

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

WORK SESSION – NOVEMBER 14, 2007

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Work Session Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:08 p.m. by President Gardner.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Gallow.

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. 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, Mrs. Norian arrived at 8:23 pm, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Gardner

Absent: None

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Rita Cioppi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, three NJSBA Field Representatives and three members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

VII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2007

Work Session (with revisions)

September 27, 2007

Regular Session (with revisions)

On a motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, the Board consented to amend the September 11, 2007 minutes with regards to Mr. Walsh's inquiry to attend Paragon Credit Union courses with the addition of the following: *The Board withheld a decision on Mr. Walsh's request to take Paragon Credit Union courses pending further investigation by the Superintendent.*

On a motion by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, the Board consented 8-1 (Dr. Westlake voted no) to amend Mr. Mohre's comments on the September 11, 2007 minutes as follows: *Mr. Mohre noted that the District would not make technology purchases for the 2008-2009 school year relevant to the District's Technology Plan without prior discussion with the Board's Finance Committee.*

On a motion by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, the Board consented 6-2-1 (Mr. Gallow absent, Dr. Westlake and Mrs. Norian voted no) to the revision to remove the word "minor" from the September 27, 2007 minutes. Mr. Mohre requested that the following comment be reflected in the minutes of this meeting as follows: *The revisions to the district goal action plans were minor as there were approximately three changes to the plans. One entailed the addition of the Public Safety Committee as a resource, one carrying over the words literacy and mathematics from one column to another. The other I cannot comment at this time as I do not have the goals in front of me. Changes were made and distributed to the Board.*

Dr. Westlake stated that guests were waiting and that this particular review of minutes was a ridiculous endeavor on the part of the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, the Board consented 6-3 (Dr. Westlake, Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian voted no) to the revisions (proposed by Mrs. Robertson) to the September 27, 2007 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None at this time.

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

At 9:15 pm, President Gardner introduced Mrs. Nancy Stern and Ms. Cathie Sousa, NJSBA Field Representatives to conduct a Committee Audit with the Board. The audit was planned to support the Board's following 2007-2008 goal: *To review the committee structure, including charges and procedures, and consider recommendations for refinement (NJSBA Committee Audit).*

President Gardner read a proclamation regarding American Education Week. The proclamation is to be recorded in the minutes.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

- A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson
- B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Mr. Gallow, Chairperson, read a summary of the issues discussed at the committee meeting on October 17, 2007.
- C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson reported that at the meeting held on November 2, 2007, two curriculum guides would be placed on the next agenda. Mrs. Robertson also mentioned November 6th is Development Day.
- D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson
Resolutions D1, D2: motion by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried by consent of the Board.

1. Monthly Certifications –The Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end September 2007, be accepted, 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 2007/2008 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.
2. Payment of Invoices –Invoices for the period September 26, 2007 through October 23, 2007 be retroactively approved as follows:

Fund 10 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$ 990,809.35
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Funds</i>)	\$ 47,300.67
Fund 30 (<i>Capital Projects Funds</i>)	\$ 174,352.89
Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	\$ 399,503.23
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>)	\$ 201.34
Fund 65 (<i>Park Academy</i>)	\$ 18,690.22
Total	\$ 1,630,857.70

- E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson
Resolutions E1, E2, E3: motion by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini and carried 9-0 by roll call of the Board.

1. Resignation of Speech Language Specialist – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts

the resignation of Noha Soliman, Speech Language Specialist, effective November 23, 2007.

2. Settlement Agreement– It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves a SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT between the Oradell Education Association and the Oradell Board of Education regarding the hiring of personnel for severe shortage positions.
3. Health Insurance Coverage– It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the provision of health insurance coverage, including medical, dental, and prescription for employees and their immediate families, including domestic partners and civil union partners as defined and recognized by New Jersey statues retroactive to July 1, 2007.

Mr. Spadaccini left the meeting at 10:18 pm.

- F. POLICY – Mrs. Watson- Nichols, Chairperson
- G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson
- H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate
- I. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

X. OLD BUSINESS

On a motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, the Board voted 5-3-1 (Mr. Gallow, Mrs. Norian and Dr. Westlake voting no; Mr. Spadaccini absent) to extend the meeting past the 11:00 p.m. curfew.

Mrs. Robertson stated that at the last meeting, during the discussion of the QAAR, she asked for a breakout of test scores from the Director of Special Services and has not received the information.

Mrs. Robertson also asked for an explanation about ranges of points in the proficiency categories.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Rita Cioppi asked if any board members wished to attend the BCSBA Fall Conference on November 28, 2007. There was a motion made by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Robertson to allow John Walsh to represent Oradell at the BCSBA Conference. Mr. Walsh declined due to the Fall Conference conflicting with the Board's Regular Public Session meeting scheduled for November 28, 2007.

Mrs. Robertson posed a question to the administration regarding the exploration of a pre-k class for children on the autism spectrum. Mr. Mohre shared that a planning committee will be established in an effort to open the class in July 2008.

Mrs. Robertson asked the following questions:

What is the district required to offer these children?

Number of anticipated students?

Location of the program.

Who is responsible for the number of instructional staff?

Mr. Mohre responded that the district is responsible to educate children with special needs at age three. The program would meet the needs of Pre-K children. The district is required to education children in the least restrictive environment. Mr. Mohre noted that the question Mrs. Robertson posed would be addressed in committee.


XII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

No closed session at this time.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It is hereby moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Norian that the meeting adjourn at 11:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rita Cioppi

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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