

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

**WORK SESSION – FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

**MINUTES**

- I.** The Work Session Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:05 pm by President Gardner.
- II.** The Flag Salute was lead by Mr. Gallow.
- III.** 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.** 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, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Dr. Westlake arrived at 8:43 pm, and Mr. Gardner  
Absent: Mrs. Norian, Mr. Spadaccini

Also present were: Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Rita Cioppi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and approximately 12 members of the public.

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

The meeting opened to the public at 8:08 pm. There were no comments from the public.

**VII. MINUTES**

**REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES**

- January 23, 2008                      Closed #1&2, Regular Session

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - It is hereby moved by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Schwartz that the following minutes be approved:

- January 9, 2008 Work Session, Closed Session

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Mrs. Norian, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Spadaccini

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

Mr. Mohre and Ms. Cioppi presented a draft overview of the 2008-2009 school budget. The Board Members asked questions about the Tri-District Curriculum expenses.

Mr. Mohre presented an update to the Board regarding progress made toward the 2007-2008 district goals. Board Members offered comments and questions. Mr. Mohre responded accordingly.

Mr. Mohre reviewed the major component of the new QSAC monitoring. A committee, consisting of Board members and administrators, will be established to begin reviewing the various monitoring components in greater detail.

President Gardner complimented the parents and students on Whale Week.

President Gardner directed board members to send technology questions to Mr. Mohre.

President Gardner invited the audience to the March 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to hear a presentation by Superintendent Mohre on how the OPS ranks in comparison to the other districts in our District Factor for 06-07 NJ ASK.

### **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION**

- A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson, reported that the committee met on January 24, 2008.
- B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Mr. Gallow, Chairperson- No Report
- C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson stated that a meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2008 at 2:15 p.m.
- D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson
  - A committee meeting is scheduled for Monday night.
  - 1. Conferences/Workshops 2007-2008 School Year – *On a motion by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, seconded by Dr. Westlake, and carried by roll call of the Board 7-0* the Board approved 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, Business Administrator  
**Conference/Seminar/Workshop:** NJASBO Preparing for your Public Hearing /Calculating State Aid  
**Date:** February 27, 2008  
**Location:** Mt. Olive, NJ  
**Registration:** \$100.00  
**Travel Reimbursement as per board policy**

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson

*Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried by roll call vote 7-0 (Mrs. Norian and Mr. Spadaccini were absent)the Board approved E1 and E2.*

1. Appointment of Substitute Custodian- It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves James DeRosa as substitute custodian at an hourly wage of \$15.00 effective February 14, 2008.
2. Field Experience Student Placement for the 2007/2008 school year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following retroactive student placement for the 2007/2008 school year:

<u>Student Placement</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>
Erin Hummel	Rutgers University	2/4-4/4/08	Mrs. Susan Aroldi
Anne Frances Nuara	Felician College	2/12-4/29/08	Ms. Michelle Rudolph

F. POLICY – Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Chairperson, made the Board aware that all old policies will be retired as new series are adopted. Mrs. Watson-Nichols also indicated that the policies would be put on the district web site.

*1. On a motion by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by roll call vote 7-0, the Board accepted F1.*

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)

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson  
A meeting is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

I. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson requested to schedule a meeting.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

1. *On a motion by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, and carried by role call vote 7-0, the Board approved the proposed 2008-2009 School Calendar.*
2. Mr. Walsh asked if anyone applied to the Oradell Police Department for grants.
3. Mr. Schwartz asked about the status on the order for the gates. Ms. Cioppi said the district has the permit from the town and the gates have been ordered. Mr. Schwartz thanked the custodial staff for fixing the light by the kindergarten door.
4. Mrs. Robertson asked about the security system's cost to the district and its role in the district goals. Mrs. Robertson requested a presentation from Ms. Suzanne Lynch to include progress/accomplishments of the Tri-District, percentage of time spent on curriculum, professional development and on coaching (and any other areas). She further requested that the presentation include percentage of time spent at OPS and a copy of the OPS teacher evaluations of Professional Development classes taken.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

At this time, the Board completed their Financial Disclosures for 2007.

Mrs. Watson-Nichols handed out an article on MAP testing programs.

**XII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**

There was none.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Schwartz that the meeting adjourn at 10:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Cioppi  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary