

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION – February 7, 2007

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Work Session Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:02 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. Gallow, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Spadaccini,
Mr. Halligan

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Nancy Ciavaglia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, approximately 15 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, January 24, 2007

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – It is hereby moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon that the Work Session Meeting and Closed Session Meeting

Minutes of January 10, 2007 and Closed Session Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2007 be approved.

ROLL CALL

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

***Mrs. Norian abstained on the January 10, 2007 Closed Session Minutes.**

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

Mr. Mohre congratulated the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students on their outstanding performances during Tuesday evening's choral and handbell concert. He recognized, with appreciation, the efforts of Ms. Richardi, Mr. Butcher, and Mrs. McCarthy in teaching and preparing the children for the musical event. He extended an invitation to all who were present to attend the instrumental concert scheduled for Thursday evening, February 8, 2007.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson, gave a report on the January 24, 2007 committee meeting, including the possibility of an enhanced security system.

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Norian, Chairperson, gave a report on the January 23, 2007 committee meeting, including Project PRISM and State Testing.

D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

1. Authorization of Temporary Notes - It is hereby moved, by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Dr. Westlake, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Oradell Board of Education approves the following resolution authorizing the sale of temporary notes to finance a portion of the costs of the building project in anticipation of receipt of the state grant:

WHEREAS, at a bond referendum held on September 28, 2004 (the "Referendum"), The Board of Education of the Borough of Oradell in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Board") received approved from the voters of the School District to undertake school facilities improvements, expend on the project an amount not to exceed \$9,966,699, which cost would be funded through the issuance of school bonds of the School District in an amount not to exceed \$7,217,524, representing the School District's local share of the project costs and a State Grant in the amount of \$2,749,175; and

WHEREAS, the Referendum also authorized the issuance of Temporary Notes in the amount of the State Grant, \$2,749,175, pending receipt of the State Grant; and

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, the Board has received \$13,745.88 in State Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, the Board has determined that it is necessary and desirable to authorize temporary notes (the "Notes") in the amount of not to exceed \$2,735,429 to temporarily finance certain costs of the project and in anticipation of the receipt of the State Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY THAT:

1. The Notes are hereby authorized and shall be issued in a principal amount not exceeding \$2,735,429, pursuant to and within the limitations proscribed by Title 18A, Education, of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey (the "Education Law"); to interim finance a portion of the project costs and in anticipation of receipt of the State Grant.

2. All Notes issued hereunder shall be in the principal amount, shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form and shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, provided that no Note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall determine all matters in connection with the Notes, and the signature of the Board President or Board Vice President upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:24-3. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dated dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is directed to report in writing to the Board at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes is made. Such report must include a description of the principal amount, interest rate, purchase price, maturity date and name of the purchaser of the Notes so sold

3. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Notes, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Notes.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

2. Annual School Election 2007 – It is hereby moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the following Election and Budget Timetable be approved as follows:

Deadline for Filing Nominating Petitions	Mon., Feb. 26, 2007 – 4:00 PM
Last Day to File Objections to Candidates' Petitions	Fri., March 2, 2007
Last Day for Candidates to Withdraw/Amend Defective Petitions	Mon. March 5, 2007

Drawing for Position on Ballot
(Board Conference Room)

Wed., March 7, 2007 – 4:00 PM

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION
AND BUDGET VOTE

Tues., April 17, 2007
2:00PM – 9:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

3. Acceptance of Mini Grant Funds – It is hereby moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the acceptance of mini grant funds from the Oradell Kids Foundation, Inc. for the 2006-2007 school year in the amounts listed:

*Mr. Mohre thanked the OK Kids Foundation and Chairperson Christine Robertson for the OK Kid's generous contribution and their continued support of OPS.

Kindergarten - Ecology	\$ 750.00
Grade 2 - Meadowlands Environmental Center –Admission Only	\$ 364.00
Grade 3 - Liberty Science Center-Electricity/Magnetism Program	\$ 750.00
Grade 5 - Continental Soldier Program	\$ 750.00
Grade 6 - Road Rallye	\$ 750.00
	<u>\$ 750.00</u>
	<u>\$3,364.00</u>

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

1. Approval of Substitute Teacher(s) for the 2006/07 School Year – It is hereby moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of the following individual(s) as substitute teacher(s) for the 2006/07 school year, at a per diem rate of \$75.00 which increases to \$80.00 per day after the 10th day of service during the 2006/07 school year:

Nathalie Covo

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

- F. **POLICY** – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson, reported that the next committee meeting date is March 14th, but will try to plan another meeting next week.
- G. **PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson, reported that the Key Communicators met two weeks ago and wrote their mission statement; next meeting is scheduled for February 12th at 7:30 p.m.
- H. **NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT** – Mr. Walsh, Delegate, reported that there are two meetings scheduled for February; the town discussed cell towers in Oradell but dismissed the possibility of Memorial Field as a location for construction of a cell tower.
- I. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson, stated the committee met to discuss: “Kiss & Go” drop off on Prospect Ave., Emergency Medical Student Pick-Up spot on Center St. and the town’s plans to apply for a grant to widen Prospect Ave. allowing emergency vehicles to pass.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gallow asked if the additional driveway spaces in the new parking lot will be turned into grass once construction is completed.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board asked the Board President to contact the Borough to request a resolution by the Borough agreeing to pay any expenses incurred by the Board regarding the dissolution of River Dell.
2. The Board completed Financial Disclosure forms.

XII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board adjourns to Closed Session at 8:43 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

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,

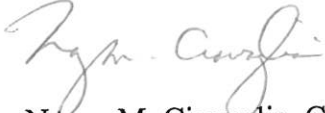
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this matter be considered in a meeting closed to the public; and

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It is hereby moved by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Dr. Westlake, that the Board adjourns at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Ciavaglia, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary