

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

**Regular Session Meeting – February 25, 2009**

**MINUTES**

- I.** The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 8:03 p.m. by President Gardner
- II.** The **FLAG SALUTE** was led by Mr. Murphy.
- 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, posted in Borough Hall and the Oradell Free Public Library, faxed to The Record and Town News and all persons requesting such notice.

- IV.** The **MISSION STATEMENT** was read by Mr. Samuel.

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. The District fully supports and expects the attainment of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards on the part of all students within a school environment designed to maximize student potential, develop responsible citizens, and promote respect for the uniqueness of all individuals.

Adopted by the Oradell Board of Education August 27, 2008

- V. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Norian arrived at 8:10 p.m., Mrs. Robertson., Mr. Samuel, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Dr. Westlake arrived at 8:30 p.m., Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Gardner

**Absent:** None

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent, Mrs. Barbara Barbagallo, Secretary for the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and three members of the public.

- VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY** – President Gardner opened the meeting to the public at 8:04 p.m. There were no questions or comments at this time. President Gardner closed the meeting to the public at 8:05 p.m.

## VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mr. Mohre reported on the following items:

Students in Mrs. Killeen TAG program will be competing in Odyssey of the Mind, a creative problem-solving competition, on Saturday, March 7, 2009. The children will travel by bus to JP Stevens High School in Edison. He wished participating students the best of luck in the competition and extended thanks to Mrs. Killeen for organizing the effort and to board trustee, Mr. Walsh who will serve as one of the judges.

20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox has contacted Mr. Mohre as the company wants to explore shooting a scene from a new movie outside the school in the early summer. The site decision is from the location specialist and Mr. Mohre has invited her to dialogue further should 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox desire to pursue OPS as a site.

Mr. Mohre completed his portion of the annual CSA evaluation and forwarded the document to the board members. The timeline for board member completion and submission to NJBSA is Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Ryan and Miss Lasch will be hosting an EveryDay Mathematics *Coffee* for fifth grade parents this Friday at 2:15 P.M.

Mr. Mohre outlined the following communication ideas:

- The establishment of a secure Web Blog in which trustees could share ideas relevant to specific topics (a concept to be explored with the board's attorney )
- Between meeting updates/bulletins when BOE meetings are spaced more than two weeks apart.
- The creation of an e-mail BLAST to communicate with our parent community. All trustees could be included in the comprehensive e-mail address book.
- The SwiftReach databases were completed during the February Recess and Mr. Mohre has reached out to the OPD to begin facilitating the process. Board trustees without children in the school were invited to be included in the SwiftReach calling database.

Mr. Mohre thanked the PTA for the Mini-Grant donation.

President Gardner announced the PTA Talent Show dates of April 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## VIII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES – None

Mr. Gardner questioned the salary guide movement for a staff member and inquired if the resolution complies with Section XII #C of the OEA Agreement. He shared that he was satisfied following a discussion he had with Mr. Mohre.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *On a motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mrs. Norian, and carried by roll call vote 7-0-1 (Mr. Murphy abstained, Dr. Westlake absent) the following minutes were approved:*

- January 14, 2009 Work Session

## IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH/SHARED SERVICES - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Murphy, Chairperson remarked that this is the second revision of the calendar. Board discussion followed regarding having Election Day off versus Veterans Day. Mr. Mohre offered to contact RiverDell and River Edge Superintendents to discuss the November calendar. Board members questioned in-service attendance and the number of substitutes used on Professional Development Day specifically on Martin Luther King Day. Mr. Mohre will review the last three years of substitute attendance for that day.

*On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Samuel the board tabled B1.*

1. Adoption of the 2009/2010 School Calendar – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the 2009/2010 School Calendar.

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson noted that minutes from the last committee meeting would be forthcoming. In addition, Mr. Mohre will send out potential meeting dates for the next meeting. Mrs. Robertson requested that her memo to Mr. Gardner dated February 13, 2009 regarding Connected Math be included in the minutes of this meeting.

D. FINANCE – Mr. Samuel, Chairperson

*On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mrs. Norian and carried by roll call vote 9-0, the board approved D1, D2, D3, D4, D5.*

1. Monthly Certifications –The Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end December 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 2008/2009 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. Participation in an Agreement for Cooperative Purchased of Telecommunication Services- It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that the Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to enter into an agreement with XTEL

Communications to participate in the Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (ACT) for the period of 7/1/09-6/30/10.

3. Acceptance of PTA Mini Grant 2008/2009 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approves the following mini grant from the Oradell PTA:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Mini Grant Use</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Grade 6	Liberty Science Center Assembly "Chemistry. What is your Reaction?"	\$695.00

4. Payment of Invoices – It is hereby moved that the invoices for the period of January 29, 2009 – February 24, 2009 be retroactively approved as follows:

Fund 10 ( <i>General Current Expense</i> )	\$ 846,763.73
Fund 12 ( <i>Capital Outlay</i> )	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 ( <i>Special Revenue Funds</i> )	\$ 23,400.80
Fund 30 ( <i>Capital Projects Funds</i> )	\$ 0.00
Fund 40 ( <i>Debt Service Fund</i> )	\$ 408,125.63
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> )	\$ 0.00
Fund 64 ( <i>Ntl School Lunch Prog</i> )	\$ 314.25
Fund 65 ( <i>Park Academy</i> )	<u>\$ 21,389.71</u>
Total	\$1,299,994.12

5. Monthly Certifications –The Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end January 2009, 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 2008/2009 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.

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson

*On a motion by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Robertson and carried 9-0 (Mr. Gardner abstained on E3) the board approved E1, E2, E3, E4.*

1. Conferences/Workshops 2008/2009 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approves the below listed staff members/board members to attend the following conference/workshop (and related expenses) as outlined in the A5 School District Accountability Act:

**Name:** Laverne O’Boyle

**Conference/Seminar/Workshop:** Avoiding Litigation and What You Need to Know If You Go

**Date:** March 27, 2009

**Location:** Long Branch, NJ

**Registration Fee:** \$195.00

**Mileage:** \$41.92

2. Movement on Teacher Salary Guide for the 2008/2009 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approves movement on the teachers’ salary guide for the following staff member at the degree and step as set forth below:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kevin Stokes	BA+15, Step 5	MA, Step 5	February 2, 2009

3. Approval of Substitute Teachers for the 2008/09 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 2008/09 school year, at a per diem rate of \$80.00 which increases to \$85.00 per day after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of service during the 2008/09 school year:

Daniella Baydar  
Kelly Della Fave  
Michael Finetto

4. Graduate Student to Observe a Class for the 2008/2009 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following Graduate Student to Observe a Classroom for the 2008/2009 school year:

<u>Graduate Student</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>
Dina Pantuso	Pace University	2/09 - 5/09	Ms. Jennifer Postel

- F. POLICY – Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Chairperson – No report
- G. PUBLIC RELATIONS/NJQSAC – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson, would to schedule a Key Communicators meeting focusing on the 2009/2010 school budget.
- H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate, no report at this time. Mr. Mohre commented on the Dollar\$ & Sense Organization’s report on the inequity and inadequacy of State Aid.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Gardner inquired about a response to a letter he received from a parent. Mr. Mohre indicated he would follow-up.

Mrs. Robertson commented on the EveryDay Math *Coffee* day to include Mr. Mohre and Ms. Lynch so they may address concerns brought up at a previous EveryDay Math presentation.

Mr. Schwartz questioned why Mr. Ryan and Ms. Lasch are conducting the *Coffee* day with 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents without Ms. Lynch being present. Mr. Mohre explained that Mr. Ryan should hear first hand the concerns of the parents, so that concerns could be directly addressed with the faculty as necessary. Mr. Schwartz requested that the Tri-District Coordinator be present at this meeting. Mr. Mohre indicated he would invite Ms. Lynch to the meeting.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Mohre presented to the board dates for the Public Hearing on the budget. Mr. Mohre further explained that the board should keep March 25<sup>th</sup> as a regular business meeting. The board agreed on a public hearing date of March 31, 2009 so as not to conflict with RiverDell. Regarding televising the budget presentation at the Oradell Council Chambers, Mr. Gardner suggested that Mr. Walsh talk to the Borough to see if a cost is involved.

Mr. Samuel requested March 12th and March 25th as meeting dates to discuss the budget as necessary. Mr. Mohre mentioned that budget discussions would be done at the work session with specific personnel discussions being done in Closed Executive Session and, if required, a Regular Session.

Mr. Mohre proposed changing the April work session date from April 8 to April 15.

Mr. Mohre will send a draft of the changes of the board meeting calendar for March/April to all trustees prior to the next meeting.

**XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** – The meeting was opened to the public at 9:15 pm. There being no comments or questions from the public, the meeting closed at 9:16 pm.

**XIII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)** -None

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

*On a motion by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mrs. Norian the meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
Barbara Barbagallo  
Secretary to the Business Administrator