

ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649

WORK SESSION MEETING – April 9, 2008

MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:03 pm by President Gardner.
- II. **FLAG SALUTE** – The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Walsh.
- III. **SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT** – The Sunshine Law 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. Walsh.

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 arrived at 8:18, Mrs. Norian arrived at 8:20 pm., Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Dr. Westlake arrived at 8:15 pm, Mr. Gardner

Absent: Mr. Spadaccini

Also present were: Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Rita Cioppi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Scott Ryan, Principal, Ms. Kim Lasch, Assistant Principal and approximately 47 members of the public.

- VI. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

- VII. **MINUTES**

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES-

- March 13, 2008 Closed Session, Work Session
- March 19, 2008 Closed Session
- March 26, 2008 Regular Session

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - None at this time

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

Mr. Mohre introduced the Oradell Public School Planning Committee for a Pre School Class for Children with Autism. A presentation by Mr. Mohre and the committee was then delivered to the Board and public.

Mr. Mohre advised the Board that Oradell NJQSAC monitoring has been moved up from 2009-2010 to 2008-2009. He has invited Mrs. Nancy Stern, NJSBA Field Rep to the Board's May 14, 2008 Work Session to make a presentation to the Board on this topic.

Mr. Mohre announced that the Annual School Budget Election is scheduled for next Tuesday, April 15, 2008 and that the polls will be open from 2:00-9:00 pm. He encouraged all those present to exercise their voting right and watch for the District's Budget Newsletter which is scheduled to arrive in Oradell homes later this week.

Mr. Mohre commended the students on their spectacular artwork which is currently being featured in the OPS Art Show. He thanked art teachers Mrs. Boccanfuso, Ms. Heine, and all of the parent volunteers for their many fine efforts in producing this year's exhibit.

Members of the board posed questions relating to the new Autistic Program. There were questions and concerns regarding how the class will be structured; will it be able to accommodate all types of autistic children; how will it be financed; who will oversee the program and train the staff and how many children will be in the class to start

The following members of the public posed questions relating to the new Pre-K Autistic Class:

Dr. Skroce, Serfina Bergelt, Valerie Pizzuto, Tomasina Schwartz, Mary Lang, Michele Reichow, Janet Barbesea, Ellen Solinas, Lou Ferrante.

The public felt the program was good, but that the needs of the Oradell children came first. The public wanted the new Supervisor of Special Services to have a chance to be aware of the Oradell needs before taking on a new autistic program. They also wanted to know if Northern Valley would always be there for the staff. In addition, the public expressed concerns about the completion and execution of current IEP's for current in district students.

The board took a five minute break at 10:44 p.m.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

- A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson
- B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Mr. Gallow, Chairperson
A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 7:00 PM
- C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson, stated a meeting was held last week.
- D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson
On a motion by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, seconded by Mrs. Norian, on a roll call vote, 8-0 (Mr. Spadaccini absent) the Board approved D1-D7.
1. Monthly Certifications – It is hereby moved that the Financial Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month end January and February 2008, be retroactively 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. Contract Award – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board award a contract to Behavior Therapy Associates, P.A. of Somerset, NJ for the purpose of conducting an independent evaluation at an amount not to exceed \$3,640.00.
 3. Conferences/Workshops 2007-2008 School Year - Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves, the below listed staff members/board members to attend the following conference (and related expenses) as outlined in the A5 School District Accountability Act:

Name: Rita Cioppi, BA/BS

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: System 3000-End of Year Training

Date: June 3, 2008

Location: Eatontown, NJ

Registration: No Fee

Mileage: \$68.00

Tolls: \$5.00

Name: Cindy Kennedy

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: System 3000-End of Year Training

Date: June 3, 2008

Location: Eatontown, NJ

Registration: No Fee

Mileage: \$68.00

Tolls: \$5.00

Name: Sharon McGill

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Newspapers in Education

Date: April 16, 2008

Location: Giant's Stadium

Registration Fee: None

Mileage: \$1.94

Name: Kevin Stokes

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Newspapers in Education

Date: April 16, 2008

Location: Giant's Stadium

Registration Fee: None

Mileage: \$5.82

Name: Jill Bawiec

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Newspapers in Education

Date: April 16, 2008

Location: Giant's Stadium

Registration Fee: None

4. Reinstatement of Increment – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the reinstatement of a salary increment and adjustment retroactive to March 1, 2008 for an employee whose name is on file in the district's Central Office, and subject to a duly executed signed agreement between the Oradell Board of Education and the Oradell Education Association.
5. Referendum Change Order #15: It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves Change Order #15 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:
 - Add six (6) floating acoustical ceiling clouds in music room 151.

Total amount of this change order: \$8,949.00

6. Referendum Change Order #16: It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves Change Order #16 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:

- Add track lighting and revise media center lighting: \$6,280.00
- Structural modifications at existing kindergarten entrance due to crawl space construction: \$ 8,003.00
- Additional costs for extending playground: \$5,385.00
- Additional receptacles and electrical work at various renovated rooms: \$10,161.00

Total amount of this change order: \$29,829.00

7. Referendum Change Order #14: It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves Change Order #14 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:

- Add Roof Hatch and Ladder System at Media Center Roof

Total amount of this change order: \$16,601.00

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson

On a motion by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Walsh, on a roll call vote 7-0 (Mr. Spadaccini, Dr. Westlake absent) the Board approved E-1.

1. Approval of Substitute Teachers for the 2007/08 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2007/08 school year, at a per diem rate of \$80.00 which increases to \$85.00 per day after the 10th day of service during the 2007/08 school year:

Natasha Furlender
Carolyn Montemarano

F. POLICY – Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Chairperson

On a motion by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, seconded by Mr. Walsh, on a roll call vote 8-0 (Mr. Spadaccini, Dr. Westlake absent) the Board approved F1-F3.

1. Approval to retire all current policies: It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board retires all current policies contained within the 1000, 2000, and 7000 Series.
2. Second Reading – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Second Reading of the following policies:

1000 Series: Community

(1000/1010, 1100, 1110, 1111, 1120, 1140, 1200, 1220, 1230, 1250, 1312, 1322, 1330, 1410, 1600)

2000 Series: Administration

(2000/2010, 2121, 2131, 2210, 2224, 2240, 2255)

5000 Series: Students

(5126)

7000 Series: New Construction

(7110, 7115)

3. First Reading 9000 Series – It is hereby moved upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board accepts the first reading of the following policies:

9000 Series: Bylaws

9000, 9010, 9020, 9100, 9113, 9121, 9122, 9123/9124, 9125, 9126, 9127, 9130, 9150, 9200, 9250, 9270, 9271, 9310, 9311, 9312, 9313, 9314, 9321, 9322, 9322.1, 9323/9324, 9325.4, 9326, 9340, 9400

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate reported on his conversation with the Governor.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

X. OLD BUSINESS

On a motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Gallow, the board approved to extend the board meeting to 11:30 pm.

1. Dollar\$ and Sense Contribution - It is hereby moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Robertson that the Oradell Board of Education approve the expenditure of \$500.00 to the Bergen County Dollar\$ and Sense Organization as our contribution for the filing of the Intervention Brief by Dollar\$ & Sense challenging the formula that determines “adequacy” in the Department of Education’s Budget Guidelines.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Mr. Gardner

Nays: Mr. Gallow

Absent: Dr. Westlake, Mr. Spadaccini

Ms. Cioppi responded to Mr. Walsh's comment from the 3/26/08 meeting, that OPS does pay for 3 light poles on the street because they light the school Parking lots.

Mr. Gardner suggested that we remove the milk carton that is on the broken pole in front of the school until the new light is installed.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Robertson suggested that the handout for presentations have larger print so that all of the slides can be read easily.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

It is hereby moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, that the Board adjourn to Closed Session.

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 by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, that the Board adjourn the meeting at 11:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rita Cioppi

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

