absent:</b>	Gallow
<b>Abstain:</b>	Gardner, Robertson, Schwartz

2. Regular Public Session/Reorganization Meeting, Closed Session #1, Closed Session #2 of May 3, 2006. This resolution was tabled.

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

Ms. Carla Martin (Turner Construction Management) presented a building project update to the Board of Education. Block walls continue to be built for areas of new construction. Interior renovations will be completed during the summer recess period. The project is on schedule and under budget.

Mrs. Janet Opp, Mrs. Dale Curran, and Mr. Ben Mallet were honored on the occasion of their retirements.

Mr. Mohre reminded those in attendance that the school year will end with three consecutive single session days: June 19, 20, 21.

Mr. Mohre announced a meeting with 6th grade parents, scheduled for June 19, 2006, 11:45 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to share reflections of the children's OPS experiences as the school continues its quest to enhance the quality of education afforded to all students.

Mr. Mohre shared that the children have voted on a new school mascot and that the results would be announced Thursday, June 15th. He thanked the OPS Student Government and teacher leaders Mrs. Giacomini and Ms. Lezette for facilitating the election process.

Mr. Mohre congratulated OPS' 4th, 5th, and 6th grade instrumentalists on their fine Spring Concert musical performances. He also acknowledged the work of music teachers Mr. Butcher and Ms. Richardi for their outstanding efforts in teaching and preparing the children.

## **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION**

A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson reported that a meeting was held on June 13, 2006 with interview of candidate and recommendation.

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson

1. Approval to use of field by Oradell Borough Special Events Committee – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the board approves the request of the Oradell Borough of Special Events/4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee to use the property located at the corner of Center St. and Prospect Ave. from Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 for the placement of the Showmobile and a portable First Aid Station.

### **ROLL CALL**

<b>Ayes:</b>	Gardner, Halligan, Norian, Robertson, Spadaccini, Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake
<b>Nays:</b>	None
<b>Absent:</b>	Gallow

2. Approval of Reformed Church of Oradell for Special Education Program– It is hereby moved by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the board approves the location of the Reformed Church of Oradell, Oradell, NJ for the placement of the Preschool Disabled Class from June 26, 2006-July 21, 2006 for a total of 18 days/\$100 per day, total cost \$1,800.00.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Gardner, Halligan, Norian, Robertson, Spadaccini,  
Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gallow

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

1. Approval to Establish Inclusive Kindergarten Program for 2006-2007— It is hereby 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 approves the establishment of an inclusive kindergarten program (Team Teaching Model) for the 2006-2007 academic school year, and that the program is in accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 6A:14, Special Education and N.J.A.C. 6A:26, Education Facilities.

Questions and comments by Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Walsh on teaching staff members, availability of money in budget, success measurement, other schools using this program, presentation of program at kindergarten orientation, toilet facilities, documentation to parents, and inclusion of this as a new program in 06-07 budget.

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Gardner, Halligan, Norian, Robertson, Spadaccini,  
Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gallow

D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

1. Schaefer Explorations 2006 Summer Program Checking Account – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini that the Board of Education establish a checking account for the Schaefer Explorations 2006 Summer Program in accord with Board Policy #3451, in the amount of \$1,000.00. This account is for miscellaneous purchases, not to exceed the sum of \$100.00 per purchase.

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Gardner, Halligan, Norian, Robertson, Spadaccini,  
Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gallow

2. Schaefer Explorations 2006 Summer Program Stipends – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board of Education approves the following staff and stipends as noted, in relation to the Schaefer Explorations 2006 Summer Program:

<u>Employee</u>	<u># of Courses</u>	<u>Total Stipend</u>
Joan Arfsten	3	\$ 2,025.00
Ericka Bell	3	\$ 2,025.00
Amy Beutel	3	\$ 2,025.00
Toni Boccanfuso	3	\$ 2,025.00
Lisa Brynczka	2	\$ 1,350.00
Joanne Certo, Asst. Director	3	\$ 2,025.00
Laura Conroy	3	\$ 2,025.00
Anne DiScala	3	\$ 2,025.00
Scott Duthie	3	\$ 2,025.00
Sheri Giacomini	3	\$ 2,025.00
Roberta Kenyon	3	\$ 2,025.00
Kim Lezette	3	\$ 2,025.00
Lesley Maklin	3	\$ 2,025.00
Judy McGavin	2	\$ 1,350.00
Lisa Pitingolo	3	\$ 2,025.00
Melissa Pizza	2	\$ 1,350.00
Gail Tobey	3	\$ 2,025.00
	TOTAL	\$32,400.00

*Note: Per course teacher stipend is \$675.00*

### ROLL CALL

**Ayes:** Gardner, Halligan, Norian, Robertson, Spadaccini, Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gallow

3. Approval of Stipend for Assistant Director of Schaefer Explorations 2006 Summer Program – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve a stipend in the amount of \$3,120.00 payable to Joanne Certo, Assistant Director of the Schaefer Explorations 2006 Summer Program, as follows:

\$2,000.00 payable on June 15, 2006 for work performed in the 2005/06 school year in preparation of the Schaefer Explorations 2006 Summer Program  
 \$1,120.00 payable on July 15, 2006 for supervision of the Schaefer Explorations 2006 Summer Program

### ROLL CALL

**Ayes:** Gardner, Halligan, Norian, Robertson, Spadaccini,  
Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gallow

4. Approval of Asbestos Abatement Contract– It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Oradell Board of Education approves a contract with North East Industrial Management Inc., Chester, NJ, in the amount of \$27,500.00 for the removal/disposal of approximately 8,000 sq. ft. of floor tile and mastic in the Oradell Public School to begin the week of June 23, 2006 and conclude on or about July 6, 2006.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Gardner, Halligan, Norian, Robertson, Spadaccini,  
Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gallow

5. Referendum Change Order #3: It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Norian, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approve Change Order #3 of the contract with Integrated Construction Enterprises, Inc., in connection with the referendum as submitted and approved by Seyffer & Koch, and furthermore authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to complete and execute all pertinent paperwork summarized as follows:

- Cost for Work Stoppage due to student testing March 20-23, 2006 (Owner requested work stoppage) \$5,581.00.
- Cost for Work Stoppage due to student testing April 4-6, 2006 (Owner requested work stoppage) \$3,185.00.
- Cost for Work Stoppage due to student testing May 3-4, 2006 (Owner requested work stoppage) \$1,280.00.

**Total amount of this change order: \$10,046.00**

Mr. Walsh and Mr. Spadaccini asked questions on scheduling of test days.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Gardner, Halligan, Norian, Robertson, Spadaccini,

Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gallow

6. Payment of May/June 2006 Bills/Invoices – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills from May 25, 2006-June 22, 2006 retroactive approval at the next scheduled Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education.

Mr. Spadaccini asked a question on referendum bills being included on the bills list.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Gardner, Halligan, Norian, Robertson, Spadaccini,  
Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gallow

#### **E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Gallow, Chairperson**

1. Approval of Summer Hours for School Nurse – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves summer hours for Carole Orthmann, school nurse, commencing June 23, 2006 and continuing through August 31, 2006, at a rate of \$40.00/hr. for a period not to exceed thirty (30) hours.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Gardner, Halligan, Norian, Robertson, Spadaccini,  
Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gallow

2. Approval of Summer Part-time Nurse's Aide – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of Anne DiScala as a part-time nurse's aide commencing June 23, 2006 and continuing through August 31, 2006, at a rate of \$21.00/hr., for a period not to exceed thirty (30) hours.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Gardner, Halligan, Norian, Robertson, Spadaccini,  
Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gallow

3. Retroactive Approval of Maternity Leave– It is hereby moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board retroactively approves the maternity leave for Joanne Certo from September 1, 2004 - November 30, 2004. This is a correction of a resolution previously approved on May 26, 2004 which was erroneously designated as child rearing leave.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Gardner, Halligan, Norian, Robertson, Spadaccini,  
Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gallow

4. Approval of Tri-District Supervisor of Curriculum/Instruction– It is hereby moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board support the River Dell Board of Education in approving Suzanne Lynch as the Tri-District Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction. The Oradell Board of Education agrees to equally share the financial responsibilities of this position with the River Edge and River Dell School Districts.

Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Schwartz, and President Halligan asked questions which were answered by Dr. Westlake.

Mr. Spadaccini thanked Dr. Westlake for his efforts and complimented him for his fine work as Interim Superintendent in River Dell (as his retirement will be June 30, 2006).

### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Gardner, Halligan, Norian, Robertson, Spadaccini,  
Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gallow



- 4A- Approval of Interlocal Agreement— It is hereby moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board enters into an Interlocal Agreement between Oradell, River Edge and River Dell School Districts for the 2006-2007 school year.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Gardner, Halligan, Norian, Robertson, Spadaccini,  
Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gallow

F. POLICY – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

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

### **X. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Vacation Schedules
2. Travel by Board – It is hereby moved by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Dr. Westlake, that the Board approves John Walsh, to travel and attend a conference in Trenton on June 15, 2006 to discuss Assembly Bill A882 with politicians and to seek sponsorship.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Gardner, Halligan, Robertson, Spadaccini,  
Schwartz, Walsh, Westlake  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gallow, Norian

3. Mr. Spadaccini asked about the town's response to our traffic meeting; President Halligan set up a sub-committee on traffic safety called the Public Safety Committee comprising of Mr. Gallow, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Spadaccini and Mrs. Robertson.

Mr. Schwartz submitted a copy of "Safety Notice" sent home to parents in April from the Oradell Police Department.

4. Mr. Halligan, Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Walsh asked questions on the status of the bullying policy.

5. Mr. Walsh asked questions on "Operation Shadow" and asked if the participants (students/supervisors) could come to a Board meeting and present the program to the Board and public.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Mohre stated that we will be seeking retroactive approval of summer custodial substitutes to begin on June 22, 2006.
2. Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.
3. Mrs. Robertson asked questions on new teacher hiring.
4. Mrs. Robertson asked about the letter signed by 44 parents asking for the change from French to Spanish; Mr. Spadaccini suggested the Curriculum Committee review this issue.

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

There was no closed session.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz that the Board adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Ciavaglia, CPA  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary