

ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649

PUBLIC WORK SESSION – March 7, 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, Mr. Halligan, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake

ABSENT: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Schwartz

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Nancy Ciavaglia, BA/BS, and three members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Alan Feigenson asked about the following: carpeting in the auditorium, playground equipment and district truck. Mr. Feigenson further asked if there will be a referendum for those items or separate question.

VII. MINUTES

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

February 7, 2007
February 21, 2007

Work Session, Closed Session #1, #2
Special Meeting, Closed Session

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Schwartz

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Mr. Mohre shared that Parent-Teacher Conferences would be conducted next week, Tuesday March 13, Wednesday, March 14, and Thursday March 15 (evening conferences Thursday) and reminded those present that students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. during the three-day conference period. He extended his appreciation to everyone who will be participating in this important school event.

Meeting Conflict:

Mr. Mohre noted that the Building and Grounds and Policy Committee meetings scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th will need to be rescheduled due to the Board's Closed Executive Session scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on that date.

Walkthrough of New Facilities:

Mr. Mohre invited all BOE members to view the interior of the new facilities. It was decided that a walkthrough would take place on Wednesday, March 14th at 6:15 p.m.

2007-2008 Tentative School Budget

Mr. Mohre stated that he and Ms. Ciavaglia would like to review the 2007-2008 tentative budget with the full Board prior to the evening vote on that particular resolution.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

1. Approval of the 2007/2008 School Calendar - It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Dr. Westlake, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the 2007/2008 School Calendar be approved.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Schwartz

D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

1. Tentative Budget for the 2007-2008 School Year – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Norian, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Oradell Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve a tentative 2007/08 school district budget as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$ 9,342,692	\$8,519,550
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
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to apply for a Commissioner's Adjustment of \$401,681 to the base tax levy for the FY 2007-08 school budget for incremental increases in costs of opening a new facility. The facility will add approximately 13,000 sq. ft. to the existing elementary school building and will consist of the following:

- ◆ Four Early Childhood classrooms
- ◆ Music Room
- ◆ Gymnasium
- ◆ Additional Multi-Purpose Room
- ◆ Life Skills classroom
- ◆ Art Room
- ◆ One Grade 1 – 6 classroom

This project is identified as State Project #3870-050-04-1000

Enrollment as of 10/15/06 was 791 students as reported on the ASSA Report to the NJDOE.

The additional \$401,681 encompasses the following costs:

- ◆ Additional classroom teachers and special subject area teachers
- ◆ Additional custodial staff
- ◆ Health, prescription, and dental benefits for the above increased staff
- ◆ Additional benefits (tuition reimbursement, etc.) for the above increased staff
- ◆ Increased energy costs
- ◆ Increased technology hardware/software needs
- ◆ Additional textbooks, workbooks, and other instructional materials
- ◆ Increased insurance costs
- ◆ Security system upgrades
- ◆ Additional furnishings

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gardner, Mr. Halligan, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,

Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Schwartz

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

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Schwartz

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

1. Appointment of Speech/Language Teacher – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Dr. Westlake, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the appointment of Kristen Guinane at MA Step 1, at the annual salary of \$37,400.00 (to be prorated) effective April 9, 2007 through June 30, 2007, pending receipt of her professional teaching certificate as issued by the NJ Dept. of Education.

(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 2005/06 salary guide will remain in effect. All adjustments will be made after the settlement of the new contract.)

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Schwartz

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

Name: Nancy Ciavaglia

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJ School Business Administrator's Professional Development Series

Date: Sunday, April 1, 2007-Monday, April 2, 2007

Location: Atlantic City, NJ

Registration/Hotel: \$115.00 plus Meals and Travel

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Gallow, Mr. Schwartz

- F. POLICY – Mr. Walsh, Chairperson stated that there will be a meeting scheduled after this one.
- G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson stated that the PTA meeting was yesterday, March 6 and traffic concerns were discussed.
- H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate reported that a meeting is scheduled for march 28, 2007.
- I. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Robertson asked for an update on the Schaefer Explorations Program.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ballot drawing results were reported in this order: Dr. Eugene Westlake, Mr. Alan Feigenson, Mr. John Walsh, and Mrs. Dorothy Watson-Nichols.
2. Discussion of Civil Union Law
3. Mrs. Robertson asked about a contingency plan to move children during state testing.

XII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

It is hereby moved by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mrs. Norian that the Board adjourns to Closed Session at 9:25 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,

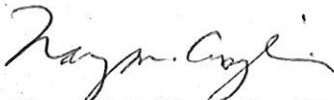
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this matter be considered in a meeting closed to the public; and

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It is hereby moved that the Board adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Ciavaglia, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

