

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

WORK / REGULAR SESSION – April 11, 2007

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Work Session Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called 8:03 p.m. by President Halligan.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was lead by Mr. Gardner.

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

Absent: Mr. Gallow

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

VII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- March 7, 2007 Closed Session and Regular Session
- March 14, 2007 Closed Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, that the Minutes of the following Oradell Board of Education meetings be approved:

Mr. Walsh commented that when questions are asked and reported in minutes, he still believes the answers should be given.

- February 28, 2007 Closed Session #1, #2 and Regular Session
- March 6, 2007 Closed Session

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Norian (March 6, 2007 only), Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Halligan

Nays: Mr. Walsh

Abstention: Mrs. Norian (only February 28, 2007)

Absent: Mr. Gallow

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

The Superintendent and Business Administrator provided the Board with an overview of the new School District Accountability Act which became law on April 4, 2007.

President Halligan reported that there is a tentative agreement with the Board and the Oradell Education Association. Mr. Scott Duthie, OEA, commented that we have a tentative agreement which is still subject to ratification by the Board and the OEA and we are still in negotiations.

In addition, President Halligan asked that public comments in this Board Meeting will not be used as a platform for election campaigning.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

1. Approval of Technology Plan – It is hereby moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board approves the Technology Plan for 2007-2010 and its submittal to the NJ Department of Education.

Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Schwartz asked questions; comments by Mrs. Lynch.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mr. Gallow

D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

1. Approval to Transfer Interest Earnings from Short Term Loan on the Construction Project – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board authorizes the transfer of interest earnings from Capital Projects Fund to be recorded as general fund interest revenue in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A 26-4.1 for the school year 2006/2007.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mr. Gallow

2. Payment of April Bills/Invoices – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills during the month of April 2007 with retroactive approval at the next scheduled Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mr. Gallow

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

Name: John Walsh, School Board Member

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJSBA Delegate Assembly

Date: May 19, 2007

Location: Plainsboro, NJ

Registration: No cost for Delegate

Mileage Reimbursement as per the prescribed mile allowance

Name: Karen Chang, LDTC (CST)

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Assistive Technology Training Series

Date: May 7, 31 and June 7, 2007

Location: Plainsboro, NJ

Registration: \$18.00

Mileage Reimbursement as per the prescribed mile allowance

Name: Marie Lou Ortiz, Teacher
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Assistive Technology Training Series
Date: May 7, 31 and June 7, 2007
Location: Plainsboro, NJ
Registration: \$18.00
Mileage Reimbursement as per the prescribed mile allowance

Name: John DiGiovachino, Director of Special Services
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Assistive Technology Training Series
Date: May 7, 31 and June 7, 2007
Location: Plainsboro, NJ
Registration: \$18.00
Mileage Reimbursement as per the prescribed mile allowance

Name: Melissa Pizza, Teacher
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NVCC - Impact of Emotions on Learning
Date: April 12, 2007
Location: Demarest, NJ
Registration: 150.00
Mileage Reimbursement as per the prescribed mile allowance

Name: Jamie Sisti, Teacher
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NVCC - Impact of Emotions on Learning
Date: April 12, 2007
Location: Demarest, NJ
Registration: 150.00
Mileage Reimbursement as per the prescribed mile allowance

Name: Nancy Ciavaglia, School Business Administrator
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJASBO Annual Conference
Date: May 8, 2007-May 11, 2007
Location: Atlantic City, NJ
Registration: \$257.00
Hotel: \$396.00
Meals and Incidentals for 3 Days: Estimated at not to exceed \$200.00
Mileage Reimbursement as per the prescribed mile allowance

Name: Ellen Heine, Teacher
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NVCC – Inquiry-based Learning
Date: April 12, 2007
Location: Demarest, NJ
Registration: 150.00
Mileage Reimbursement as per the prescribed mile allowance

Name: Helene Albrecht, Teacher
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NVCC Creating Digital Curriculum Materials w/ Adobe Acrobat
Date: April 18, 2007
Location: Demarest, NJ
Registration: 150.00
Mileage Reimbursement as per the prescribed mile allowance

Name: Gail Tobey, Teacher
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Impact of Emotions on Learning
Date: April 12, 2007
Location: Demarest, NJ
Registration: \$150.00
Mileage Reimbursement as per the prescribed mile allowance

ROLL CALL

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

4. Approval of Travel and Related Expenses – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in compliance with the School Accountability Law, for incidental travel (auto mileage reimbursement), be approved for the following staff members, not to exceed the amounts stated:

Jeffrey Mohre	\$300.00
Nancy Ciavaglia	\$300.00
W. Scott Ryan	\$300.00
Dr. John DiGiovachino	\$300.00
Susan Confrancisco	\$200.00
Mary Hetherington	\$200.00
Karen Chang	\$200.00
William Braun	\$150.00
Cynthia Kennedy	\$100.00
Carolyn Riecken	\$100.00
Barbara Barbagallo	\$ 50.00
Cheryl Magill	\$ 50.00

ROLL CALL

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

4a. Approval of Travel and Related Expenses – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Gardner, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in compliance with the School Accountability Law, for incidental travel (auto mileage reimbursement), be approved for the following staff members from April –June 2007, not to exceed the amounts stated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ackerman, Thomas	\$25.00	Kasturas, Peter	\$25.00
Altomare, Jackie	\$25.00	Kenyon, Roberta	\$25.00
Albrecht, Helene	\$25.00	Killeen, Tracey	\$25.00
Arcaro, Michele	\$25.00	Lane, Debra	\$25.00
Arfsten, Joan	\$25.00	Lezette, Kimberly	\$25.00
Aroldi, Susan	\$25.00	Longabardi, Morris	\$25.00
Bayley, Joan	\$25.00	Lynch, Corrine	\$25.00
Bell, Ericka	\$25.00	Maklin, Lesley	\$25.00
Beutel, Amy	\$25.00	Malwitz, Diane	\$25.00
Bishopp, Judy	\$25.00	Masiello, Linda	\$25.00
Black, Jeanne	\$25.00	McGavin, Judith	\$25.00
Blakeslee, Carol	\$25.00	McGill, Sharon	\$25.00
Boccanfuso, Antonietta	\$25.00	McGill, Terrence	\$25.00
Brynczka, Lisa	\$25.00	McGlone, Luanne	\$25.00
Butcher, James	\$25.00	McManus, John	\$25.00
McCarthy, Nicole	\$25.00	Mele, Michele	\$25.00
Choka, Eileen	\$25.00	Menti, Marie	\$25.00
Conroy, Laura	\$25.00	Morris, Shannon	\$25.00
Costanzo, Debra	\$25.00	Murray, Thomas	\$25.00
Crystal, Judith	\$25.00	O'Keefe, Heide	\$25.00
Cuddy, Patricia	\$25.00	Orthmann, Carole	\$25.00
Debel, Tracey	\$25.00	Ortiz, Marie Lou	\$25.00
DeRobertis, Katherine	\$25.00	Ortiz, Stephanie	\$25.00
Durling, Scott	\$25.00	O'Shea, Victoria	\$25.00
Duthie, Scott	\$25.00	Pena, Aimee	\$25.00
Ellerman, Krista	\$25.00	Pizza, Melissa	\$25.00
Ernest, Michelina	\$25.00	Postel, Jennifer	\$25.00
Gardner, Cheryl	\$25.00	Powers, Jennifer	\$25.00
Geiss, Dale	\$25.00	Richard, Carol	\$25.00
Gerdenits, Lisa	\$25.00	Salamanca, Rubiela	\$25.00
Giacalone, Leighann	\$25.00	Schraer, Jamie	\$25.00
Goeller, Elinor	\$25.00	Simpson, Ruth	\$25.00
Golden, Melissa	\$25.00	Sisti, Jamie	\$25.00
Gomez, Oscar	\$25.00	Smith, Marissa	\$25.00
Gonzalez, Linda	\$25.00	Squeglia, Judith	\$25.00
Gordon, Derrick	\$25.00	Stewart, Elyse	\$25.00
Gordon, Stacey	\$25.00	Stokes, Kevin	\$25.00
Greer, Frederica	\$25.00	Taormina, Marisa	\$25.00
Hammer, Geraldine	\$25.00	Terzano, Kristin	\$25.00
Hansen, Patricia	\$25.00	Tobey, Gail	\$25.00
Heede, Jane	\$25.00	Treby, Nancy	\$25.00
Heine, Ellen	\$25.00	Trifiletti, Lorraine	\$25.00
Helmis, Julie	\$25.00	Whilby, Al	\$25.00
Hetherington, Mary	\$25.00		
Jeffs, Jane	\$25.00		
Jengo, Jillian	\$25.00		

ROLL CALL

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

- 5a. Approval of Travel and Related Expenses – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Gardner, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in compliance with the School Accountability Law, for incidental travel (auto mileage reimbursement), be approved for the following Board Member, from April –June 2007, not to exceed the amount stated:

Arthur Gallow \$50.00

ROLL CALL

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

- 5b. Approval of Travel and Related Expenses – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in compliance with the School Accountability Law, for incidental travel (auto mileage reimbursement), be approved for the following Board Member, from April –June 2007, not to exceed the amount stated:

Michael Gardner \$50.00

* Motion was withdrawn

- 5c. Approval of Travel and Related Expenses – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in compliance with the School Accountability Law, for incidental travel (auto mileage reimbursement), be approved for the following Board Member, from April –June 2007, not to exceed the amount stated:

Brian Halligan \$50.00

* Motion was withdrawn

- 5d. Approval of Travel and Related Expenses – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in compliance with the School Accountability Law, for incidental travel (auto mileage reimbursement), be approved for the following Board Member, from April –June 2007, not to exceed the amount stated:

Katherine Norian \$50.00

* Motion was withdrawn

- 5e. Approval of Travel and Related Expenses – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in compliance with the School Accountability Law, for incidental travel (auto mileage reimbursement), be approved for the following Board Member, from April –June 2007, not to exceed the amount stated:

Christine Robertson \$50.00

*** Motion was withdrawn**

- 5f. Approval of Travel and Related Expenses – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in compliance with the School Accountability Law, for incidental travel (auto mileage reimbursement), be approved for the following Board Member, from April –June 2007, not to exceed the amount stated:

Robert Schwartz \$50.00

*** Motion was withdrawn**

- 5g. Approval of Travel and Related Expenses – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in compliance with the School Accountability Law, for incidental travel (auto mileage reimbursement), be approved for the following Board Member, from April –June 2007, not to exceed the amount stated:

James Spadaccini \$50.00

*** Motion was withdrawn**

- 5h. Approval of Travel and Related Expenses – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Gardner, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in compliance with the School Accountability Law, for incidental travel (auto mileage reimbursement), be approved for the following Board Member, from April –June 2007, not to exceed the amount stated:

John Walsh \$50.00

ROLL CALL

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

Abstain: Mr. Walsh

Absent: Mr. Gallow

- 5i. Approval of Travel and Related Expenses – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in compliance with the School Accountability Law, for incidental travel (auto mileage reimbursement), be approved for the following Board Member, from April –June 2007, not to exceed the amount stated:

Dr. Eugene Westlake \$50.00

*** Motion was withdrawn**

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

F. POLICY – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson

1. Second Reading of Policies – It is hereby moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following policies:

Mr. Walsh asked if the public sees policies and whether these policies will be placed on the OPS website.

Mr. Halligan thanked the Policy Committee members for their hard work to complete these policies.

- #1312.1 Parent Complaint Procedure
- #1312.2 Retention of Written Correspondence

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mr. Gallow

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson, reported that the committee met on April 11th and discussed the Key Communicators and the building re-dedication in the fall.

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate, commented on the Delegates Meeting scheduled for May 19th.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Amy Beutel, OPS Teacher, asked about the recycling program at OPS.

Sharon McGill, OPS Teacher, asked about the punch list deadline in the renovated rooms.

Jamie Sisti, OPS Teacher, asked if any decision was made on full-day kindergarten and the teacher survey in regard to this.

Peter Kasturas, OPS Teacher, commented that the intramurals basketball can it be done this year, and asked if his program could go elsewhere.

Glenn deMarrais, parent, asked if the entire Board saw the negotiations memorandum of agreement.

Karen Shinevar, resident, congratulated the Board and teachers on arriving at a tentative agreement. Mrs. Shinevar further commented about a Board member who she feels is acting against the Board's realignment position.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. New Director of the Schaeffer Explorations Program
2. Security Grant

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mrs. Robertson alerted us on "dangerous playground area" at Memorial Field.
2. Mr. Walsh commented on the Kindergarten program in Upper Saddle River and their procedure to evaluate kindergarten entrants.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Gardner that the Board adjourns to Closed Session at 9:35 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,

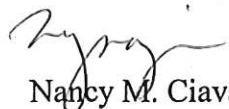
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this matter be considered in a meeting closed to the public; and

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It is hereby moved Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Gardner that the Board meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Ciavaglia, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary