

ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649

WORK SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2009

MINUTES

- I. The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 8:06 p.m. by President Gardner.
- II. The **FLAG SALUTE** was led by Dr. Westlake.
- 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 arrived at 8:11 p.m., Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mrs. Watson-Nichols, and Mr. Gardner

Absent: None

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 -None**

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

The Board took a brief recess at 8:15 p.m. as Mr. Mohre welcomed the newest members of the OPS faculty. Faculty introduced themselves to the board and public. Following the introductions, a welcome reception was held. The board meeting resumed at 8:35 p.m.

Mr. Mohre shared that a single session day is scheduled for Monday, October 12th. He added that school will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. so that the faculty can participate in the Tri-District Professional Development activities planned for that afternoon.

VIII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES –

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- September 9, 2009 Closed, Work Session
- September 23, 2009 Regular Session

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH/SHARED SERVICES - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson shared that a committee meeting is scheduled on October 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Cherry Hill School in River Edge, NJ.

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Murphy, Chairperson shared that a committee meeting is schedule for October 9, 2009. Ms. Cioppi gave an update on the boiler project, roof leaks and upcoming security system meeting.

1. *On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried by roll call vote 9-0, the board approved B1.*

Submission of Comprehensive Maintenance Plan 2009-2012– It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator, that the Board approves the submission of the district’s Comprehensive Maintenance Plan as follows:

Whereas, the Department of Education requires New jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas, the required maintenance activities for the various school facilities of Oradell Public School are consistent with these requirements, and

Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Oradell Public School District hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to submit the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Oradell Board of Education in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

1. *On a motion by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried by roll call vote 9-0, the Board approved C1.*

Sharpe Reservation Trip - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the Fifth Grade Outdoor Education Trip to Sharpe Reservation, Fishkill, NY, which will take place on the following dates: October 21, 22 & 23, 2009.

D. FINANCE/TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Samuel, Chairperson

1. *On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried by roll call vote 9-0, the board approved D1.*

Transfer of Funds and Monthly Transfer Reports– Approval the following transfer of funds and monthly transfer reports as of August 31, 2009.

Description	Account #	Trans Amt	Date
Tuition Transfer	11-000-100-562-04-	6,890.60	07/01/2009
Tuition Transfer	11-000-100-565-04-	-6,890.60	07/01/2009
Summer Tech Stipends	11-000-252-101-52-	-2,545.00	07/01/2009
Summer Tech Stipends	11-000-252-102-54-	2,545.00	07/01/2009
Cablevision reclass	11-000-252-340-08-	900.00	09/18/2009
Cablevision reclass	11-000-252-590-08-	-900.00	09/18/2009
Custodial Trans	11-000-262-420-06-	-11,000.00	07/01/2009
Custodial Trans	11-000-262-610-06-	11,000.00	07/01/2009
Classroom furniture	11-000-291-270- -	-3,500.00	09/01/2009
School Supplies	11-190-100-610-03-0200	-3,460.00	07/01/2009
Classroom furniture	11-190-100-610-03-0200	3,500.00	09/01/2009
School Supplies	11-190-100-610-03-0207	3,460.00	07/01/2009
Trans to PE	11-190-100-610-03-0210	100.00	09/29/2009
Trans to PE	11-190-100-610-03-0212	-100.00	09/29/2009

2. *On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, the board approved payment of Check #100730 (previously tabled from the August 19th Meeting).*

E. PERSONNEL /NEGOTIATIONS– Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Chairperson

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, seconded by Mr. Ferrante and carried by roll call vote 9-0, the Board approved E1, E2.

1. Approval of Occupational Therapy Consultant – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board retroactively approves the appointment of Ms. Sarah Morin, Occupational Therapy Consultant to provide services from October 2009-June 2010 at \$80 per hour, up to 20 hours per week.
2. Approval of Professional Development for 2009/2010- It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approves the

following Connected Mathematics 2 Professional Development workshop schedule and related travel expenses for the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Related Travel Expenses</u>
Albrecht	Helene	10/19, 12/14, 1/25, 3/15, 4/5, 5/24	Mileage/Tolls = 15.00
Kasturas	Peter	10/19, 12/14, 1/25, 3/15, 4/5, 5/24	Mileage/Tolls = 15.00
Schraer	Jamie	10/19, 12/14, 1/25, 3/15, 4/5, 5/24	Mileage/Tolls = 15.00
Stokes	Kevin	10/19, 12/14, 1/25, 3/15, 4/5, 5/24	Mileage/Tolls = 15.00
Tashjian	Jenn	10/19, 12/14, 1/25, 3/15, 4/5, 5/24	Mileage/Tolls = 15.00

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Related Travel Expenses</u>
Cuddy	Patty	11/2, 12/1, 1/29, 3/8, 4/5 5/10	Mileage/Tolls = 15.00
Natiello	Carol	11/2, 12/1, 1/29, 3/8, 4/5 5/10	Mileage/Tolls = 15.00
Maklin	Lesley	11/2, 12/1, 1/29, 3/8, 4/5 5/10	Mileage/Tolls = 15.00
McGavin	Judy	11/2, 12/1, 1/29, 3/8, 4/5 5/10	Mileage/Tolls = 15.00

F. POLICY – Mr. Ferrante, Chairperson shared that a meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2009.

1. *On a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mrs. Watson-Nichols and carried by roll call vote 9-0, the Board approved F1.*

Second Reading of #6153 Field Trips - It is hereby moved that the Board approves the second reading of the following policy:

- # 6153 - Field Trips

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS/NJQSAC – Mrs. Norian Chairperson shared that a meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2009. Responses are being collected.

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate commented that he did not receive his delegate packet.

I. KEY COMMUNICATORS – Mrs. Norian reported on the interesting county meeting she attended on September 30, 2009.

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - None

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gardner mentioned that a couple of board members met with Oradell Math teachers. They thought it was a good idea to create a math committee. Mr. Gardner appointed Mrs. Watson-Nichols and Mrs. Robertson to serve as committee members.

Mr. Gardner discussed the possibility of the Board of Education approving the Action Plans for district goals. Mr. Mohre commented that it was never past practice, only the Board Goals were approved.

Mr. Gardner asked that the Board Action Plans should be on the next board agenda.

Mr. Samuel asked the following questions:

- Is reverse 911 working? Mr. Mohre answered “yes it works and is updated”.
- What about attendance reports? Mrs. Watson-Nichols said “it is being discussed at the next personnel committee meeting”.
- Requested a Tri-District presentation.

Mr. Murphy asked question regarding the NJASK scores. He also asked that any graphical material be in a font size of 10 or larger.

Mr. Gardner stated that the presentation of NJASK scores at River Edge was very good and the same should be presented here at Oradell. The River Edge presentation showed a comparison of student’s progression. Mr. Gardner mentioned that he would e-mail a copy of the River Edge presentation to all board members that evening. Mrs. Robertson requested that a hard copy of Mr. Mohre’s presentation be included in the board packet for board review.

Mr. Gardner asked that a hard copy of the agenda be sent to Mr. Walsh because he currently does not have the ability to print anything.

Mrs. Watson-Nichols requested that a hard copy of the bills list be given to board members.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. On a motion by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, seconded by Mr. Ferrante and carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Walsh abstained) the Board authorized travel reimbursement at a cost not to exceed \$50.00 for Mr. John Walsh to attend the following:

- *NJSBA Assembly on October 16, 2009 to receive the award given to the Oradell Board of Education for earning qualifying academy credits.*
- *NJSBA Delegates Meeting in Plainsboro, NJ on November 21, 2009.*

Mr. Ferrante stated that he did not receive an e-mail for the curriculum meeting. He also mentioned that NJASK tests should never be given after the April school break because the students lose their concentration and focus during that week off. This should be a district goal.

Mrs. Norian mentioned that in the past meeting, teachers asked if recognition would be given to teachers reaching 25 years of service. Mrs. Norian asked where the school was with that request. Mrs. Watson-Nichols stated that it would be discussed in committee.

Mr. Murphy thought it would be beneficial for the board to obtain feed back from the community on the board's role, building, the job the board is doing and any improvements. Mrs. Norian mentioned that it was discussed in Public Relations to have a survey. She will hold a committee meeting and get back to the board.

Mr. Ferrante said that OPS should pursue an e-mail service between the Superintendent and the Board.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – None

XIV. On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mrs. Norian the board meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Cioppi
Business Administrator/Board Secretary