

ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649

BUDGET PRESENTATION/REGULAR SESSION
Oradell Borough – Council Chambers
March 31, 2009

MINUTES

- I. The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 8:02 p.m. by President Gardner.
- II. The **FLAG SALUTE** was led by Mrs. Norian.
- 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 Mrs. Robertson.

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, Mrs. Robertson., Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Schwartz,
Mr. Gardner

Absent: None

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

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

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

Mr. Lou Suarez commended the board not increasing the school budget this year. Suarez questioned the "typical" home-assessed value of \$271,000 and asked if that was the price on the average assessment or new assessment.

Mrs. Robertson inquired about the boiler replacement cost from the architect and the bidding process. Mrs. Robertson asked about the state funding for this project. She further asked about the district's current debt service payments.

Mr. Walsh asked if Ms. Cioppi would explain the tax calculation on assessed homes which Ms. Cioppi did.

Mr. Samuel clarified, along with Ms. Cioppi, the total local tax levy amount.

Mrs. Robertson asked about the budget detail on a new IEP writer for Special Services. Ms. Cioppi explained that the current IEP writer does not meet state requirements and we are using state aid money to purchase this item. Mrs. Robertson asked about the line item for Special Services travel.

Mr. Walsh asked for a clarification of the General Fund Local Tax Levy amount compared to the total local tax levy amount.

Mrs. Watson-Nichols asked for a clarification of the budgeted debt service amount compared to the local tax levy debt service amount.

Mr. Schwartz commended the Finance Committee and the Administration for their hard work during this budget process. Mr. Schwartz also expressed his appreciation to the board members for their contribution towards this year's budget.

President Gardner read the following resolution:

1. Budget Adoption 2009-2010: On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Dr. Westlake, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Oradell Board of Education approve/adopt a 2009/2010 school district budget for submission to the voters as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oradell Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to place the following question on the ballot for the April 21, 2009, election:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$ 10,186,941	\$ 9,453,471
Special Revenue Fund	\$ -0-	\$ N/A
Debt Service Fund	\$ 565,564	\$ 555,564
Totals	\$ 10,752,505	\$ 10,009,035

That there should be raised for General Funds \$10,009,035 for the ensuing School Year (2009-2010).

Motion passed unanimously 9-0

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION - President Gardner thanked everyone for their due diligence during this budget process. He asked for the public's support of this budget.

A. BI-BOROUGH - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson – No Report

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Mr. Murphy, Chairperson – No Report

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson noted that a curriculum meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

D. FINANCE - Mr. Samuel, Chairperson thanked the administration for their help and hard work to bring this budget to fruition. Mr. Samuel feels this budget will put the district in good standing for next year and keep the district strong.

E. PERSONNEL – Mr. Schwartz, Chairperson stated that the Personnel Committed met this morning and a summary will be forthcoming.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by Mr. Schwartz seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried by roll call vote 9-0, the board approved E1.

1. Movement on Teacher Salary Guide for the 2008/2009 School Year –

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
James Butcher	BA, Step 3-4	BA+15, Step 3-4	February 9, 2009

F. POLICY – Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Chairperson

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS/NJQSAC – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson stated that the Key Communicators met last night regarding the presentation of the budget.

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate- No Report

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Robertson commented on the Public Safety meeting. Mrs. Robertson further stated that all board members were provided with these committee meeting minutes (in their packet.) Mr. Schwartz asked about the crossing guard position during lunchtime and whether it would be effective, this year or next year.

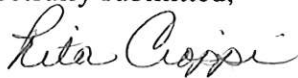
XI. NEW BUSINESS - None

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No comments at this time from the public. President Gardner thanked those members of the public for attending the budget presentation this evening.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mrs. Norian the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Cioppi
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

