

ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649

BUDGET PRESENTATION/REGULAR PUBLIC SESSION
March 28, 2007

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The March 28, 2007 Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Halligan.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by John 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 Dr. Westlake.

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 arrived at 8:20 pm ,Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Spadaccini arrived at 8:20 p.m.,Mr. Halligan

Also present were Mr. Mohre, Superintendent and approximately 20 members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Karen Shinevar asked where the transfers were as it was noted as an attachment on agenda item 9D2.

John Walsh commented that he would like to see the minutes reflect both questions and answers.

Mr. Halligan and the Board wished Ms. Nancy Ciavaglia a speedy recovery from her accident.

VII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Mr. Mohre presented an overview of the 2007/2008 budget to the Board and to the public.

1. It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Oradell Board of Education approve/adopt a 2007/2008 school district budget for submission to the voters as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oradell Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to place the following question on the ballot for the April 17, 2007, election:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$9,261,553	\$8,352,058
Special Revenue Fund	\$379,978	\$ -0-
Debt Service Fund	\$1,333,482	\$1,333,482

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to apply the following statutory adjustments to tax levy cap to the 2007/08 school budget:

Increase in Health Care Costs \$86,182

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to apply for Requests to Commissioner for adjustments to cap for:

Increase in New School Costs \$234,189

That there should be raised for General Funds \$8,352,058 for the ensuing School Year (2007-2008).

Note: Budget detail on file in the Office of the Board Secretary.

ROLL CALL

- Ayes:** Mr. Gallow, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Halligan, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake
- Nays:** None

2. Mr. Bob Ryder, Project Manager, Turner Construction, gave an update on the construction project and reported the Kindergarten area is near completion as well as a steady progress in other areas.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

The consensus of the Board at this time decided to forgo the committee reports and go directly to those agenda items requiring board 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, 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.

Board discussion followed. A motion made by Mr. Halligan, seconded by Mr. Gardner to table this motion until board members received further information.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

- D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

1. Monthly Certifications – It is hereby moved that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end February 2007, 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, Mr. Halligan, Mrs. Norian,
Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake

Nays: None

2. Transfer of Funds and Monthly Transfer Reports for the Month End, February 2007 – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Dr. Westlake, that the Board approve the transfer of funds and monthly transfer reports as attached.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

3. Payment of Invoices – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Dr. Westlake, that the invoices for the period February 22, 2007 through March 22, 2007 be approved as follows:

Fund 10 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$ 726,831.25
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Funds</i>)	\$ 33,795.45
Fund 30 (<i>Capital Projects Funds</i>)	\$ 360,657.08
Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	\$ 3,850.00
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>)	\$ 347.45
Fund 65 (<i>Park Academy</i>)	<u>\$ 17,470.76</u>
Total	\$1,142,951.99

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

4. Acceptance of PTA Mini Grant Funds – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Dr. Westlake upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts, with deep appreciation, of mini-grant funds from the Oradell PTA for the 2006-2007 school year in the amounts listed:

Mrs. Norian commented that she is pleased and appreciative of the PTA grants for OPS.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Kindergarten	Mother Goose Storyteller	\$ 500.00
Grade 1	Hole-In-Hand Butterfly Farm	\$ 365.00
	Circus Field Trip	\$ 135.00
Grade 2	Museum Village Field Trip	\$ 500.00
Grade 3	Magician Kenny Brown	\$ 400.00
	LSC Traveling Science Program	\$ 125.00
Grade 4	Lenape Lifeways Presentation	\$ 440.00
Grade 5	Continental Soldier Program	\$ 250.00
	Hermitage presentation	\$ 250.00
Grade 6	The Great Road Rallye	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$3,465.00

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

5. Acceptance of Award from Provident Bank – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Dr. Westlake upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts, with deep appreciation, a monetary award of \$500.00 from Provident Bank, based on the OPS students' participation in the *Provident Bank Summer Reading Program*. President Halligan commented on the generosity of Provident Bank.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

6. Approval of Travel Maximum Reimbursement -It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Dr. Westlake upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board approves the following:

Whereas, school district policy 9250b1 and NJAC 6A:23B-1.2 (b) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for 07/08 school year,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Oradell Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum reimbursement for the 07/08 school year at the sum of \$15,000.00, and

Be It Further Resolved that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum reimbursement amount is not exceeded.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

7. Extension to Construction Management Consulting Agreement – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Dr. Westlake, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves an extension to the addendum to the Construction Manager's Contract (Turner Construction Inc.) providing additional construction services. The period for additional service on March 16, 2007 and remain in effect until April 30, 2007 at an additional total cost of \$16, 500.00.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

1. Acceptance of Resignation – It is hereby moved by Mr. Gallow, seconded by Mrs. Norian upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts with regret, the resignation of Brian Spano, part-time custodian, effective March 28, 2007.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

2. Acceptance of Resignation – It is hereby moved by Mr. Gallow, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini,, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts with regret, the resignation of Dale Geiss, Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2007.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

3. Acceptance of Resignation – It is hereby moved by Mr. Gallow, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts with regret, the resignation of Frederica Greer, Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2007.

President Halligan commented that both Mrs. Geiss and Mrs. Greer will be greatly missed. Mr. Walsh asked if there would be a party for both retirees.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

4. Approval of Substitute Custodian – It is hereby moved by Mr. Gallow, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon recommendation of the

Superintendent, that the Board approves Brian Spano as a substitute custodian at a salary of \$15.00 per hour, effective April 1, 2007-June 30, 2007.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

5. Approval of Part-time Nurse's Aide – It is hereby moved by Mr. Gallow, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves Michelina Ernest, P/T Nurse's Aide, effective March 29, 2007-June 23, 2007, (15 hours per week) at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

6. Side Bar Agreement with the Oradell Education Association (OEA) -It is hereby moved by Mr. Gallow, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Side Bar agreement between the Board of Education of Oradell and the Oradell Education Association establishing a new position and salary guide for Maintenance Workers (Schedule F1) and made part of the Collective Negotiations Agreement. The new salary guide shall be subject to the collective negotiations for a new Collection Negotiations Agreement to take effect July 1, 2006 which are currently taking place.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

7. Approval of Maintenance Worker – It is hereby moved Mr. Gallow, seconded by Dr. Westlake upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves John McManus (currently a custodian) to the position of Maintenance Worker, Step 10 of the Maintenance Workers Guide (Schedule F1), at a salary of \$40,156.00 to be prorated, retroactive to November 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

(Note: Until a contract agreement is ratified for the 2006/07 school year by the Oradell Board of Education and the Oradell Education Association, the salary and incremental step will remain the same. All adjustments will be made after the settlement of the new contract.)

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh

Abstain: Mr. Schwartz

8. Approval of Speech Language Teacher/Consultant – It is hereby moved by Mr. Gallow, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini that the Board approves the appointment of Mrs. Barbara Haber as Speech/Language Pathologist/Consultant at a rate of \$65.00 per session retroactive to Tuesday, March 28, 2007 through June 23, 2007.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

F. POLICY – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson

1. First Reading: #1312.1 Parent Complaint Procedures
2. First Reading: #1312.2 Retention of Written Correspondence

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

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

I. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Schaefer Explorations at OPS
2. Mr. Mohre noted that he had just received a memo from Mr. Ryan stating that he would like to be appointed Director of Schaefer Explorations and would like to receive a stipend for his services.
3. President Halligan's response letter to the Oradell Mayor & Council about the dissolution.
4. Mr. Ryan sent home a letter to OPS parents about the Jr. Great Books program.
5. Mr. Walsh asked about Board participation in the Memorial Day and July 4th town parades.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Report of Bid Results for Bond Anticipation Note

Bidder	Coupon.	Gross	Premium	NIC	NIR	Purchase Price
*JP Morgan Chase	3.69000%	\$99,353.25	0.00	\$99,353.25	3.6900%	\$2,700,000.00

Parker/Hunter	4.0000%	\$107,700.00	\$7,755.00	\$99,945.00	3.7120%	\$2,707,755.00
Valley National Bank	3.7500%	\$100,968.75	\$0.00	\$100,968.75	3.7500%	\$2,700,000.00
Commerce Capital Markets	4.0000%	\$107,700.00	\$5,454.00	\$102,246.00	3.7974%	\$2,705,454.00
Sovereign Securities	4.2500%	\$114,431.25	\$10,962.00	\$103,469.25	3.8429%	\$2,710,962.00

***Awarded to Lowest Bidder**

XIII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Dr. Westlake that the Board adjourn to Closed Session at 11:15 p.m..

ROLL CALL

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

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.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Mohre
Superintendent

