

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

WORK SESSION MEETING – June 11, 2008

MINUTES

- I.** The **Work Session Meeting** was called to order at 8:08 P.M by President Gardner.
- II.** The **FLAG SALUTE** was led by Dr. Westlake.
- 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 Record and all persons requesting such notice.

- IV.** 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. Murphy, Mrs. Norian Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Walsh,
Dr. Westlake Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Gardner

Absent: Mrs. Watson-Nichols arrived at 8:40 pm.

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Barbara Barbagallo, Secretary to the BA/BS and approximately 13 members of the public.

- VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY –None at this time**

- VII. MINUTES**

MINUTES FOR REVIEW - None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES –

Mr. Schwartz requested that his comments be reflected in the minutes, that Mrs. Robertson sent Mr. Mohre a revision to the April 30, 2008 Regular Session minutes regarding the position of a professional coach. Mr. Schwartz read the

revision, and stated that this revision given to the board (in their packet) did not reflect what was said at the meeting. Mr. Schwartz feels the board did not vote it down.

Mr. Mohre asked Mr. Schwartz to go back to the tape and said, "it was warmly received" as stated in the minutes.

Mr. Schwartz commented that it is not the intent for the minutes to be verbatim.

Mrs. Robertson asked to listen to the April 30, 2008 Regular Session minutes.

Mr. Walsh stated that he does not know how the statement was recorded on the tape but that he felt it was not warmly received.

Mr. Gardner stated this is an opinion and felt it is not a big issue.

It is hereby moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Westlake that the Board approves the following meeting minutes:

- April 9, 2008 Work Session
Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0-1 with two abstentions. (Mr. Murphy, Mr. Samuel)(Mrs. Watson-Nichols absent)
- April 9, 2008 Closed Session
Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0-1 with two abstentions. (Mr. Murphy, Mr. Samuel)(Mrs. Watson-Nichols absent)
- April 15, 2008 Closed Session Meeting
Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0-1 with two abstentions. (Mr. Murphy, Mr. Samuel)(Mrs. Watson-Nichols absent)
- April 30, 2008 Reorganization Meeting
Motion carried by roll call vote (Mrs. Norian abstained, Mrs. Watson-Nichols absent).
- April 30, 2008 Regular Session(with revisions)
Motion carried by roll call vote. (Mrs. Norian abstained, Mrs. Watson-Nichols absent, Mr. Walsh and Mrs. Robertson voted no)
- May 7, 2008 Closed Session
Motion carried by roll call vote 8-0-1. (Mrs. Watson-Nichols absent)

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

At 8:20 p.m., Mr. Mohre introduced Mr. Jim Tilgman (Northwest Evaluation Association) who gave the board and the public a slide presentation on the Measures of Academic Progress electronic assessment program. Mr. Samuel, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Watson-Nichols asked the following:

- Monitoring in-Accuracy levels on a daily basis throughout the year
- Available Parent link to the program
- Administrative link
- Parent training
- Teacher training/On-line training
- Cost for updates
- District computer capacity to handle program
- Map program be used to make up each class at the start of the year.

President Gardner opened the meeting to the public at 9:23 pm for questions only on the presentation by Mr. Tilgman

Mr. Palathingal, Mr. Potolski, and Mr. Frierich asked the following:

- Does this program measure the effectiveness of teachers in the classroom?
- How would the Superintendent manage this?
- Could the public/parent get an idea of what is going on in each class?
- Mr. Tilgman's background in education and with this product/program
- Comparison with this program to similar programs
- Training for administration
- Length of time this program has been available.
- Time frame for children to show progress
- Success rate in other schools using this program

The public portion of the meeting closed to the public at 9:40 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Mohre reported on the following:

- Instrumental concert is this Friday at 1:00 pm
- Graduation is scheduled for June 18th
- The Board Retreat is scheduled for July 9, 2008 in the OPS Auditorium.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Gardner commented on the following:

- Sixth Grade party at the Swim Club

Correspondence received from:

- State of NJ regarding a Professional Development Plan
- Carrie Volmar regarding a full day Kindergarten Program
- Serfina Bergelt
- NJSBA regarding a workshop
- Gina Principato, PTA President –gift of a check for \$900.00 to cover the costs of the playground. Mr. Mohre will get back to Mr. Gardner regarding the difference in the cost.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

- A. BI-BOROUGH/SHARED SERVICES - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson
- B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Murphy, Chairperson reported that the tree stump in front of OPS has been removed. The next B&G meeting is scheduled for June 13th at 10:00 AM.
- C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson reported that a meeting is to be rescheduled.
- D. FINANCE – Mr. Samuel, Chairperson

On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Dr. Westlake, and carried by roll call vote of the board, Agenda items D1, D2, D3, and D4 were approved (Mr. Walsh voted no on D3 and D4).

- 1) Schaefer Explorations 2008/2009 Summer Program Checking Account – It is hereby moved that the Board of Education establish a checking account for the Schaefer Explorations 2008/2009 Summer Program in accord with Board Policy #3451, in the amount of \$2,000.00. This account is for supplies and miscellaneous purchases, not to exceed the sum of \$50.00 per purchase.
- 2) Acceptance of PTA Mini Grant Funds – It is hereby moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts, with deep appreciation, the following mini-grant fund from the Oradell PTA for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount listed:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Kindergarten	Mother Goose Presentation	\$250.00

- 3) Referendum Change Order #14: It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves the Change Order, #14, of the contract with Integrated Construction Enterprises, Inc., in connection with the referendum roof project as submitted and approved by Cubellis and furthermore authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to complete and execute all pertinent paperwork summarized as follows

Total amount of this change order \$16,601.00

- 4) Referendum Final Change Order #18: It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves the Final Change Order, #18, of the contract with Integrated Construction Enterprises, Inc., in connection with the referendum roof project as submitted and approved by Cubellis and furthermore authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to complete and execute all pertinent paperwork summarized as follows:

Total amount of this final change order: (\$4,362.97)

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson

Mr. Walsh asked that E1 be voted separately. Mr. Walsh and Mrs. Robertson asked the following questions about this resolution:

- Is class time being used for the Schaefer Explorations
- What is the process for substitutes during the school day?

- Do teachers do their own sub arrangements?
- Does someone approve the subs to be called?

- 1) Approval of Stipend for Assistant Director of Schaefer Explorations 2008/2009 Summer Program – It is hereby moved by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Murphy, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve a stipend in the amount of \$3,750.00 payable to Helene Albrecht, Assistant Director of the Schaefer Explorations 2008/2009 Summer Program.

Motion carried by roll call vote 8-1-0 (Mr. Walsh voting no)

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Dr. Westlake, and carried by roll call vote of the board 9-0, Agenda items E2, E3, E4 were approved.

- 2) Appointment of Head Custodian – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves the appointment of Armondo Martone to the position of Head Custodian, effective on or about July 12, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a salary of \$56,000.00 (to be prorated.)
- 3) Appointment of Full-Time Custodians – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves the appointment of the following individuals for the 2008-2009 school year:

Employee	Position	Step	Salary	Black Seal	Night Stipend	Total Salary
Oscar Gomez	Night Custodian-12 Months	9	\$41,916.00	\$400.00	\$700.00	\$43,016.00 effective 7/1/08
Salvatore Lazarra	Day Custodian-12 Months	5/6	\$39,516.00	\$400.00		\$39,916.00 effective on or about 8/1/08(to be prorated)

- 4) Appointment of P/T Summer Custodians – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the appointment of the following summer custodians, effective July 7, 2008-August 31, 2008 at a rate of \$9.25 per hour:

Robert Hansen
Ryan Magill

- F. POLICY – Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Chairperson stated that the 3000 series is done and will be presented to the board at the next meeting. Series 1000,

2000, 7000, and 9000 will be up and running on the district web site on June 30, 2008.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS/NJQSAC – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate stated he would not be attending the NJSBA delegate meeting due to negotiations on June 12, 2008.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Robertson discussed with Mr. Wolfgang Albrecht at the Oradell Town Hall the paving of Prospect Ave. during the first week of July and the impact it would have on Schaefer Explorations. They spoke about the elimination of the dirt area between the sidewalk and street, where the paving would make that area part of the curb. Mr. Mohre stated that Ms. Cioppi and Mr. Ryan are coordinating this project.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Robertson asked if the next board meeting could be held in the OPS library where there is air conditioning. Due to the restricted space, Mr. Mohre indicated he would look into this.

Mr. Walsh asked if any board members were interested in marching in the July 4th Parade. Should you need a T-shirt for the event, the cost is \$5.00.

XII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

It is hereby moved by Dr. Westlake seconded by Mrs. Norian that the Board adjourns to Closed Session at 10:15 p.m.

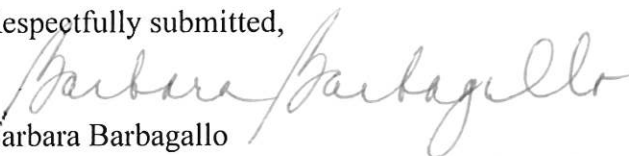
WHEREAS, a matter to be considered by the Board of Education deals with personnel, negotiations and/or possible litigation, and

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.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara Barbagallo
Secretary to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary