

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

WORK SESSION – MARCH 13, 2008

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – The Work Session Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education was called to order at 8:05 by President Gardner.
- II. FLAG SALUTE** – The Flag Salute was lead by Mrs. Watson-Nichols
- 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 9:18 pm., Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Mr. Spadaccini, Mr. Gardner

Absent: Dr. Westlake

Also present were: Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Rita Cioppi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately 48 members of the public.

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

The meeting opened to the public at 8:08 p.m.

President Gardner stated that any questions regarding the NJASK presentation could be addressed at the end of the presentation and not at this point in time.

The following members of the public posed questions that were answered by both Mr. Mohre and President Gardner: Phil Davidson, Serafina Bergelt, Chris Ridel, Tomasina Schwartz, Mary Lang, and July Peterson. Questions by the public at this time pertained to the hiring of the new position of Supervisor of Special Services.

VII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- February 27, 2008 Regular Session

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - It is hereby moved by Mr., Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, that the following minutes be approved:

- February 13, 2008 Work Session

ROLL CALL

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

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

Mr. Mohre gave a presentation of the NJASK.

The following members of the public posed questions which were answered by both Mr. Mohre and Mr. Gardner:

Dawn Gillies, Phil Davidson, Stephanie Landau, Julie Peterson, Serafina Bergelt, Lou Ferrante, Kathleen Mooney, Bernadette Lombardi, Tracey Schoenberg, John Samuel, Kathy DeBenedetto.

The questions asked by the public were based on the NJASK presentation given by Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent.

Trish Lyons asked "for the record" that her statement be placed in the board minutes.

The Board also had discussion pertaining to the presentation and board members thanked Mr. Mohre for giving the presentation that evening.

Mrs. Robertson stated "for the record" the following:

"Mrs. Robertson wanted a question stated in the minutes. Someone from the public made a statement that was recorded and my statement was not. Mrs.

Robertson was told via email that because she didn't request it at the time of the meeting it could not be reflected in the minutes."

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

- A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson
- B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Mr. Gallow, Chairperson reported the committee met. Mr. Walsh commented on the fact that no light is present on the flagpole and suggested an electronic lamppost.
- C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson stated that a meeting would be scheduled shortly.
- D. FINANCE - Mr. Spadaccini, Chairperson
Mrs. Watson-Nichols asked that D2 be pulled and voted separately.
 - 1. Conferences/Workshops 2007-2008 School Year – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, 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: Carole Orthmann

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Diabetes in Children

Date: May 30, 2008

Location: Parsippany, NJ

Registration: \$169.00

Travel Reimbursement as per Board Policy

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mrs. Norian

- 2. Monthly Certifications – It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mrs. Norian, that the Financial Report of the Board Secretary for the month end January 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.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson stated that the committee met. *Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini Personnel Items E1, E2, E3 were carried by roll call vote of 8-0 (Dr. Westlake absent)*

1. Approval of job description for the position of Supervisor of Special Education and Student Support Services –the Board approves the job description for the position of Supervisor of Special Education and Student Support Services.
2. Approval of job description for Recreational Arts Consultant - Park Academy –the Board approves the job description for the position of Recreational Arts Consultant for Park Academy.

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

3. Approval of Substitute Teachers for the 2007/08 School Year –the Board approves 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:

Robert Young

F. POLICY – Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Chairperson commented there was no report at this time but a meeting will be scheduled.

1. Policy 9250-Travel Reimbursement for Employees and Board Members – It is hereby moved by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Board approve/adopt the Second Reading of the following:
 - Policy #9250- Travel Reimbursement for Employees and Board Members.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Dr. Westlake

Nays: None

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson stated that the committee met.

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

I. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson stated that a meeting is scheduled for March 20th at 8:30 am.

X. OLD BUSINESS - None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ballot drawing results were reported in this order: Mary Katherine Norian, Richard G. Murphy, John Samuel
2. A motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Spadaccini, that the Board re-adopted the 2008-2009 School Calendar, carried by roll call vote of the board, 8-0 (Dr. Westlake absent)

XII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)- None at this time.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It is hereby moved by Mr. Spadaccini, seconded by Mr. Walsh that the Board Meeting adjourn at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Cioppi
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

