

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

**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
November 11, 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 Vice-President Watson-Nichols.

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. Ferrante, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Norian arrived at 8:06 p.m., Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Mr. Gardner

Absent: Mr. Samuel

Also present was Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Rita Cioppi, BA/BS and one member of the public.

- VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – No Comments**

- VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Mr. Mohre shared the following items as part of his report to the board and public:

- American Education Week is next week, November 16-20. As part of this special week OPS hosted its annual Parent Visitation program on Wednesday, November 18th. Parents were invited to visit classrooms to gain further insight into their child's educational program.
- The PTA sponsored a Reading is Fundamental Book distribution to students scheduled for next Thursday. We thank the PTA for their continuing support of this special literary initiative.
- Oradell Public School celebrates its 80th birthday next week. Among the activities planned are:
 1. Displays containing OPS artifacts will be created.
 2. Grade levels will complete an activity of choice to commemorate the occasion. Various activities will be photographed for publication in the Town News.
 3. The singing of *Happy Birthday* will be conducted school wide using the PA system on Friday afternoon.
 4. Special facts about OPS will be shared as part of the Morning Announcements during the week of celebration (American Education Week, November 16-20).
 5. Copies of various OPS publications are displayed in the OPS Library for student perusal.
 6. Birthday cake will be enjoyed by all on the afternoon of Friday, November 20th following the school wide singing of *Happy Birthday*.
 7. The original school bell will be sounded by students to commemorate the 80th birthday of OPS. The bell will sound at arrival time during American Education Week, November 16 – 20.
- As part of the New Jersey Department of Education's annual reporting requirements for school districts regarding incidences of violence and vandalism, it was reported that OPS had a total of 2 reportable incidents for the 2008-2009 school year.
- A presentation for parents was held at the River Dell Middle School last evening "Staying Safe in Cyberspace". The program, sponsored by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Computer Crimes Unit, educated parents about the unfortunate inherent dangers of unsupervised social net-working and Internet use.

- Acknowledgement of a \$1,000 cash award received from Coldwater Creek to support literacy in the school district.
- The administration reviewed data based on the school having had administered various reading and writing assessments, both pre and post, last school year. The results of the assessments were presented.
- Kindergarten registration will be held on Tuesday December 1st and Thursday, December 3rd for children attaining the age of 5 on or before October 1, 2010. Parents can contact the main office and speak with Mrs. Stewart with any questions they may have.
- Warm wishes to the entire OPS Family for a joyous Thanksgiving Holiday.

President's Report – President Gardner mentioned the following:

1. He commended the teachers and kids for a job well done at the Halloween parade. He mentioned that the Administration should send a note to the teachers.
2. President Gardner and Mrs. Watson-Nichols hypothetically, took a page from Dr. Westlake's suggestion book by stating that there wasn't any Administration and other staff present in the building on Friday because of the crane being up, so everyone worked at home. The Board President felt that he should have been informed.
3. Approximately ten days ago a student/visitor was taken out of the building via ambulance and the Board President was not informed.
4. Regarding the test score presentation - President Gardner stated that he previously emailed Mr. Mohre and asked for a brief standardized testing result presentation regarding the 4th grade scores so as not to exclude the parents who were at Sharpe. He also felt that members of the Board should have an opportunity to hear any and all concerns raised by these parents. President Gardner asked that it be given at this Board meeting. He also stated that a coffee meeting would be given to the parents at 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm in the afternoon which excludes working parents including Board members. He felt that the working parents should have a presentation as well.
5. The Personnel Committee should meet and determine the attendance of staff on November 5 and 6 was in compliance with school policy and OEA agreement. Mr. Mohre mentioned that most of the secretaries were union members and were allowed recess during the convention. President Gardner also requested the Curriculum committee to meet to discuss placing the testing presentation that was presented on Oct 21 on the OPS website for parents to review.
6. PTA President had concerns raised by parents on the H1N1 website article November 11, 2009. NJ Dept of Education has no plans of having vaccinations take place at schools, however, the Dept of Health & Senior Services that a clinic being held at New Milford/River Edge School Clinic taking place on Oct 15, 2009.

7. A letter was enclosed in the Board packet responding to the October 19th OEA letter.
8. A letter was also received from a parent on the continuance of Sharpe.

On a motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried 5-2-1 (Mr. Ferrante abstained, Mr. Samuel absent) the board approved sending President Gardner's response letter to the OEA.

There were discussions from some of the Board members regarding the response letter to the OEA from President Gardner. Some Board members felt the letter was fine and others felt that it should have been distributed to the board prior to the meeting for their review. It was addressed from the Board of Education and some members felt it should have been addressed from the Board President. It was agreed that President Gardner would sign the letter and copy of the letter would be attached to the minutes.

VIII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES –

October 21, 2009 Regular Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *On a motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Ferrante and carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Samuel absent, Mr. Walsh abstained), that the following minutes be approved:*

- October 7, 2009 Work Session

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

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

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Murphy, Chairperson
On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried 8-0 (Mr. Samuel absent) the board approved B1, and B2.

1. Use of School Facilities – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board of Education approve the following requests for use of school facilities as per Board Regulation/Policy #1330:

A. Tekeyan Cultural Association – Theatrical Presentation

| <u>Dates Requested</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Fee</u> | <u>Custodian Overtime</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Tuesday, April 27, 2010 | 6 PM – 11PM | \$250.00 (Rehearsal) | |
| Thursday, April 29, 2010 | 6 PM – 11PM | \$250.00 (Rehearsal) | |
| Friday, April 30, 2010 | 6 PM – 11PM | \$250.00 (Rehearsal) | |

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| Saturday, May 1, 2010 | 4 PM – 11PM | \$500.00(Performance) | \$301.00 (7hrs @\$43 p/hr) |
| Sunday, May 2, 2010 | 2 PM – 8 PM | \$500.00(Performance) | \$342.00 (6hrs @\$57 p/hr) |

Total cost: \$2,393.00

B. Tri Community Spelling Bee-The Junior Women’s Club of Oradell, River Edge and New Milford Tri-Community Spelling Bee:

| <u>Dates Requested</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| Sunday, January 10, 2010 | 12:00 Noon-4:00 PM |
| (Rain/snow date of January 24, 2010 - 12:00 Noon-4:00 PM) | |

*All associated custodial costs and charges for the use of the Auditorium for this event are waived.

- C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson reported that a meeting is scheduled for November 13th at 3:15 p.m.
- D. FINANCE/TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Samuel, Chairperson
On a motion by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried 8-0 (Mr. Samuel absent) the board approved D1 and D2.
1. Payment of November 2009 Bills/Invoices – It is hereby moved that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills during the month of November 2009 with retroactive approval at the next scheduled Regular Public Business Meeting of the Oradell Board of Education.
 2. Acceptance of Donation - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board accepts a donation from the Coldwater Creek Company in the amount of \$1,000 for instructional needs.
- E. PERSONNEL /NEGOTIATIONS– Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Chairperson provided minutes of the last committee meeting in board members folders.
- Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, seconded by Mr. Ferrante and carried 8-0 (Mr. Samuel absent) the board approved E1 (Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Watson-Nichols abstained), E2, E4, E5, E6, E7.*
1. Conferences/Workshops 2009/2010 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: Rita Cioppi
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJASBO State Aid & Budget Preparation
Date: December 15, 2009
Location: Wyndham Garden, Mt. Olive
Registration Fee: \$100.00
Mileage: \$30.00

Name: John Norton
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Planning/Implementing a Successful Intervention
Date: December 9, 2009
Location: Westfield, NJ
Registration Fee: \$0.00
Mileage: \$9.92

Name: Thomas Santagato
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Planning/Implementing a Successful Intervention
Date: December 9, 2009
Location: Westfield, NJ
Registration Fee: \$0.00
Mileage: \$9.92

Name: Michelle Rudolph
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Planning/Implementing a Successful Intervention
Date: February 25, 26, 2010
Location: Westfield, NJ
Registration Fee: \$0.00
Mileage: \$9.92

Name: Diane Malwitz
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Planning/Implementing a Successful Intervention
Date: February 25, 26, 2010
Location: Westfield, NJ
Registration Fee: \$0.00
Mileage: \$9.92

Name: Carol Richardi
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Planning/Implementing a Successful Intervention
Date: February 25, 26, 2010
Location: Westfield, NJ
Registration Fee: \$0.00
Mileage: \$9.92

Name: Eileen Nelson
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Putting the "Social" in Social Skills
Date: November 13, 2009

Location: Westfield, NJ
Registration Fee: \$0.00
Mileage: \$9.92

Name: Susan Confrancisco
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJASP Winter Conference
Date: December 4, 2009
Location: Jamesburg, NJ
Registration Fee: \$100.00
Mileage/tolls: \$35.90

Name: Lesley Maklin
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: In Class Consultation thru Region V
Date: December 8, 2009 and January 26, 2010
Location: Montvale, NJ
Registration Fee: \$0.00
Mileage:

Name: Dorothy Watson-Nichols
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Bergen County SBA Board Member Workshop
Date: November 30, 2009
Location: Northern Valley High School, Demarest, NJ
Registration Fee: \$0.00
Mileage: \$3.10

Name: Christine Robertson
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Bergen County SBA Board Member Workshop
Date: November 30, 2009
Location: Northern Valley High School, Demarest, NJ
Registration Fee: \$0.00
Mileage: \$3.10

2. Field Experience Student Placement for the 2009/2010 school year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following student placement for the 2009/2010 school year:

| <u>Student Placement</u> | <u>College/University</u> | <u>Date/Hours</u> | <u>Cooperating Teacher</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Ms. Leonella Spagnolo | Fairleigh Dickinson | 1/25/10-5/7/10 | Mrs. Debra Lane |

3. *On a motion by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, seconded by Mr. Ferrante, and carried 6-0 (Mr. Samuel absent, Mrs. Watson-Nichols and Mr. Gardner abstained) the board approved E3.*

Retroactive Approval of Extension of Contract for Leave Replacement Teacher for the 2009/2010 School Year - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves a contract

extension for Ms. Jamie Krupka, Leave Replacement Teacher (BA Step 1), retroactive to November 1, 2009 through November 25, 2009.

4. Special Education Tuition and Services for 2009/2010 School Year and Extended Year 2009 Services- It is hereby moved upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves in accord with Chapter 46, Title 18A, NJ Statutes, the 2009/2010 School Year tuition and related services for the following students:

| DESCRIPTION | PROGRAM/SERVICE/PROVIDER |
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| 6 hours weekly parent training/home programming at \$40/hr for Student #57: 2 hours/month coordination at \$75/hr: 4 hours initial program set up/coordination at \$75 per | April Griffin Castaldo |
| Student #57: 1 hour monthly travel/written summary at \$125/hr for 10 months | Valley Program Behavioral Consultation Services |
| 4 hours consultation at \$45/hr for student #70 | Andriana Pestrichella |

5. Amend Previously Approved Consultant Rate - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board amend a previously approved rate of \$35/per 30-minute session for Karen Willick, Occupational Therapist(to provide services to Student #69 October 21, 2009 Agenda Item IX.E7) and approve the correct rate of \$40/hr for 35 minute session weekly.
6. Retroactive Appointment of Home Instructor – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board retroactively approves Ms. Adriana Pestrichella to provide home instruction for Student #70 at \$45/week effective 11/9/09, duration pending completion of Child Study Team evaluations. (This service was previously provided by Ms. Hera Yang, board approved 10/21/09).
7. Appointment of F/T Special Education Instructional Aide – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve Ms. Adriana Pestrichella as a F/T Special Education Instructional Aide, effective on or about November 16, 2009, at a salary of \$19,436 (to be prorated).

F. POLICY – Mr. Ferrante, Chairperson

1. Acceptance of First Reading of 6000 Series- It is hereby moved that the board accepts the first reading of the following 6000 Series policies:

| <u>Policy#</u> | <u>Name</u> |
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| 6110 | Goals and Objectives |
| 6111 | School Calendar |
| 6112 | School Day |

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| 6114 | Emergency and Disaster Preparedness |
| 6115 | Ceremonies and Observances |
| 6121 | Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action |
| 6122 | Articulation |
| 6140 | Curriculum Adoption |
| 6141.2 | Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs |
| 6141 | Curriculum Design and Development |
| 6142 | Subject Fields |
| 6142.1 | Family Life Education |
| 6142.2 | English as a Second Language; Bilingual Programs |
| 6142.4 | Physical Education and Health |
| 6142.6 | Basic Skills |
| 6142.9 | Arts |
| 6142.10 | Technology - Acceptable Use |
| 6142.12 | Career Education |
| 6142.13 | HIV Prevention Education |
| 6143 | Curriculum Guides |
| 6143.1 | Lesson Plans |
| 6144 | Controversial Issues |
| 6145 | Extracurricular Activities |
| 6145.3 | Publications |
| 6146.2 | Promotion and Retention |
| 6147 | Standards of proficiency |
| 6147.1 | Evaluation of Individual Student Performance |
| 6151 | Class Size |
| 6153 | Field Trips |
| 6154 | Homework and Makeup Work |
| 6156 | Instructional Scheduling |
| 6160 | Instructional Services and Resources |
| 6161.1 | Guidelines for Evaluation and Selection of Instructional Materials |
| 6161.2 | Complaints Regarding Instructional Materials |
| 6162.4 | Community Resources |
| 6162.5 | Research and Surveys |
| 6163.1 | Media Center/Library |
| 6164.1 | Intervention and Referral Services for General Education Students |
| 6164.2 | Guidance Services |
| 6164.4 | Child Study Team |
| 6171 | Special Instructional Programs |
| 6171.1 | Remedial Instruction |
| 6171.2 | Gifted and Talented Education |
| 6171.4 | Special Education |
| 6172 | Alternative Educational Programs |
| 6173 | Home Instruction |
| 6300 | Evaluation of the Instructional Program |

*Policy DRAFTS are on file in the Central Office and can be viewed by appointment. The public can contact Mrs. Magill at 201.261.1180 x113.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS/NJQSAC – Mrs. Norian Chairperson has been working on the display cases for the 80th Birthday for OPS. President Gardner asked if the media was contacted. Mr. Mohre indicated he will control that.

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate will attend the Delegates Assembly on November 21, 2009.

I. KEY COMMUNICATORS – Mrs. Norian indicated a need to set up a meeting.

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – None at this time.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

On a motion by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Murphy and carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Samuel absent, Mrs. Norian abstained) the Board requested a presentation of the end of year results of the Everyday Math program to be presented to the Board at the December 9, 2009 Board Meeting.

Mrs. Robertson commented on the following:

1. NJASK test score results to be put on the web watch and let the parents know where it is. Mr. Mohre stated that the report was sent to Mrs. Lynch and is currently on the Web Watch but he will double check with her.
2. The 2:00 pm coffee meeting excludes working parents and there should be another meeting to include them. Mr. Mohre mentioned that he will try day and night but didn't think there would be a difference in attendance.

Mr. Murphy commented on the following:

1. Mr. Walsh discovered from the NJSBA Convention that 40% grant money could be used towards auditorium chairs. Is the board interested and do we have the money. He mentioned that RiverDell did seating over a couple of years. Mr. Gardner asked if there was a fee attached to the designs.
2. Mr. Murphy was concerned that not one classroom had smart boards. We will have to look at that instead of seats.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A letter went to the OEA regarding a dinner meeting in the near future to start negotiations.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)-None

XIV. On a motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mrs. Robertson the meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Cioppi
Business Administrator/Board Secretary