

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

REGULAR PUBLIC SESSION – JANUARY 24, 2007

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was lead by Mr. Spadaccini.

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, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh,
Dr. Westlake, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Halligan

Absent: Mr. Gallow arrived at 8:20 p.m., Mrs. Robertson

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

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Alan Feigenson asked for clarification of Agenda Item D8 (Turner Construction).

VII. MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the board

approves the minutes of the following meetings: Special Session Meeting, Closed Session Meeting and Regular Session Meeting of November 29, 2006.

Mr. Walsh commented that there are no answers to any questions reported in the minutes. Mr. Halligan stated that the Board will contact NJSBA regarding this matter.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Robertson

Abstain: Mr. Spadaccini

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Session Meeting (Joint Meeting with Mayor/Council) December 13, 2006.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gardner, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Halligan

Absent: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Robertson

Abstain: Mrs. Norian, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini

REVIEW OF MINUTES – Work Session Meeting and Closed Session Meeting, January 10, 2007. Closed Session Meeting, January 17, 2007.

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

Mr. Camins of the Oradell Lions Club presented Peace Poster Contest awards to the winning sixth grade artists.

Ms. Suzanne Lynch, Tri-District Curriculum Coordinator, provided the Board and the public with an overview of the tri-district curriculum initiatives.

Mr. Bob Ryder, Project Manager, Turner Construction, provided an update on the OPS construction/renovation project.

Mr. Mohre and Ms. Ciavaglia honored the Oradell Board of Education Trustees in celebration of *School Board Recognition Month* and presented each with a coffee mug and Certificate of Appreciation.

1. Commending the Efforts of School Board Members – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the following resolution be adopted by the Oradell Board of Education:

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s public schools serve 1.4 million children in more than 600 school districts; and

WHEREAS, The educational goals for these districts are charted by local school boards, which serve as advocates for public education as they work with school administrators, teachers, parents and members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Boards of Education provide accountability to the public, they communicate the needs of the school district to the community, and they convey to the school administration the public's expectations for the district; and

WHEREAS, School board members devote countless hours to their communities and public education at no pay; and

WHEREAS, Many local board members dedicate extraordinary amounts of additional time and effort to receive training and to communicate with state and federal lawmakers on behalf of their communities' children; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2007 to be School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey, a time that residents can acknowledge the contributions made by the state's 4,800 local board of education members. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Bergen County School Boards Association, an organization with the goal of enhancing the work of local school boards, commends the dedication of the local school board members in Bergen County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Bergen County School Boards Association encourages qualified citizens to consider serving on their local board of education.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mrs. Robertson

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

- A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson, reported that Ms. Suzanne Lynch presented the tri-district curriculum plan to the committee last Thursday.
- B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson , reported that the committee met this evening and discussed a future security system upgrade, among other items.
- C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Norian, Chairperson, reported that the committee met and discussed Professional Day in District and testing.
 - 1. Approval of Tri-District 5-Year Curriculum Revision - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Tri-District 5-Year Curriculum Revision Plan for the period 2006-2007 through 2010-2011.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mrs. Robertson

D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson, commented that the committee met this evening to discuss the 07-08 budget.

1. Monthly Certifications – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end November 2006, be accepted as attached and, furthermore, that the Board certify that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.(10e) that no major account or fund in the 2006/2007 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: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Schwartz,
Dr. Westlake, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Halligan
Absent: Mrs. Robertson

2. Transfer of Funds and Monthly Transfer Reports for the Month End, November 2006 – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board approve the transfer of funds and monthly transfer reports as attached.

ROLL CALL

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

3. Payment of Invoices – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the invoices for the period of be December 19, 2006 through January 24, 2007 approved as follows:

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| Fund 11 (<i>General Current Expense</i>) | \$ 836,416.83 |
| Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>) | \$ 0.00 |
| Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Funds</i>) | \$ 63,196.89 |
| Fund 30 (<i>Capital Projects Funds</i>) | \$ 42,421.06 |
| Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>) | \$ 0.00 |
| Fund 50 (<i>Summer School</i>) | \$ 0.00 |
| Fund 51 (<i>Region V</i>) | \$ 0.00 |
| Fund 55 (<i>Milk</i>) | \$ 0.00 |
| Fund 63 (<i>Schaefer Explorations</i>) | \$ 0.00 |
| Fund 64 (<i>Ntl School Lunch Prog</i>) | \$ 641.17 |
| Fund 65 (<i>Park Academy</i>) | \$ 19,093.99 |
| Total | \$ 961,769.94 |

ROLL CALL

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

4. Monthly Certifications – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end December 2006, be accepted as attached and, furthermore, that the Board certify that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.(10e) that no major account or fund in the 2006/2007 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: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Schwartz, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Halligan
Absent: Mrs. Robertson

5. Transfer of Funds and Monthly Transfer Reports for the Month End, December 2006 – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board approve the transfer of funds and monthly transfer reports as attached.

ROLL CALL

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

6. Special Education School Year Tuition Contracts 2006/07 School Year – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, 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 (inclusive of the extended school year, unless otherwise noted) at the tuition costs indicated:

| <u>Student</u> | <u>Placement</u> | <u>Tuition</u> | <u>Duration</u> |
|----------------|--|---|-----------------|
| #28 | The Children's Institute Verona, NJ | \$45,948.00 to be prorated plus transportation | 1/22/07-6/30/07 |
| #49 | Reformed Church Nursery School, Oradell, NJ | \$282.00 per month | 1/5/07-6/30/07 |

ROLL CALL

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

7. Proceeds from Furniture Sale – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board recognizes its receipt of \$116.00 as a result of the sale of used furniture to the public which occurred on January 17, 2007.

ROLL CALL

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

8. Addendum to Construction Management Consulting Agreement – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves an addendum to the Construction Manager’s Contract (Turner Construction Inc.) to provide additional construction services, pursuant to the terms of the agreement. The period for this additional service will start on February 1, 2007 and remain in effect until March 15, 2007 at a total cost of \$16, 500.00.

ROLL CALL

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

- E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Gallow, Chairperson, stated that the committee held a special meeting to discuss the Superintendent’s evaluation. An additional Closed Session Meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2007.

1. Termination of Executive Secretary – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the termination of Mrs. Donna Fiore, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent effective January 16, 2007.

ROLL CALL

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

2. Termination of Speech Therapist – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the termination of Mrs. Donna Fugazzie, Speech Therapist effective March 16, 2007.

ROLL CALL

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

3. Approval of Substitute Teacher(s) for the 2006/07 School Year – It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, 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:

Janet Luyke

ROLL CALL

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

- F. POLICY – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson, stated that the committee is waiting for input from the board attorney regarding the retention of letters policy and the complaint policy.
- G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson. A meeting with the Key Communicator Network is scheduled for February 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
- H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate – two legislative meetings are scheduled for February 1st and 3rd.
- I. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2007.

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The following OPS staff members gave commentary on their salaries and /or discussed their job duties: Terry McGill, Scott Duthie, Jamie Sisti, Carole Blakeslee, Melissa Pizza, Jane Heede, Kim Lizette, Erica Bell, Carol Orthmann, Toni Boccanfuso, Kate DeRobertis, Nicole McCarthy (for Scott Durling) Peter Kasturas, Nancy Treby, Traci Killeen, Marie Menti.

The following Oradell residents made comments supporting a swift resolution to current OEA salary negotiations and an appeal to the Board to find the funds to give OPS teachers adequate salary increases: Glenn deMarrais, Larry Freirich, Sharon deMarrais, Katherine Schmidt, Rose Scerigo, Laverne O'Boyle, Tracy Schoenberg, Trish Lyons, Karen Shinevar, John Argula, Ellen Salinas, Kathleen Murtha, Lou Parente, Helen Scardino.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

There was no closed session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the Board adjourns the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Ciavaglia, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary