

ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649

REGULAR SESSION – May 23, 2007

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Work Session Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by President Gardner.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mrs. Norian.

III. SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

The Sunshine Law Statement was read by President Gardner.

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 Ridgewood News, The Record and all persons requesting such notice.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Mr. Schwartz.

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. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake

Absent: None

Also present were Mr. Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Nancy Ciavaglia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Bob O'Brien, Project Manager, Turner Construction and approximately 40 members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There no questions from the public.

VII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES -

March 28, 2007	Regular Public Session/Budget Hearing
April 11, 2007	Closed Session #1, 2, Work /Public Session
April 18, 2007	Closed Session
May 2, 2007	Closed Session, Work Session, Reorganization
May 16, 2007	Closed Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None at this time

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

- Mr. Bob O'Brien provided the Board and the public with an update on the construction project.
- The Board, public and students paid tribute to Mrs. Frederica Greer on the occasion of her retirement.

A brief recess followed.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Mr. Gallow, Chairperson

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson

1. Payment of Invoices – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, that the invoices for the period April 18, 2007 through May 23, 2007 be approved as follows:

Fund 10 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$ 728,494.05
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Funds</i>)	\$ 40,725.49
Fund 30 (<i>Capital Projects Funds</i>)	\$ 370,292.12
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>)	\$ 427.39
Fund 65 (<i>Park Academy</i>)	\$ 17,180.36
Total	\$1,157,119.41

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,

Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

2. Monthly Certifications – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end April 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, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

3. Transfer of Funds and Monthly Transfer Reports for the Month End, April 2007 – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, that the Board approves the transfer of funds and monthly transfer reports.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

4. Approval of Receiving Students for Park Academy Special Education Program – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Oradell Board of Education, in administering the Park Academy Special Education Program for Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education, approves the following student(s) and prorated tuition for the 2006/07 school year as follows:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Sending District</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
P #11-06	Tenaflly	\$ 13,324.56
P #12-06	Tenaflly	\$ 6,372.60

Note: The Park Academy Special Education Program is a special education Program created and coordinated by Region V and administered by the Oradell Public School District. Salary and benefits associated with this program are paid for with tuition moneys collected by the Oradell Business Office from the students’ home districts. Such expenses are not part of and in no way impact the Oradell Public School’s 2006/07 budget.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

5. Approval for Extended School Year 2007– It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Norian, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the 2007 extended school year placement as follows:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
#39	Camp Tikvah/JCC on Palisades	8 weeks	\$4,300.00
#52	Camp Tikvah/JCC on Palisades	6 weeks	\$3,920.00

*Tuition includes non-member fee

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz,
Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake

Nays: None

Abstention: Mr. Gardner

6. Renewal of OT/PT Contracts with Rickard Rehabilitation Services, Inc. – It is hereby by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board approves the renewal of contracts with Rickard Rehabilitation Services, Inc., for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy for regular school year from September 2007-June 2008 as per the following fee schedule:

Initial Evaluation	\$300.00
Single Session	\$ 62.00
Session w/2 or more Students	\$ 58.00
Session held at Clinic	\$ 58.00

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

7. Referendum Change Order #11: It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves Change Order #11 of the contract with Integrated Construction Enterprises, Inc., in connection with the referendum as submitted and approved by Seyffer & Koch,

and furthermore authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to complete and execute all pertinent paperwork summarized as follows:

- Excavation and Relocation of Underground Utility Lines discovered in Courtyard (field condition) \$28,315.00

Total amount of this change order: \$28,315.00

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

8. Referendum Change Order #12: It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini seconded by Mr. Schwartz, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves Change Order #12 of the contract with Integrated Construction Enterprises, Inc., in connection with the referendum as submitted and approved by Seyffer & Koch, and furthermore authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to complete and execute all pertinent paperwork summarized as follows:

- Additional power & Data Drops and Relocation of others on the Plans (scope addition – owner requested) \$5,343.00
- Extend Hot Water Recirculation piping for Kindergarten wing to Auditorium area toilets (field condition) \$3,309.00

Total amount of this change order: \$8,652.00

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

9. It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Gardner, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the below listed staff/board member (s) to attend the following conference (and related expenses) as outlined in the A5 School District Accountability Act:

Name: Michael Gardner

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: BCSBA/3R's for Presidents

Date: May 29, 2007

Location: Ft. Lee, NJ

Registration: \$31.00

Name: Nancy Ciavaglia
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: BCASBO Annual Business Meeting
Date: June 15, 2007
Location: Washington Township, NJ
Registration: \$60.00
Mileage Reimbursement as per the prescribed mile allowance

Name: Nancy Ciavaglia
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJASBO A5-Discussion
Date: June 21, 2007
Location: Robbinsville, NJ
Registration: No cost to the district.
Mileage Reimbursement as per the prescribed mile allowance

Name: Jeffrey Mohre
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: BCASBO Annual Business Meeting
Date: June 15, 2007
Location: Washington Township, NJ
Registration: \$65.00
Mileage Reimbursement as per the prescribed mile allowance

A motion made by Mr. Spadaccini seconded by Mr. Gallow to amend the above resolution and add the following additional resolution:

Name: John Walsh
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJSBA Legislative Meeting
Date: May 24, 2007
Location: Trenton, NJ
Registration: \$0.00
Mileage Reimbursement as per the prescribed mile allowance

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Dr. Westlake

Nays: None

Abstention: Mr. Gardner, Mr. Walsh

10. Rescind Previously Approved Extension to Construction Management Consulting Agreement – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board rescinds the previously approved extension (March 28, 2007 Agenda) to the addendum to the Construction Manager's Contract (Turner Construction Inc.) providing additional construction services at a cost of \$16,500 from March 16, 2007 through April 30, 2007 (6 weeks).

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

11. Extension to Construction Management Consulting Agreement -
It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, 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.) to provide additional construction services from March 15, 2007 thru May 15, 2007 at an additional cost of \$16,500.00 (8 weeks).

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

12. Approval of IDEA Contract for 2007-2008 - It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the IDEA Contract between the Oradell Board of Education and Bergen County Special Services School District to provide services to non-public school students for the 2007/2008 school year.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

13. Approval of Travel and Related Expenses – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini seconded by Mr. Schwartz, 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:

Cindy Kennedy	\$100.00
Cheryl Magill	\$100.00

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: Mr. Walsh

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson

1. Appointment of P/T Summer Custodians – It is hereby moved Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the appointment of the following part-time summer custodians, effective June 25, 2007-August 31, 2007 at \$9.00 per hour:

Lucas Herget
Matthew Levey
Vincent Moltzen
Vincent Altomare

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

2. Approval of Substitute Teacher(s) for the 2006/07 School Year – It is hereby moved Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, 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:

Magda Garcia
Kim Scalanga

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

3. Approval of Lunch Supervisors – It is hereby moved by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Walsh, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to hire the following individuals on an emergent basis for the position of Lunch Supervisor for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year at a rate of \$13.50 per hour.

Mrs. Robertson and Mr. Gallow asked the following: the safety of students; the ratio of students to supervisors; lunch supervisors provided with walkie-talkies; if there is a ratio of students/teachers.

Mrs. Maryann Bova
Mrs. Donna Nobile

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,

Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

4. Approval of 2007 summer work – It is hereby moved Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves summer work totaling 30 hours for the following medical professionals for the purpose of reviewing the medical records of all incoming kindergarten students and developing student medical alert lists and health care plans:

Mrs. Carole Orthmann (40.00 per hour)
Mrs. Ann DiScala (\$20.00 per hour)

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

5. It is hereby moved Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Norian, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board adopts the following resolution in honor of Mrs. Virginia “Ginny” Georgetti, retired Secretary to the Superintendent:

RESOLVED, that the Oradell Board of Education pay tribute to recently retired Secretary to the Superintendent, Mrs. Virginia Georgetti ...

WHEREAS, Mrs. Georgetti has served the Oradell Board of Education as Secretary to the Superintendent for nearly fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, she has worked selflessly and conscientiously alongside five different superintendents during that time, the last six with Superintendent, Jeff Mohre; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Georgetti organized myriad mounds of paperwork to ensure the efficient operation of the Oradell Public School District; and

WHEREAS, she forever offered a friendly smile and helping hand to all community members (having received thousands of inquiries, both in person and via telephone during her tenure); and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Georgetti welcomed visitors to her office and especially enjoyed the visits by the children of Oradell Public School; and

WHEREAS, she will now enjoy a more leisure lifestyle with her family, best friend, Jack, and the apples of her eye, triplet grandchildren Scotty, Jimmy, Tommy; and

WHEREAS, she will be sorely missed by all within the confines of the Oradell Public School District Central Offices, as is always the case when an esteemed employee touches the hearts of so many people;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ... that the Oradell Board of Education declare June 5, 2007 as Mrs. "Ginny" Georgetti Day in honor of retiree Mrs. Virginia Georgetti, for her dedication and friendship to the Oradell Board of Education throughout her fifteen year career as Secretary to the Superintendent.

Mrs. Norian thanked Mr. Mohre for putting into words the sentiment of the Board.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson,
Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols,
Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner

Nays: None

- F. POLICY – Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Chairperson met with Mr. Mohre today and a committee meeting will be forthcoming.
- G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson met with Mr. Mohre to compile an update as to the initiatives completed this year.
- H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate attended the Delegates Assembly on 5/19/07 and will provide a report to be enclosed in the next board packet.
- I. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson stated that the Kiss n'Go ordinance is forthcoming.

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Walsh would like to set up special folders with meeting summaries to be passed to new committee members and chairs. Mrs. Norian and Mr. Gardner would like to discuss Mr. Walsh's suggestion as part of the Board Retreat.

Mr. Spadaccini spoke about the Construction Meeting walk-thru earlier today and discussed the status of project.

Open to Public #2

Melissa Pizza, OPS teacher commented that the Ridgewood teacher's summer salaries are calculated based on their average salary and not \$35.00 per hour.

Glenn deMarrais, parent, asked Mr. Gardner about the procedure for choosing a director to the Schaeffer Explorations Program. He further spoke about his perception of the board and teachers' relationship.

Gail Tobey, OPS teacher, commented that the teachers received two small raises over 15 years and said she would accept \$800 stipend per course. Mrs. Tobey asked that the district not use outsiders to teach Schaeffer Explorations.

Scott Duthie, OPS teacher, asked on behalf of the OEA for \$800 stipend per course for the summer program.

A motion to recess to closed session was made by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion made by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to open the meeting.

Ronnie Wienkopf spoke about the wonderful summer program offered to incoming kindergarteners.

Mr. deMarrais apologized for his outburst and said it will not happen again.

Lisa Tartaglione commented that she wants OPS teachers to teach her children.

Mrs. deMarrais commented that she will not enroll her children in the summer program unless taught by OPS teachers.

Traci Schildhorn does not like the language in letter; asked for better procedure for emergencies on playground; asked about playground safety and questioned whether children should use playground.

Mr. Walsh asked for a copy of letter sent home to parents on the Schaefer Explorations. Mr. Walsh also asked questions about; recycling, intramural basketball, Upper Saddle River kindergarten, Security Grant updates, and participation of board members in the Memorial Day Parade

XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of attendance of Board Members at NJSBA New Board Member Orientation.
2. A motion made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini to support the Borough of Oradell's resolution to dissolve River Dell Regional School District.

Dr. Westlake asked questions regarding the placement of 7th graders. Dr. Westlake further commented on the Borough passing a resolution and the Borough asking the Board for associated costs.

Mr. Schwartz asked if the board is indemnified should a lawsuit arise.

Mr. Walsh commented that the perception is positive for the Board to send in the resolution in support of the Borough.

Mrs. Watson-Nichols asked for the breakdown of the \$2.3 million the town said we would save.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini,

Mr. Walsh, Mr. Gardner
Nays: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Dr. Westlake
Abstention: Mrs. Watson-Nichols

A motion made by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to seek monetary reimbursement from the Borough of Oradell for any costs the school districts incurs regarding the dissolution of River Dell Regional.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini Dr. Westlake, Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Mr. Gardner
Nays: Mr. Walsh

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini to allow John Walsh to attend NJSBA New Board member orientation from June 8-10, 2007 not to exceed \$500.00(registration, hotel and mileage).

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mrs. Norian, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Spadaccini, Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gardner
Nays: Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Gallow
Abstention: Mr. Walsh

Mr. Schwartz asked about a grant which was published in The Record regarding awarding school districts for Math and Science and Oradell was not listed. Mr. Mohre explained that OPS is included in the grant.

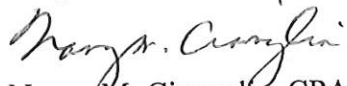
XIII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

There was no closed session

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Schwartz that the Board adjourned at 11:20 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Ciavaglia, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary