

ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649

REGULAR SESSION
May 28, 2008

MINUTES

- I. The **Regular Session meeting** was called to order at 8:14 p.m. by President Gardner.
- II. The **FLAG SALUTE** was led by Mrs. Watson-Nichols.
- 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. 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. Murphy, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Walsh
Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Mr. Gardner

Absent: Mrs. Norian, Dr. Westlake arrived at 9:20 pm., Mr. Schwartz

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Rita Cioppi, BA/BS, and six members of the public.

- VI. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY -None**

- VII. **MINUTES**

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES –

- April 9, 2008 Work Session
- April 9, 2008 Closed Session
- April 15, 2008 Closed Session Meeting
- April 30, 2008 Reorganization Meeting

- April 30, 2008 Regular Session
- May 7, 2008 Closed Session
- May 7, 2008 Work Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

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

Oradell Public School honored Mr. Tommy Murray on the occasion of his retirement. Sentiments were shared by the following: John Walsh, Dorothy Watson-Nichols, President Gardner, Terry McGill, Sharon McGill, Linda Gonzalez, and Bob Murray. Katherine Norian, who was unable to attend this evening’s meeting, asked that a prepared statement be read in her absence and attached to the minutes.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

- A. BI-BOROUGH/SHARED SERVICES - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson
- B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Murphy, Chairperson stated that a meeting has been scheduled for June 13th to discuss the security system.
- C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson
Mrs. Robertson asked that the Curriculum Agenda items be voted separately. She commented that one edition is from the 1990’s, which according to NJQSAC is a concern because textbooks should be current.

On a motion by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Murphy, on a roll call vote of 6-0 (Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Norian and Dr. Westlake absent), the Board approved C1.

- 1. Schaefer Explorations 2008 – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the implementation of the 2008 Schaefer Summer Explorations Program, June 24, 2008-July 18, 2008 (to be housed at the Oradell Public School).

On a motion by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Walsh, on a roll call vote of 6-0 (Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Norian and Dr. Westlake absent), the Board approved C2.

- 2. Adoption of Curriculum & Textbooks for the 2008/2009 school year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board adopts all existing curriculum and textbooks for the 2008/2009 school year which have been in effect, and/or adopted, during the 2007/2008 school year. In addition, it is hereby moved, that the Board adopt the EveryDay Math Program in Grades 3, 4 & 5.

- D. FINANCE – Mr. Samuel, Chairperson

The Board pulled D1, D5 and D7. On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mr. Walsh, on a roll call vote of 6-0 (Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Norian and Dr. Westlake absent), the Board approved D2, D3, D4, D6, D8.

On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and carried by roll call vote of 6-0 (Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Norian, and Dr. Westlake absent), the Board approved D1, D7.

On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and carried by roll call vote of 5-1-0 (Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Norian, and Dr. Westlake absent; Mr. Walsh voted no) the Board approved D5.

1. Revision of Payment of Invoices – It is hereby moved that the previously approved invoices for the period of March 27, 2008 through April 30, 2008 (on April 30, 2008) be approved as follows:

Fund 10 (General Current Expense)	\$ 1,160,033.27
Fund 12 (Capital Outlay)	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 (Special Revenue Funds)	\$ 13,564.54
Fund 30 (Capital Projects Funds)	\$ 2,651.49
Fund 40 (Debt Service Fund)	\$ 378,070.29
Fund 50 (Summer School)	\$ 0.00
Fund 51 (Region V)	\$ 0.00
Fund 55 (Milk)	\$ 0.00
Fund 63 (Schaefer Explorations)	\$ 8,870.62
Fund 64 (Ntl School Lunch Prog)	\$ 372.17
Fund 65 (Park Academy)	\$ 22,580.84
Total	\$ 1,586,143.22

2. Monthly Certifications – It is hereby moved that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end April 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.
3. Transfer of Funds and Monthly Transfer Reports for the Month End, April 2008– Approval the transfer of funds and monthly transfer reports for April 2008 as follows:

ANUM	Trans Amt	Date	Acct Desc
30-000-400-390-00-3008	-825.00	03/31/2008	CAP PROJ PROF REF
30-000-400-450-00-3006	825.00	03/31/2008	CAP PROJ CONSTR REF
65-216-100-101- -	-8,857.00	03/31/2008	PARK TEACHERS SALS
65-216-100-110- -	3,400.00	03/31/2008	PARK-SUBS
65-216-230-890- -	1,060.00	03/31/2008	PARK ADM MISC
65-216-270-514- -	4,397.00	03/31/2008	PARK TRANSPORTATION
11-000-223-110- -	-400.00	04/30/2008	INSTR. TRAIN.-SALARIES

11-190-100-610-03-0200	400.00	04/30/2008	UNDISTR.-GEN.SUPPS.
11-000-216-320-04-	6,764.00	04/30/2008	REL. SERVS.-PURCH.PROF
11-000-216-610-04-	0.46	04/30/2008	RELATED SERVS.-SUPPS.
11-000-217-101-51-	117.50	04/30/2008	EXTRAORD.SERVS.-SUBS
11-000-219-104-51-	2,237.50	04/30/2008	SPEC.SERVS.-SUBS
11-000-219-580-04-	-117.50	04/30/2008	SPEC.SERVS.-TRAVEL
11-000-223-110- -	-2,237.96	04/30/2008	INSTR.TRAIN.-SALARIES
11-000-230-100- -	-3,124.00	04/30/2008	SUPT.-SALARIES
11-000-230-890-01-	-3,640.00	04/30/2008	SUPT.-MISC.EXPS.
11-000-261-610-06-	-3,594.00	04/30/2008	GENERAL SUPPLIES
11-120-100-101-51-	3,594.00	04/30/2008	GRADES 1-5 SUBS
11-130-100-101-51-	55.00	04/30/2008	GRADE 6 SUBS
11-190-100-440- -	-55.00	04/30/2008	UNDISTR.ED.-COPIER
11-190-100-610-03-0212	-700.00	04/30/2008	UNDISTR.-SCIENCE SUPPS
11-190-100-610-03-0213	-700.00	04/30/2008	UNDISTR.-SOC.STS.SUPP
11-190-100-890-03-	1,400.00	04/30/2008	UNDISTR.-OTHER OBJS.
11-240-100-106-51-	67.50	04/30/2008	BILING-SALS.SUBS
11-240-100-610-04-	-67.50	04/30/2008	BILING-GEN.SUPPS
65-216-100-106- -	7,500.00	04/30/2008	PARK OTHER SALS
65-216-230-339- -	-7,500.00	04/30/2008	PARK GEN ADMIN OTHER
11-000-100-566-04-	-1,400.00	04/30/2008	SP.ED.TUITION - PRIVATE
11-000-216-320-04-	1,400.00	04/30/2008	REL. SERVS.-PURCH.PROF
11-000-213-600-04-	-800.00	05/01/2008	SCH.NURSE-SUPPLIES
11-000-219-890-04-	800.00	05/01/2008	SPEC.SERVS.-MISC.EXPS.
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4. Payment of Invoices – It is hereby moved that the invoices for the period of May 1, 2008 through May 28, 2008 be approved as follows:

Fund 10 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$	485,037.19
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$	0.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Funds</i>)	\$	31,958.64
Fund 30 (<i>Capital Projects Funds</i>)	\$	20.83
Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	\$	0.00
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>)	\$	748.17
Fund 64 (<i>Ntl School Lunch Prog</i>)	\$	712.33
Fund 65 (<i>Park Academy</i>)	\$	63,702.31
Total	\$	582,179.47

5. Referendum Change Order #17: It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves Change Order #17 of the contract with Integrated Construction Enterprises, Inc., in connection with the referendum roof project as submitted and approved by Cubellis (formerly Seyffer & Koch) and furthermore authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to complete and execute all pertinent paperwork summarized as follows:

- Additional Roof Repairs to Existing Multi-Purpose Room Roof

Total amount of this change order: \$4,284.00

6. Acceptance of PTA Funds/Gifts: It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts with much appreciation, monetary contributions to purchase items for OPS:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Item</u>
\$10,679.00	Risers
\$ 510.00	Portable Sound System
\$ 1,000.00	Ellison Dies for Prestige Machine

7. Approval of Receiving Students for Park Academy Special Education Program – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Oradell Board of Education, in administering the Park Academy Special Education Program for Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education, approves the following student and tuition for the 2007/08 school year as follows:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Sending District</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
P# 12-07	Upper Saddle River	\$38,296.25(to be prorated)
P#13-07	Hillsdale	\$38,296.25(to be prorated)

Note: The Park Academy Special Education Program is a special education Program created and coordinated by Region V and administered by the Oradell Public School District. Salary and benefits associated with this program are paid for with tuition moneys collected by the Oradell Business Office from the students' home districts. Such expenses are not part of and in no way impact the Oradell Public School's 2007/08 budget.

8. Change in NESBIG By-Laws – It is hereby moved by that the Board approve the following to amend the bylaws to change the number of NESBIG Trustees from 12 to 9 to serve with the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary, Article III Organization, page 9 Board of Trustees, and to Amend a quorum for Trustees meetings from 8 to 7 Article V, Meetings and Ruts of Order page 23:

Whereas, the Oradell Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") is a participant in the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund"); and

Whereas, and amendment to the Fund's bylaws have been proposed pursuant to Article V, page 23, Amendments to the Bylaws, of the current bylaws; and

Whereas, one or more hearings on the proposed bylaw amendment have been held pursuant to Article V, page 23, Amendments to the Bylaws of the current bylaws, and

Whereas, the proposed amendment may only be adopted by the Fund through the approval of said amendment by the Board of Education of each Fund

participant within six months of the hearing on the amendment pursuant to Article V of the current bylaws; and

Whereas the Board is familiar with the proposed amendment and desirous that it be adopted by the Fund; and

Whereas, the Board acknowledges that the amendment, if adopted, shall not take effect until they are approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Insurance pursuant to Article V of the current bylaws;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved:

1. The Board hereby approves the proposed amendment to the Fund's current bylaws, which amendment is memorialized in the May 12, 2008 Revised Draft of the bylaws.
2. The Board hereby authorizes its duly appointed Fund Representative to convey this Resolution to the Fund as evidence of the Board's approval of the proposed amendment.
3. The Board also hereby authorizes the Fund to convey this Resolution or a copy thereof to the Commissioner of Insurance as evidence of the Board's approval of the proposed amendment provided by the Fund has also at that time received evidence of the approval of the proposed amendment from the Board of Education of every other Fund participant in accordance with Article V of the bylaws.

On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mr. Walsh, on a roll call vote of 7-0 (Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Norian absent) the Board approved D9, D10, D11.

9. Payment to Integrated Construction Enterprises: It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves Payment Application #22 in the amount of \$63,732.93 with Integrated Construction Enterprises, Inc., in connection with the Referendum Building Project as submitted and approved by Cubellis (formerly Seyffer & Koch).
10. Payment to Integrated Construction Enterprises: It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves Payment Application #23 in the amount of \$83,814.98 with Integrated Construction Enterprises, Inc., pending the receipt of a final release of liens and consent of surety from
11. Integrated Construction Enterprises, the installation of the outdoor drain pipe cap outside the business office, the replacement of damaged ceiling tile in Room 136A, and the receipt of duly executed Change Orders #14 and #18 in connection with the Referendum Building Project as submitted and approved by Cubellis (formerly Seyffer & Koch).

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Gardner, on a roll call vote of 7-0 (Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Norian absent), the Board approved E1, E2, E3, E4, E5.

1. Teacher Mentoring – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts the FY 2007-2008 Teacher Quality Mentoring payment from the Department of Education in the amount of \$1,023.00.
2. Retirement – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts with regret, the resignation of Gerardine Hammer, Instructional Aide, effective June 30, 2008.
3. Student Teachers for the 2008/2009 school year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following student teachers for the 2008/2009 school year:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>
Nicole Smith	Felician College	9/08-12/08	Mrs. Linda Masiello
Theodore Georgallas	Felician College	9/08-12/08	Mrs. Elinor Goeller
Kerry McDermott	Caldwell College	9/08-12/08	Mrs. Melissa Pizza

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 June 13, 2008- August 31, 2008 at a rate of \$9.25 per hour:

Lucas Herget
Vincent Moltzen

5. Approval of 2008 Summer Work - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves summer work totaling 30 hours for the following medical professionals for the purpose of reviewing the medical records of all incoming kindergarten students and developing student medical alert lists and health care plans:

Mrs. Carole Orthmann	\$45.00 per hour
Mrs. Ann DiScala	\$22.00 per hour

- F. POLICY – Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Chairperson
- G. PUBLIC RELATIONS/NJQSAC – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson
- H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate reported that he attended the Delegate Assembly on May 17, 2008 at which, new officers were elected, two resolutions from Ramsey were approved and the 9000 Series of the NJSBA was adopted. Mr. Walsh mentioned that he had reserved June 12, 2008 to speak to our local legislators in Trenton about

the bills they are about to vote on affecting education. He asked that a resolution giving him permission to attend the meeting be placed on the next agenda.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Robertson asked that the following statement be included in the minutes of this meeting "At the most recent Everyday Math night, Suzanne Lynch commented that the Oradell Board turned down the request for the career coach and that some of the Oradell teachers are under the impression that the Oradell Board of Education voted the request down also. I want the record to reflect that the Board never received the recommendation to approve this position; that in fact, we were waiting for written material concerning the position and that the reason this position is not part of the Oradell district is because no discussion took place since the original presentation by Ms. Lynch."

Mrs. Robertson further commented on the following: a meeting should be scheduled to move the curb; correspondence should go out to parents on the Kindergarten program; the board committee list under public relations should include Mrs. Watson-Nichols; asked that the April 30th minutes include her revision.

Mrs. Watson-Nichols asked if Mr. Mal Kenney contributed to the OK Kids Memory Book Ad.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Samuel asked to be included on all finance related e-mails.

Mrs. Watson-Nichols spoke about NJSBA Notes regarding administration salary limits and was Oradell over the limit? Ms. Cioppi responded that this year Oradell was over, but next year Oradell is under the limit.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Terry McGill, OPS Teacher, commented that the OEA has not received a signed contract.

Mr. Larry Freirich asked that his comments be included in the minutes. Mr. Freirich complimented Mr. Ryan and Mr. Mohre for engaging in creative problem-solving with him over the years and stated a concern he had regarding the number of special needs children assigned to a third grade class. He felt it was not advantageous to either the special ed or regular ed students to have them all in one class.

Mrs. Goldberg asked about the paper shortage in the district.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

It is hereby moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Samuel that the Board adjourns 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.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It is hereby moved by Mr. Samuel seconded by Mr. Walsh that the Board Meeting adjourns at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Cioppi

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

