

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION –NOVEMBER 15, 2006

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Work Session Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by President Halligan.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag was lead 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 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. Gallow, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Halligan

Absent: Dr. Westlake

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Nancy Ciavaglia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Robert Ryder, Turner Construction, and approximately 60 members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no comments or questions from the public.

VII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MINUTES – Regular Public Session Meeting, October 18, 2006

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the Board approves the Minutes of the Public Work Session Meeting of September 13, 2006 and the Regular Public Meeting of September 27, 2006.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Halligan

Nays: Mr. Walsh

Absent: Dr. Westlake

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

Mr. Mohre thanked the OPS faculty and parents for making Classroom Visitation Day 2006 a successful venture. He noted how important it is that parents and educators work together to promote the healthy development of Oradell's children. He expressed his appreciation to parents for their collective support of the children and faculty.

Mr. Mohre presented a concept to the Board that entailed creating a meeting map to better facilitate Board committee meetings. With the support of the Board, he and Mrs. Ciavaglia will create a year-long meeting schedule, selecting primarily Wednesday dates.

- The evening's report featured a construction update by Mr. Bob Ryder, Project Manager, Turner Construction.
- American Education Week Proclamation was read by President Halligan.

Mr. Robert Ryder, Turner Construction provided an update on the construction.

President Halligan opened the meeting to public for questions relating to the closing of school on Monday, November 13, 2006.

Mr. Schwartz asked question about the process of checking inventory relating to the construction project.

Carol Blakeslee commented on the heaviness of the new fire doors; asked whether they were within the ADA 5lb requirement; asked about using 911 system.

Scott Duthie commented on the level of the glass in the new fire doors being too high for the students and asked if the doors meet the building and fire codes.

Laura Conroy asked about the installation of a ceiling in room 016.

Pam Kurland asked the number of interior projects that have the potential to close school.

Mark Potowski asked whether it is typical for the construction manager and general contractor to argue.

Margaret Hahn asked the process for making up the lost day, and the process for notifying the parents earlier.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

- A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson
 - B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson, met that evening and will make a report at the next board meeting.
 - C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Norian, Chairperson, commented that the committee met the previous week and will make a report at the next board meeting.
 - D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson, commented that the committee met tonight and will report at the next board meeting.
1. Payment of November 2006 Bills/Invoices – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Gardner, that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills during the month of November 2006 with retroactive approval at the next scheduled Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Halligan
Absent: Dr. Westlake

- 2 Approval of Travel and Related Expenses – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Norian, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following be approved:

Name: Michael Gardner

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJSBA –Advanced Bargaining

Date (s): November 18-19, 2006

Location: Parsippany, NJ

Registration: \$395.00 (includes hotel)

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Halligan
Abstain: Mr. Gardner
Absent: Dr. Westlake

3. Special Education School Year Tuition Contracts 2006/07 School Year – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Gardner that the Board approves in accord with Chapter 46, Title 18A, NJ Statutes, tuition to be paid for the students listed below to attend the schools indicated for the full school year 2006/07 at the tuition costs indicated:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
#27	Valley Program-2006 ESY only	\$ 5,121.00
#30	BCSSSD-Bleshmann	\$ 50,500.00
#37	BCSSSD-Cliffside Pk	\$ 51,500.00

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Halligan
Absent: Dr. Westlake

4. Approval of the Early Childhood Special Education Outcome Study - It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Gardner, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approves the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs Contract, Early Childhood Special Education Outcome Study with the Oradell Public School District for the period of January 2, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

The Oradell Public School District was selected to assess students and submit outcome data related to the provision of preschool special education and related services. The district will submit data through a web based system for the purpose of providing entry and exit preschool special education outcome data. There is no cost to the Oradell School District.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Halligan
Absent: Dr. Westlake

5. Approval of Receiving Students for Park Academy Special Education Program – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Gardner, 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, approves the following student(s) and tuition for the 2006/07 school year as follows:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Sending District</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
P #11-06	Dumont	\$39,124.00

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 2006/07 budget.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Halligan
Absent: Dr. Westlake

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Gallow, Chairperson, commented that there is a committee meeting scheduled for November 20, 2006 to discuss Administrative Bonus Goals.

1. Approval of Stipend Associated with Director of Special Services' Annual Goal for 2005/06 School Year – It is hereby moved by Mr. Gallow, seconded by Mrs. Norian, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following stipend, based on the attainment of a specific goal, for the administrator set forth below:

Mr. Gallow reported that the committee met with Dr. DiGiovachino and approved that he met his goal. Board members commented and asked questions.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Dr. John DiGiovachino	\$2,500.00

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Halligan
Absent: Dr. Westlake

F. POLICY – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson, commented that the committee is in process of setting up a meeting.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson, commented on the meeting held in early November; community members contributed names of residents to be invited to become “key communicators” and they will be invited to a December meeting.

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate, read two NJSBA resolutions on school funding and CPE of Board Members.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson commented that the Oradell Police Dept. will be forwarding a report on their walk-through, additional signage, and “medical pick-up” parking spot.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Regarding Bonus Goals the following board members commented:
 - Mrs. Robertson thinks the entire board should have input into the selection of the goal.
 - Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Gardner and Mr. Walsh commented on the Bonus Goals process and the selection of the goal.

Mr. Mohre, in response to Mr. Walsh's comment concerning Principal Ryan's Board approved 2005/06 Bonus Goal, referred to the Board's recently agreed upon behavior norms. He complimented Principal Ryan on his initiative in creating a goal that was responsive to the physical and life safety needs of a particular

segment of the student population. In addition he noted that the walking club program originated prior to the US and NJ Departments of Agriculture's School Nutrition mandates.

He reviewed the goal process and noted that criteria governing goal development was in place. Copies of that criteria will be given to all board members in the next meeting packet.

2. Mr. Walsh asked Mr. Mohre for an update on the Assistant Principal search. Mrs. Robertson asked for documentation as to the accomplishments of the Assistant Principal from Mr. Ryan. Mr. Gardner would like the PTA to be involved in developing the criteria for the selection of an Assistant Principal. President Halligan commented that the board established the position in the budget and has a duty to hire an Assistant Principal. Mr. Walsh feels the parents and staff should be involved with the interview process. Mrs. Robertson would like the entire board to be involved in the interview process.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Terry McGill gave a report on the state of the teaching staff participation at OPS.

Serafina Bergelt commented on the sixth grade math program and that River Edge sixth grade students are ahead of OPS in terms of number of days in class.

As a follow-up to the Board's recently completed three-part retreat, Mr. Mohre introduced and reviewed drafts of the District goals related to three agreed upon areas: School Construction, Student Achievement, and Communications. Following Board discussion, he reinforced the importance of moving forward with the proposed goals citing that the District needs to formally commit to the agreed upon focus areas considering the current calendar date. Board members commented.

XII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the Board adjourns to Closed Session at 9:55 p.m.

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,

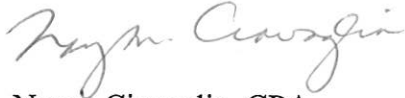
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this matter be considered in a meeting closed to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minutes of this meeting be sealed until the matter is resolved.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Norian that the Board adjourns at 10:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Ciavaglia, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

